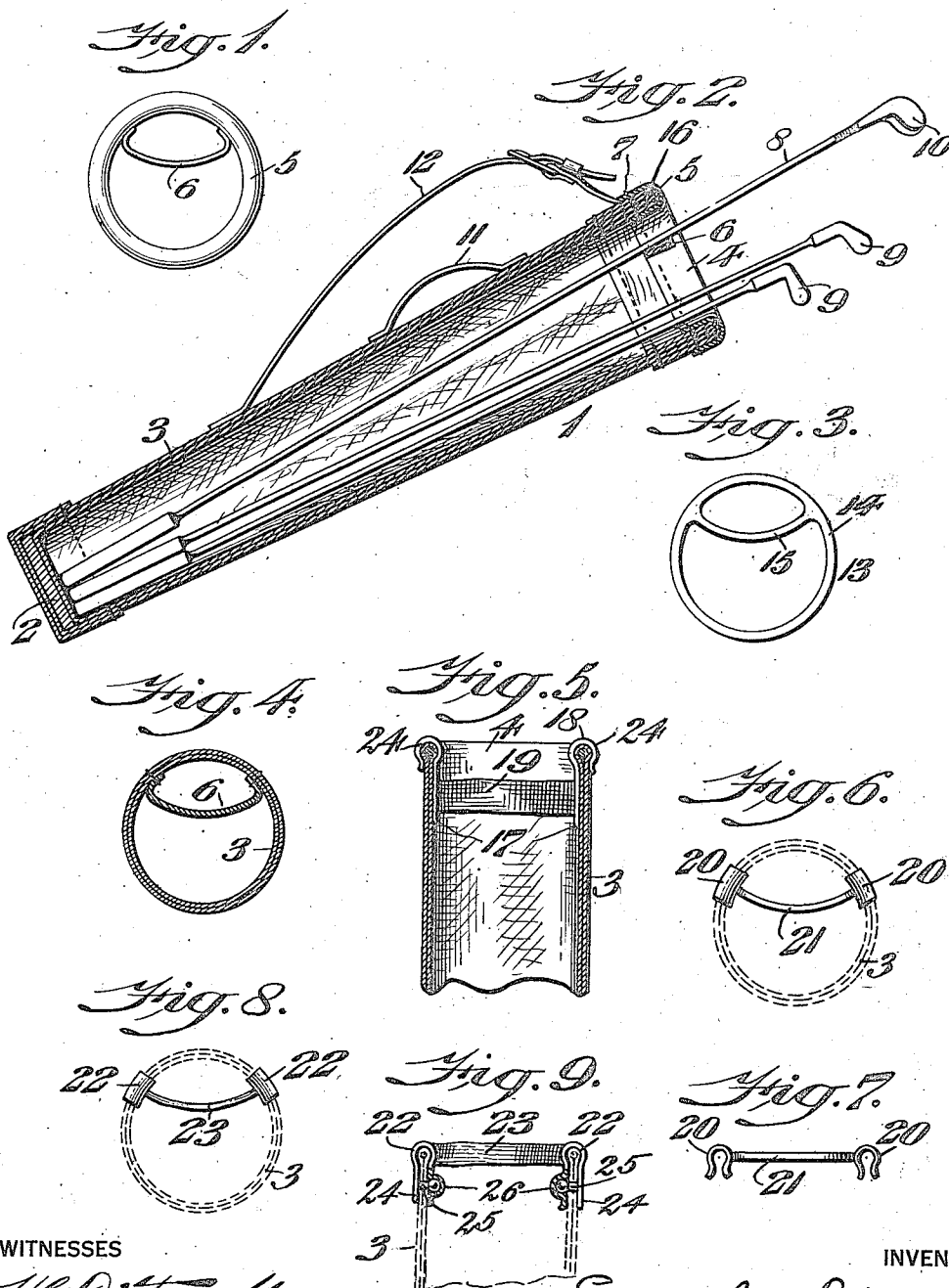


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWIN I. SIMPSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Golf-Bag, of which the following is a specification.

In the game of golf as generally played, the player usually carries in his golf bag a set of wooden clubs, as a driver, brassy and spoon, together with a set of irons comprising usually a cleik, midiron, mashy, putter and niblick, said iron clubs being of less length than the wooden clubs, and in some instances the longer iron clubs, as the cleik or the midiron, are of about such length that they are liable to contact with the shafts of the wooden clubs at about the points where said shafts are secured to the wooden heads, so that in a short time the contact of the iron heads with the shafts of the wooden clubs abrades the same to such an extent that said wooden clubs are liable to be seriously damaged or marred at their weakest point, which is at about the junction of the shafts with the wooden heads.

The object of my invention is to provide a novel and simple device, which can be either readily applied to golf bags during their manufacture or can be applied to existing golf bags now in use, whereby the shafts of the shorter, heavier or iron clubs are segregated from the shafts of the longer or wooden clubs, so that the latter are prevented from being injured by coming in contact with the shorter and heavier iron-headed clubs.

In carrying out my invention, I locate one or more partitions at or near the top of the golf bag, which partitions may be made of metal either covered or uncovered, or of leather, textile or other material, said partition being made either permanently a part of the bag, or said partition and its adjuncts may be made separate from and attached to the bag, so that it can be placed in position or replaced at will, whereby a player having an old bag of any standard or conventional type, can readily equip the same with my invention.

My novel construction of partition may be secured in position at or near the top or open end of the bag by means of spring clips, eyelets, rivets, snap fasteners, stitching, lacing or other fastening devices, as will be

evident to those skilled in the art, and I preferably locate said partition so that the same will extend at an angle to the vertical plane of the handle, strap or other carrying device attached to the bag, so that the heavier iron clubs will automatically drop by gravity into the desired position and will thus be segregated from the wooden clubs.

To the above ends, my invention consists of a novel construction of golf bag, as will be hereinafter fully set forth.

Figure 1 represents a top plan view of the golf bag embodying my invention showing the partitioning device thereon.

Fig. 2 represents a longitudinal sectional view of a golf bag having my invention applied thereto and showing in elevation one wooden and two iron clubs therein.

Fig. 3 represents a plan view of an integral or one-piece ring which may be employed in carrying out my invention, showing a preferred form of construction which may be permanently placed in the golf bag when initially built.

Fig. 4 represents a transverse, sectional view showing the partitioning device as being composed of leather, canvas, or other textile material, and stitched or riveted to the inner walls of the bag.

Fig. 5 represents a vertical, sectional view of the top of a golf bag showing the partitioning device as comprising a pair of oppositely located spring clips detachable from the top of the bag and having a partition extending between them.

Fig. 6 represents a plan view of another embodiment of my device which may be detachably applied to bags already constructed, the partition and spring clips carried thereby being preferably made of one piece of metal or similar material.

Fig. 7 represents a side elevation of the detachable partitioning device seen in Fig. 6 in detached position.

Fig. 8 represents a plan view of another embodiment of my invention, wherein the spring clips are joined by a strip of leather, canvas, textile or other material.

Fig. 9 represents a side elevation of the device seen in Fig. 8 in detached position.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the figures.

Referring to the drawings:—

1 designates a golf bag, the same having

the closed bottom 2, the sides 3 and the top or open end portion 4, the latter being provided with a U-shaped reinforcing outer annular member 5, whose construction in plan view will be evident from Fig. 1, said member 5 being provided with the partition 6, which is secured in position to the member or annulus 5 by stitching, lacing or otherwise, said annular member 5 being stitched or otherwise secured in position, as at 7.

8 designates the shaft of a wooden club, as a driver or brassy, having the head 10, and 9 designates the head of an iron club, as a cleik, mashy or driving iron.

It will be apparent that when all the wooden and iron clubs are placed in an ordinary golf bag, the iron heads 9 of the heavier or iron clubs will be likely to contact with and rub or knock against the shafts 8 of the wooden clubs at or near the point where said shafts are weakest or at about their junction with the wooden heads 10, but in my invention, as seen in Fig. 2, by the employment of the partition 6 or its equivalent, the iron and wooden clubs are kept separated, as will be apparent, it being preferable that the partition 6 be located diametrically at or near the top of the bag at an angle to the vertical line of the handle 11 or strap 12 or other carrying device, so that the positions assumed by the iron and wooden clubs will be substantially as seen in Fig. 2, the iron clubs falling automatically by gravity against the lower wall of the bag, whereby the ends of the wooden clubs are effectively segregated from the heads of the iron clubs, and the latter are effectively prevented from rubbing against or abrading the shafts of the wooden clubs.

In the device seen in Figs. 1 and 2, I have shown the separating partition 6 in its simplest embodiment, the same being a strip of leather, canvas or other material, or I may employ metal incased with leather, canvas, or other material, and the partitioning device may be secured to the wall 3 of the bag by stitching, lacing, riveting or any other suitable means.

In the construction seen in Fig. 4, the partitioning member 6 is suitably secured to the inner wall 3 of the bag by any desired means, this construction as well as that seen in Figs. 1 and 2 being adapted to bags already in use of any standard or conventional type.

In the construction seen in Fig. 3, I have shown in plan view a ring 13 comprising the annular body portion 14, having the integral transverse metal portion 15, said ring taking the place of the plain ring 16 seen in Fig. 2, it being my object in the construction seen in Fig. 3, to place the ring 13 in the mouth of the golf bag when the same is originally manufactured, whereby a ready and convenient partitioning device is pro-

vided and the mouth of the bag is further reinforced by means of the integral, transverse, metallic partitioning member 15.

In the construction seen in Fig. 5 I employ two oppositely located spring or clip members 24, the same consisting of downwardly or inwardly projecting portions 17, which engage the inner wall of the bag and terminate at their upper ends in the rounded clip members 18, which are oppositely located and are adapted to snap or slip over the outer edges of any bag of standard construction, the members 17 being joined by the partitioning member 19.

In the construction seen in Figs. 6 and 7, I employ a pair of spring clip members 20 which are adapted to slip over and pinch the outer edge of a bag of the ordinary construction, said clip members 20 being joined by a transverse, metallic, integral partitioning member 21, whose function is the same as the partitioning members 6, 15 and 19, already described.

In the construction seen in Figs. 8 and 9, I employ a pair of spring clip members 22, which are adapted to be slipped over the edge of any golf bag of the conventional type, said clip members 22 being joined by the partitioning member 23, which may be of canvas, cloth, leather or other suitable material.

In all the embodiments of my invention, it will be apparent that the partitioning member in every instance, as 6, 15, 17, 21 or 23, has the function of providing a small chamber at or near the mouth of the bag within which the two or three wooden golf clubs of the player may be inserted, the space below or on the opposite side of said partitioning member being reserved for the iron clubs, and said partitioning member in each instance is preferably located with respect to the handle member 11 and the strap 12, substantially as indicated in Fig. 2, transversely to the vertical line of the carrying device, so that when the golf bag is in use and the clubs placed therein, the iron clubs will automatically by gravity segregate themselves from the wooden clubs, as seen in Fig. 2, so that there will be no liability of the shafts of said wooden clubs becoming knocked, damaged or abraded at their weakest points by the contact of the heads of the iron clubs therewith.

It will be apparent that the device seen in Fig. 3 is preferably best adapted to be built into the mouth of the bag when the bag is initially manufactured, in lieu of the ordinary ring 16, while the devices seen in the other figures are adapted to be attached to any standard or conventional golf bag now in use.

The devices seen in Figs. 5, 7 and 9 are detachably secured to the mouth of the bag and can be slipped over the same in a few

seconds' time, the spring clip members 20 and 22 being shaped to conform to the curvature of the mouth of the bag.

5 It will be understood that while the construction seen in Figs. 1 and 2 is preferably constructed of cloth, leather or the like, and while the construction seen in Figs. 3, 5, 6 and 7 is preferably of metal, I do not desire to be limited thereto in every instance, 10 as other materials may obviously be employed.

15 In the construction seen in Figs. 8 and 9, I preferably make the members 22 either as spring clip members, as heretofore described or said members 22 may be made of leather, textile or other fabric and continued a short distance down the sides of the bag 3, as indicated at 24*, and the outer of said members may be provided with a stud 25, 20 which passes through the material of which the bag 3 is composed, and is provided with a head adapted to coact with a ball and socket, glove fastening device, or the like, as indicated at 26.

25 In the construction seen in Figs. 8 and 9 it will be apparent, therefore, that the parts 22 may be either somewhat rigid or of stiffened material, or they may be made of flexible material, as leather, fabric or the 30 like, and provided with the glove fasteners

described, whereby they are retained in position at the top of the bag.

It will now be apparent that I have devised a novel and useful construction of a golf bag which embodies the features of advantage enumerated as desirable in the statement of the invention and the above description, and while I have, in the present instance shown and described a preferred embodiment thereof which will give in practice satisfactory and reliable results, it is to be understood that the same is susceptible of modification in various particulars without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages. 45

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

50 A detachable partitioning device for a golf bag, comprising a pair of oppositely located spring clips adapted to engage the top edge of a golf bag and a partition extending transversely between said clips for the purpose of segregating the iron and 55 wooden clubs.

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