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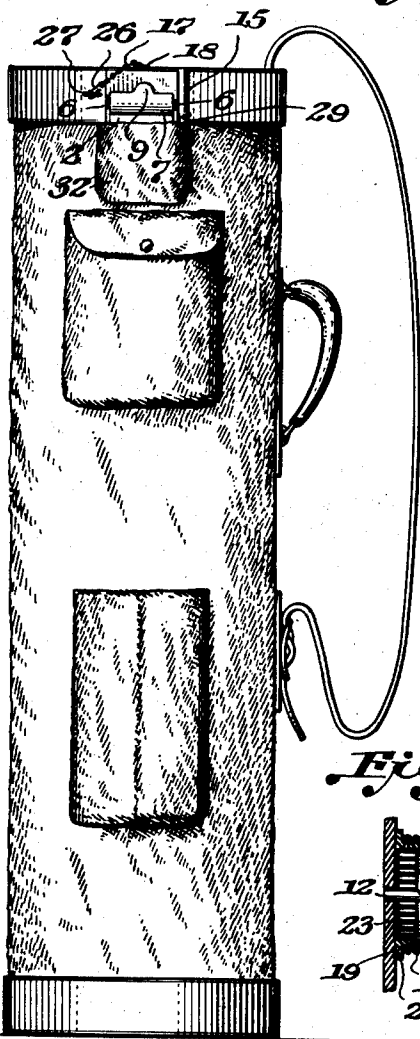


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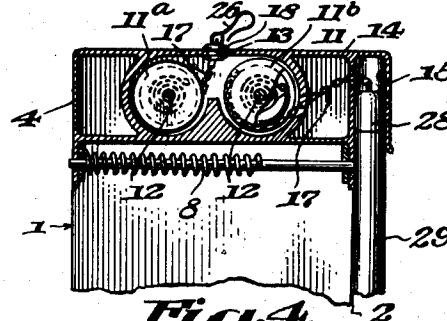
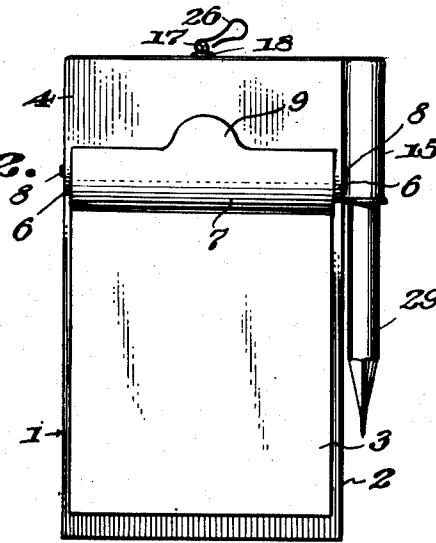


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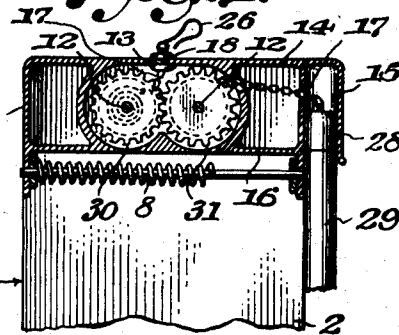


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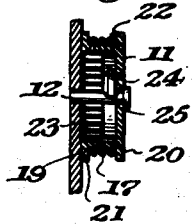
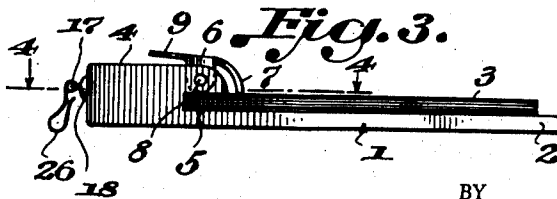


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This invention relates generally to writing boards and more particularly to holders for making notations on score cards or other pads.

It is the primary object of the present invention to provide a holder for making notations on score cards and the like by which both card and pencil are made readily accessible while relieving an individual of the necessity of carrying them on his person.

Another object of the invention is to provide a score card holder for attachment to a golf bag having means enabling it to be moved to writing position without detaching it from the bag.

An additional object of the invention is to provide a card holder having retractable means enabling both card and pencil to be held tightly to the bag or other member to which it is secured when not in use.

A further object of the invention is to provide a card holder employing retractable means for securing both card and pencil to a support wherein the pencil is automatically released for use by moving the holder to writing position.

Another object of the invention is to provide a card holder having retractable spring reel means for automatically returning it to the member on which it is mounted, while enabling the holder to be relieved of the return force for writing purposes at any desired distance from the bag.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear hereinafter in the detailed description, be particularly pointed out in the appended claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of a golf bag to which a preferred embodiment of the invention has been applied;

Figure 2 is a plan view on an enlarged scale showing the holder detached from its mounting;

Figure 3 is a side elevational view of the holder of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a fragmentary horizontal sectional view, taken along the lines 4-4 of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a fragmentary horizontal sectional view, taken along the same lines as Figure 4 showing a modified form of the retracting means; and

Figure 6 is a plan view on an enlarged scale of one of the spring reels with portions broken away and shown in section to more clearly illustrate its details of construction.

Referring now in detail to the drawings in which like reference characters designate like parts, the improved card or pad holder of the present invention in its illustrated form is par-

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ticularly adapted for holding a golf score card and pencil and for this purpose is of a size to be held conveniently in the hand.

At present, golf score cards are furnished with separate stub pencils and both card and pencil are carried loose in a pocket of at least one of the players during a round of golf. As all golfers are aware, such cards are difficult to write upon because of lack of sufficient rigidity, and, they and the attendant pencils having to be pocketed along with tees and one or more extra golf balls, are a nuisance and readily subject to loss. These difficulties are overcome by the device of the present invention.

The holder is comprised of a body or body member 1 having a base, board or card-support 2 on an upper surface of which the score card, pad or other writing material 3, hereinafter termed generally "card," rests. Forming one end portion of the body member 1 and preferably integral with the base 2 is a housing or casing 4 which partly overlies the base 2 and includes therebetween a slot 5 for the reception of the top of the card. For securing the card to the base or support, a spring clip or clamp 6 is pivotally mounted on the housing 4 above the slot 5, its clamping jaw 7 normally engaging the base 2 of the holder or pad resting thereon under force of a spiral or like spring 8 and being released therefrom by pressing a thumb tab 9.

A particular feature of the holder of the present invention is its securing means. As shown, there is provided in the housing 4 an aperture or opening 10 for enclosing one or more spring reels 11, the latter being mounted on pivot pins or shafts 12 fixed to the housing. This aperture is connected to the outside through a port or orifice 13 in the upper end 14 of the housing and in the preferred embodiment, to an open-ended tubular socket or sleeve 15 formed integrally with and disposed outwardly of one side of the housing through a suitable passage or passages 16. Both port and passage slidably receive a chain or cord 17 for obtaining the desired retractable attachment. Where chain is employed and the body of the holder is made of plastic, to which its form particularly lends itself, the port and passage are preferably reinforced by metal grommets such as illustrated at 18.

A typical construction of the aforementioned spring reels 11 on which the chain or cord 17 is wound is shown in Figure 6. There, the reel comprises an annular rim 18 enclosed at its upper end by a circular disc or face-plate 20, the periphery of which projects beyond the rim and, with an annular flange 21 at the lower end of the

rim, forms a groove 22 for containing the chain wound on the reel. Within the rim is mounted a coil spring 23, one end of which is fixed to the housing so that the reel is normally in chain-winding direction. For relieving the chain of spring tension and thus enabling it to be slackened at any desired point in unwinding, there may be employed ratchet means in the form of a centrifugal pawl 24, pivotally attached to the disc 20 and adapted to engage a tooth or other shoulder 25 on the related shaft 12.

For securing the holder to a golf bag or other mounting, the outer end of the chain of one or the main reel 11a is provided with a snap hook 26 which may be hooked or attached to a suitable ring or loop 27 on the bag. The outer end of the chain of the other or secondary reel 11b has attached to it a tubular cap 28 for receiving and gripping the top of the usual golf scoring pencil 29, the cap in turn being slidably received in and held by the open-ended socket 15.

With its attaching chains wound on the spring reels previously discussed, the holder would normally secure the card and pencil tightly to the golf bag. When a notation is to be made on the card, it is only necessary to pull on the body of the holder to withdraw it from the bag to convenient writing position, there to be locked through action of the pawl 24. A similar movement withdraws the pencil 29. After the notation has been made, a slight further withdrawal releases the pawl in the usual manner, enabling both pencil and holder automatically to return to normal position.

The embodiment of Figure 5 is designed to release the pencil 29 automatically incident to withdrawal of the holder to writing position and enable a single spring and catch to function for both chains. In the illustrated embodiment there is substituted for the circular disc 20 of the main reel 11a of the embodiment of Figure 4, a gear or toothed disc 30 and for the secondary reel 11b a geared secondary reel 31 on which the chain from the pencil is wound. The secondary reel 31, engaging or being intergeared with the gear 30, is thus rotated by the main reel. This construction not only unwinds both chains in one movement, but enables spring and pawl to be eliminated from the secondary reel, these components of the main reel functioning for both.

While, as will be evident, the spring pressure on the chain 17 through which the holder is attached to the bag will be adequate for securing the holder tightly to the bag, there may be formed on the bag a pocket 32, adjacent the ring 27 to which the hook 26 is secured, for seating the holder when not in use, and thus protecting it from possible damage.

From the above detailed description it will be apparent that there has been provided an improved card holder by which a card and pencil may be secured to any desired mounting and, while normally held tightly to the mounting, without detachment may readily be withdrawn to the extent desired for making notations. It will be understood that the described and disclosed embodiments are merely exemplary of the invention and that all modifications are intended to be included which do not depart either from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claims.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A score card holder for use with a golf bag comprising a body member having means for

releasably clamping a card thereto, spring reel means housed in said body member, and extendable means carried by said reel means for attaching said body member to said bag and normally maintained thereby in retracted position for supporting said body member on said bag.

2. A card holder comprising a body member, means for releasably clamping a card to said member, a plurality of reels housed in said member, a plurality of chains wound on and extendable from one of said reels, said chains being attachable to supported and supporting members for connecting said members through said body member, and spring means associated with said reels and normally maintaining said chains in retracted position.

3. A card holder comprising a body member, means for releasably clamping a card to said body member, a plurality of reels housed in said body member, an extendable chain wound on each of said reels, said chains being attachable to supported and supporting members for connecting said members through said body member, said reels being intergeared for simultaneous movement, and spring means on one of said reels for normally maintaining said chains in retracted position.

4. A golf score card holder comprising a body member, means for releasably clamping a golf score card to said body member, a pair of reels housed in said body member, a chain wound on one of said reels and carrying hook means for releasably attaching said member to a golf bag, an open-ended socket in said body member, a gripping member normally housed in said socket for attaching a pencil to said body member, a chain wound on said other reel and connected to said gripping member, and spring means associated with said reels for normally maintaining said chains in retracted position.

5. A golf score card holder comprising a body member, means for releasably clamping a golf score card to said body member, a pair of reels housed in said body member, a chain wound on one of said reels and carrying hook means for releasably attaching said member to a golf bag, an open-ended socket in said body member, a gripping member normally housed in said socket for attaching a pencil to said body member, a chain wound on said other reel and connected to said gripping member, said reels being directly intergeared for simultaneous movement, and spring means connected to one of said reels for normally maintaining said chains in retracted position.

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