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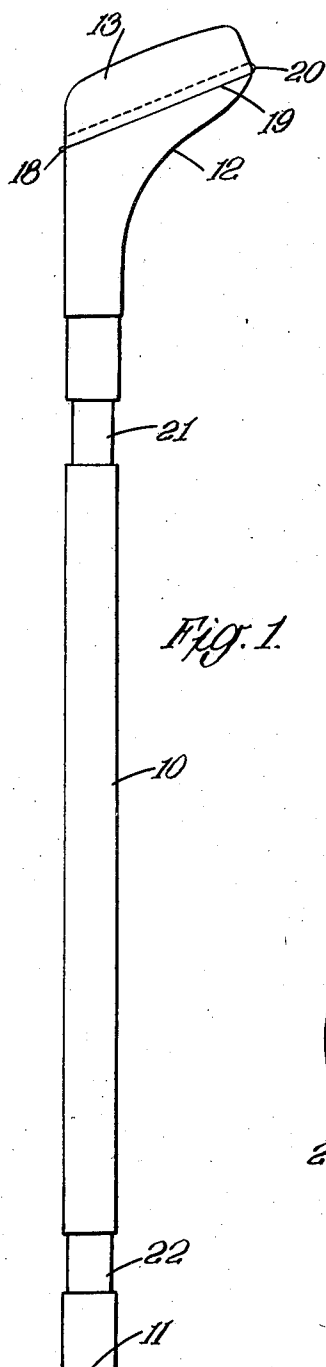


Fig. 1.

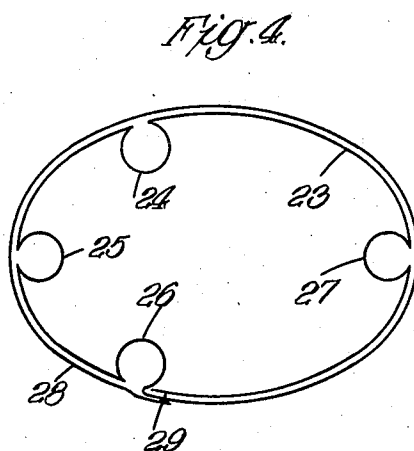


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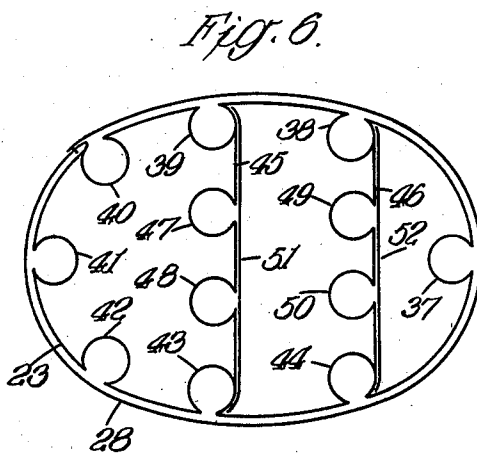


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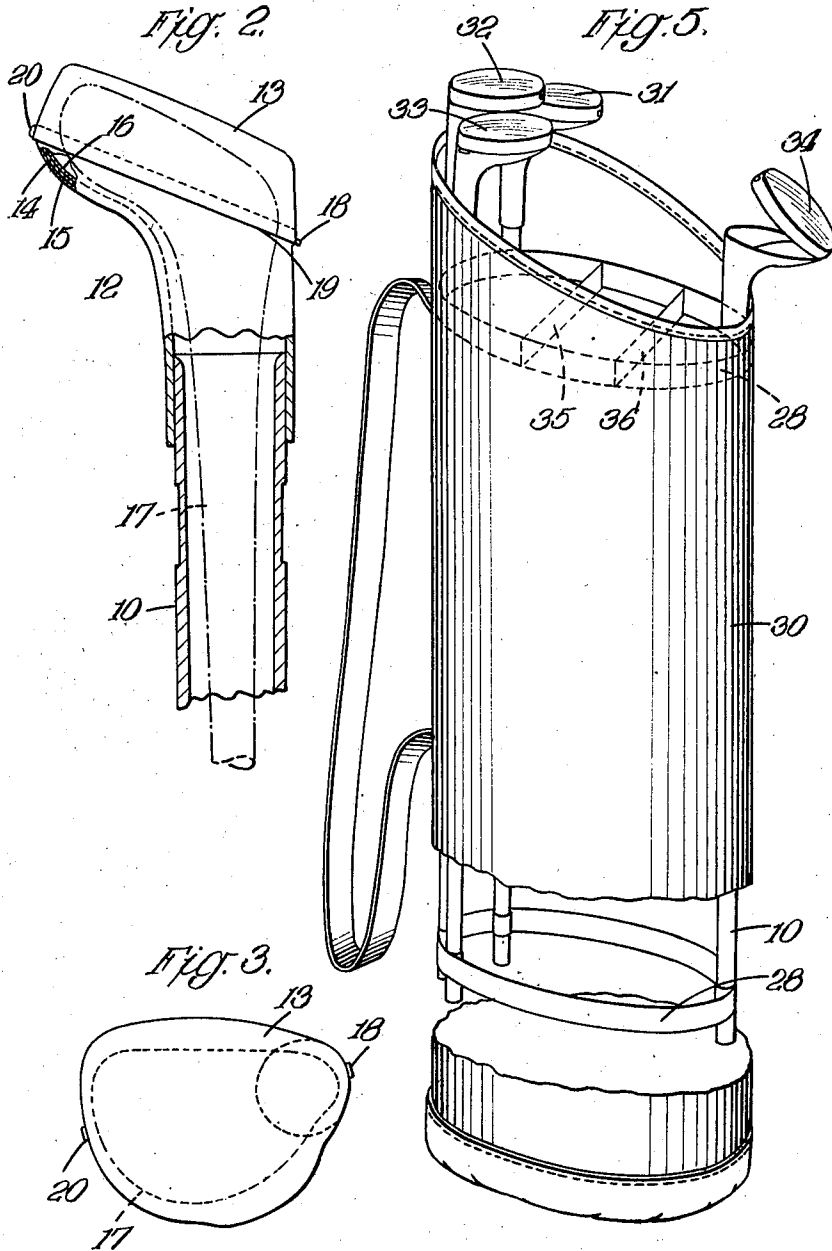
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The present invention relates to improvements in means for carrying golf clubs.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a holder for a single golf club which completely encloses the club so as to protect it from deleterious effects of the atmosphere and/or damage by rubbing or knocking.

It is another object to provide a golf club carrier which may be built up a unit at a time, each unit consisting of one club holder.

Yet another object is to provide satisfactory means for securing a plurality of holders in suitable spaced relationship to form a convenient carrier, from or to which club holders may be removed or added one at a time.

Other objects of the invention will become apparent from the following description of one embodiment thereof, reference being made to the annexed drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is an elevation of a golf club holder constructed in accordance with the invention,

Figure 2 is a part sectional view of the holder shown in Figure 1,

Figure 3 is a plan view of the holder shown in Figure 2,

Figure 4 is a plan view of means for holding a plurality of holders in suitable spaced relationship,

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a golf bag containing a plurality of holders assembled so as to form a carrier in accordance with the invention, a part of the bag being shown broken away, and

Figure 6 is a plan view of means, alternative to that shown in Figure 4, for holding a plurality of holders in suitable spaced relationship.

Figures 1, 2, and 3 illustrate a holder for a single golf club. The holder comprises a rigid tube 10 made of paper impregnated, under high pressure, with a synthetic resin; such tubes are extremely strong, light and non-hygroscopic. The bottom end of the tube 10 is enclosed at 11 whilst to the top is attached an openable case comprising a nest 12 for a club head overlaid by a cover 13. The nest 12 comprises sheet metal 14, pressed to the shape of a club head, covered on the outside with leather 15 and on the inside with plush 16, leather or other suitable material. In Figures 2 and 3 the club is shown in broken lines at 17. The cover 13, which may be of any suitable flexible waterproof material such as leather, is attached to the nest 12 at 18 and, when closed, overlaps the nest 12 all round as shown at 19, being secured by a press button 20. As can be seen from Figure 3, the

nest is made wider than the club head 17 so that when the cover 13 is opened room is left to insert the fingers between the club head and the nest so that the club may be easily removed from the holder. Each tube may, if desired, be telescopic.

It will be apparent that many modifications may be made to the holder described. Thus the tube 10 may be constructed of light metal or wholly of a synthetic resin, the nest 12 may be of flexible leather secured in a metal frame supported from the tube, whilst the cover 13 may be such that it opens at the side of the club head. Furthermore the cover may be secured with a sliding clasp fastener or may be sprung over the club head. The lower end of the tube 10 may be left open or, for closed tubes, there may be provided a set of stops of various lengths for insertion into the tubes to accommodate clubs of various lengths.

An essential feature of the holder is, however, that when shut it encloses the club contained by it so as to preserve the club from deleterious effects of the weather and/or damage by rubbing or knocking.

Such a holder may be used alone or it may be carried in or on an ordinary golf bag; being clipped, hooked or strapped to the bag. Alternatively several holders may be rigidly or flexibly connected together to form a carrier.

Preferably a plurality of such holders are assembled into a golf club carrier in the following manner. Referring to Figures 1 and 2, the tube 10 of each holder is formed near its top and bottom with annular recesses 21 and 22 around which flexible metal bands are lapped in the manner shown in the broken away portion of Figure 5. One of the metal bands is shown in detail in Figure 4. The band is formed into an inner loop 23, shaped with four smaller inwardly-turned re-entrant subsidiary loops 24, 25, 26 and 27, and an outer loop 28 wholly surrounding the inner loop 23. Two bands are shaped in this manner and four holders are inserted through the corresponding subsidiary loops in the two bands until the subsidiary loops engage the annular recesses 21 and 22 (see Figure 5) on the tubes 10. The outer loop 28 (Figure 4) is then tightened around the inner loop 23 so as to tighten the subsidiary loops upon the tubes, whereupon the outer loop 28 is secured to the inner loop 23 at 29, for example by being soldered, riveted, buckled or otherwise fastened thereto. In this manner the four holders are held in spaced parallel relationship by

the two metal bands and the assembly thus formed may be used alone as a carrier or it may be secured within an ordinary golf bag as shown in Figure 5. In this arrangement the three
5 wooden clubs are held in the covers 31, 32 and 33 and a putter in the cover 34, iron clubs being placed between partitions 35 and 36 disposed in the mouth of the bag across the upper metal band 28.

10 Whether or not the assembled holders be inserted in a bag, the usual handles, ball pocket, rest and so forth may be secured to the tubes 10 of the holders or to one of the flexible metal bands 28.

15 In Figure 6 is shown a metal band similar to that shown in Figure 4 but designed to accommodate a set of twelve clubs. The band is folded to present eight inwardly-turned re-entrant subsidiary loops 37 to 44 and across the loops 39,
20 43 and 38, 44 are secured two further bands 45 and 46 formed with re-entrant subsidiary loops 47, 48 and 49, 50 respectively. Holders for the three wooden clubs are accommodated in the loops 40, 41, 42, a holder for a putter in the
25 loop 37 and holders for the iron clubs in the remaining loops. Strengthening stays are provided at 51 and 52.

The band connecting the tubes together near

their lower ends is not essential and may, if desired, be omitted, in which case the lower ends may converge together and be connected by any suitable elastic or flexible material.

In practice only one club complete with its
5 holder might be purchased at a time, the holder of this unit being inserted in its appropriate pair of subsidiary loops in the carrier. In this way a complete set of clubs, each with its holder,
10 could be built up unit by unit.

I claim:

1. A golf club carrier comprising a plurality of tubular club holders, each formed with an external annular recess, and flexible bands carrying said holders in spaced relationship, each of
15 said bands being formed into an outer loop surrounding and bound upon an inner loop formed with a plurality of inwardly-turned re-entrant subsidiary loops engaging said annular recesses.

2. A golf club carrier comprising a plurality
20 of club holders and a single flexible metal band for securing said holders in spaced relationship, said band being folded into an outer loop surrounding and bound upon an inner loop formed with a plurality of inwardly-turned re-entrant
25 subsidiary loops within which are disposed said holders.

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