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FIG. 1

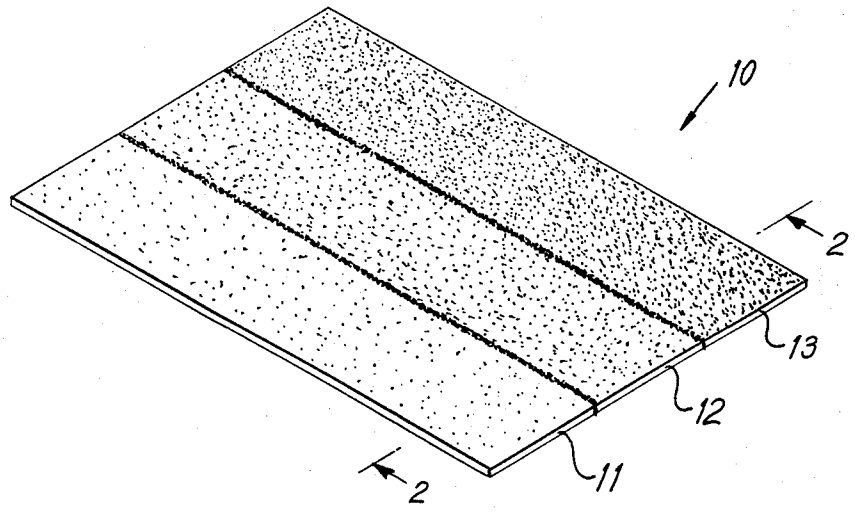
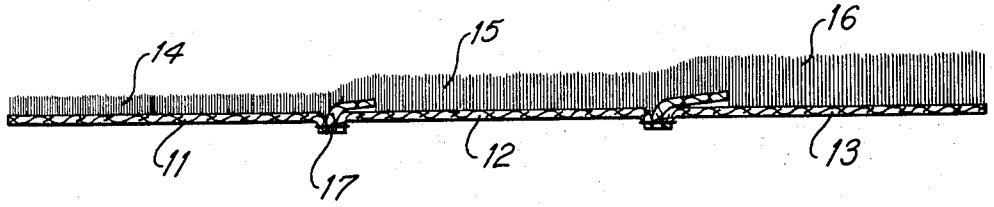


FIG. 2



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A golf rug having three longitudinal area strips, each having a different pile height and disposed in a graduated manner from least height to tallest height. These area strips are sewn together with the aid of narrow demarcation strips of contrasting color disposed therebetween.

This invention relates to a rug or carpet having sectional areas simulating the different grass conditions encountered on a putting green of a golf course.

Many golfers, especially during the winter months, practice indoors generally on a living room rug or the like.

Such rugs were made for normal family traffic and not for golf purposes so that no thought was given in the manufacture of such rugs to the speed of rolling golf balls on such rugs, etc.

It is an object of this invention to provide a rug prepared especially to simulate the conditions actually found on a golf course.

It is a further object to provide a golf rug of turf strips sewn together with the aid of demarcation strips.

These and other objects of this invention will become apparent upon reading the following descriptive disclosure of an illustrative embodiment taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawing in which;

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the rug, and

FIG. 2 is a section view taken on line 2—2 of FIG. 1.

Turning to the drawing, the rug **10** is made in the shape of a longitudinal rectangle up to a length of about ten yards and preferably it is made from three strips of synthetic pile fabric each of a specific pile height to simulate an actual condition encountered on a putting green.

The three strips are preferably of a width of about eighteen inches to about fifty-four inches.

The first strip **11** is of the least pile height and is about ten millimeters in height. This strip simulates a golf ball rolling on a fast putting green such as dry grass or newly cut grass.

The second or middle strip **12** is made of synthetic pile

fabric having a pile height of about fifteen millimeters in height. This pile length simulates the normally encountered putting green of grass that has been cut a day or two before.

The third strip **13** is a synthetic file fabric of the tallest pile height and is about twenty millimeters in height. This height of pile fabric it was discovered simulates a putting green the grass of which is wet with dew or rain.

Preferably, the strips **11**, **12** and **13** are of green pile and are visually separated from each other by the use of a black pile demarcation shadow line **17** sewn to adjacent strips as taught in U.S. Patent No. 2,942,326.

The pile height **14** of strip **11** is preferably ten millimeters whereas the pile height **15** of strip **12** is fifteen millimeters and the pile height **16** of the strip **13** is twenty millimeters. However, a difference of a millimeter or so in pile height does not materially detract from its effect of the speed on a hit ball.

The rug of this invention is used with or without a conventional metal golf cup.

What is claimed is:

1. A golf putting practice rug consisting essentially of distinct first, second and third elongated strips of pile fabric disposed in side-by-side relationship, said second strip being disposed between said first and third strips, a first distinct narrow strip of pile fabric secured to and between the adjacent side-by-side edges of said first and second elongated strips and a second distinct narrow strip of pile fabric secured to and between the adjacent side-by-side edges of said second and third elongated strips, the color of said narrow strips being different from the elongated strips secured thereto so that lines of demarcation between said connected elongated strips may be seen, the length of the pile forming said first, second and third elongated strips being, respectively, about ten, fifteen and twenty millimeters whereby said rug provides a golfer with three distinct putting surfaces simulating a fast, normal and slow green.

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