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Fig 1

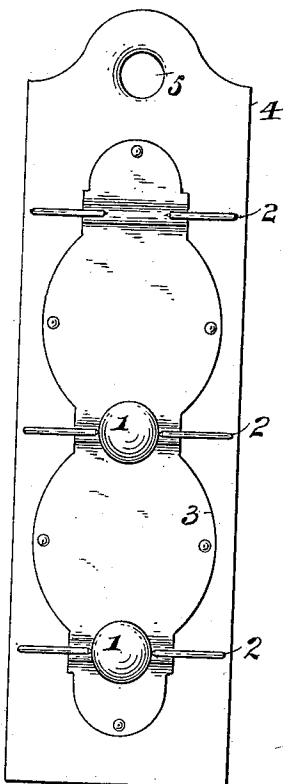


Fig. 2

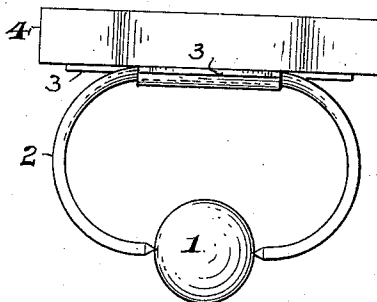


Fig. 3

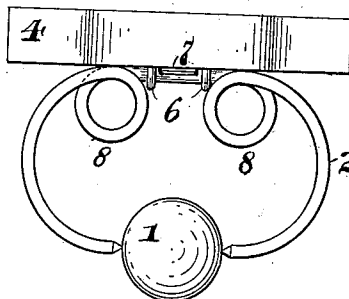


Fig. 4

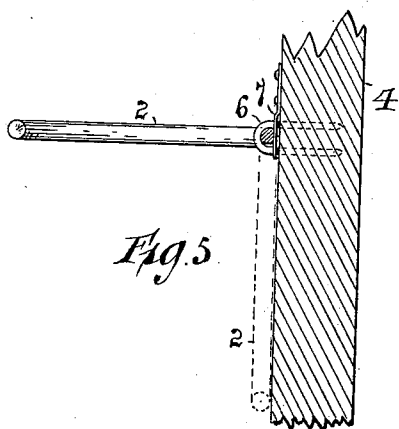
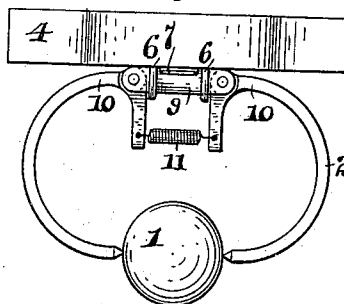
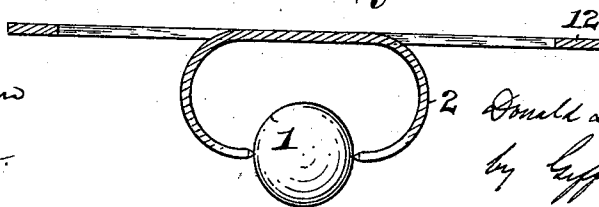


Fig. 6



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DONALD DAVID MACPHERSON, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, and a resident of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf-Ball Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is designed to provide a simple and handy holder or clip in which to place golf-balls or other balls or articles while being painted and to hold them during the time the paint is drying; and it consists of certain novel parts and combinations of parts particularly pointed out in the claim concluding this specification.

My invention may be embodied in various forms, some of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. The clips may be separate, each one to be used individually, or several of them may be attached to the same base. Various other modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention and without exceeding the scope of the concluding claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a top view of three clips attached to the same support. Fig. 2 is an end view of Fig. 1. Figs. 3 and 4 are end views of modified forms of clips. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal view, partly in section, through the form shown in Fig. 3; and Fig. 6 is a longitudinal section through another form of clip.

The following is a description of the structures illustrated in the annexed drawings.

1 in all the figures is the golf-ball held between the ends of the clip forming pivots on which the ball can be rotated by the brush when applying the paint.

2 in all the figures is the clip. These clips may be made of any suitable material and of any proper shape. Ordinarily I form them of spring-steel wire, which may be flat, round, oval or other form. In Fig. 1, 4 is a plate to which three of the spring-clips 2 2 2 are attached. This plate may be of any suitable material, metallic or non-metallic. I prefer to form it of wood.

Suitable means for hanging the board up may be provided, such means being indicated by the perforation 5 at the upper end of the board in Fig. 1.

The clips 2 2 2 are held in place on the board 4 by the piece of metal 3, attached to the board by pins or other means of adjustment. An end view of the device of Fig. 1 is shown in Fig. 2.

A wire or other bracket may be applied to the under side of the clip to enable it to be turned upside down, or to assist to support the ball in any position.

In Fig. 3 a modified form of clip is shown in which the wire is coiled at 8 8 to give additional spring and greater latitude of movement to the ends of the clip. In this figure I have shown the clip attached to the board 4 by means of staples 6. It is often desirable to have the clip arranged so that when out of use it can be turned down parallel with the support to which it is attached. One means of accomplishing this result is shown in Fig. 5, which is a cross-section through the clip of Fig. 3. The wire 2 of which the clip is made has flat surfaces on two sides, and a spring 7 constantly presses against the under side of said wire, upon one or the other of said surfaces, depending upon whether the clip is in the upright position, as shown by full lines in Fig. 5, or is lying down parallel with the base, as shown by the dotted lines in said figure. Any other suitable contrivance performing substantially the same function might be substituted for that here shown.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a still further modification in which the clip is formed of independent parts 10 10, hinged to a central piece 9, the points of the clip being constantly pressed against the sides of the ball 1 by means of the spring 11.

In Fig. 6 I have shown still another modification in which the clip 2 is stamped out of a metal sheet which forms the base-plate 12.

In the foregoing specification I have incidentally referred to some of the modifications which might be adopted in practicing my invention; but it will be understood that various other modifications may be adopted without departing from the spirit of my invention and without exceeding the scope of the concluding claim.

Many of the details above described are not essential to the various features of my invention separately considered. This will be indicated in the concluding claim, where the

omission of an element or the omission of reference to the detail features of the elements mentioned is intended to be a formal declaration of the fact that the omitted elements or
5 features are not essential to the inventions therein severally covered.

What I claim is—

A golf ball holder comprising a base and a pair of pointed resilient arms, the ends of

which are substantially opposite each other 10 and adapted to clasp and hold between them a golf ball while being painted combined with means for maintaining said arms both in a raised and in a lowered position.

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