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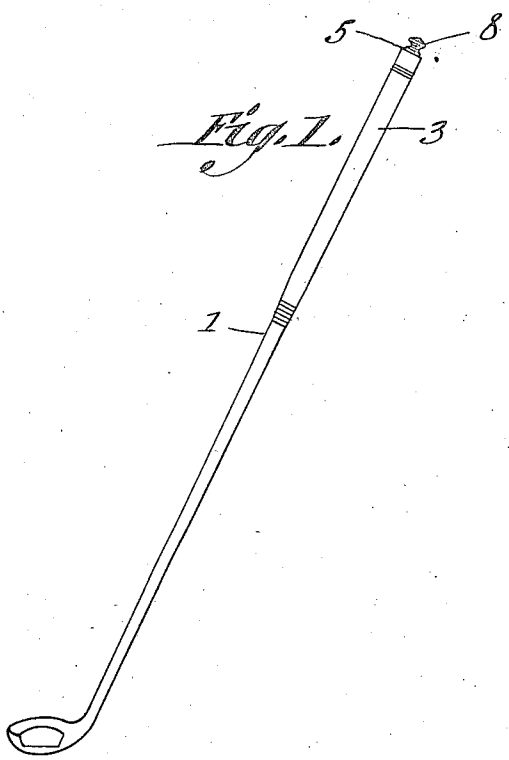


Fig. 1.

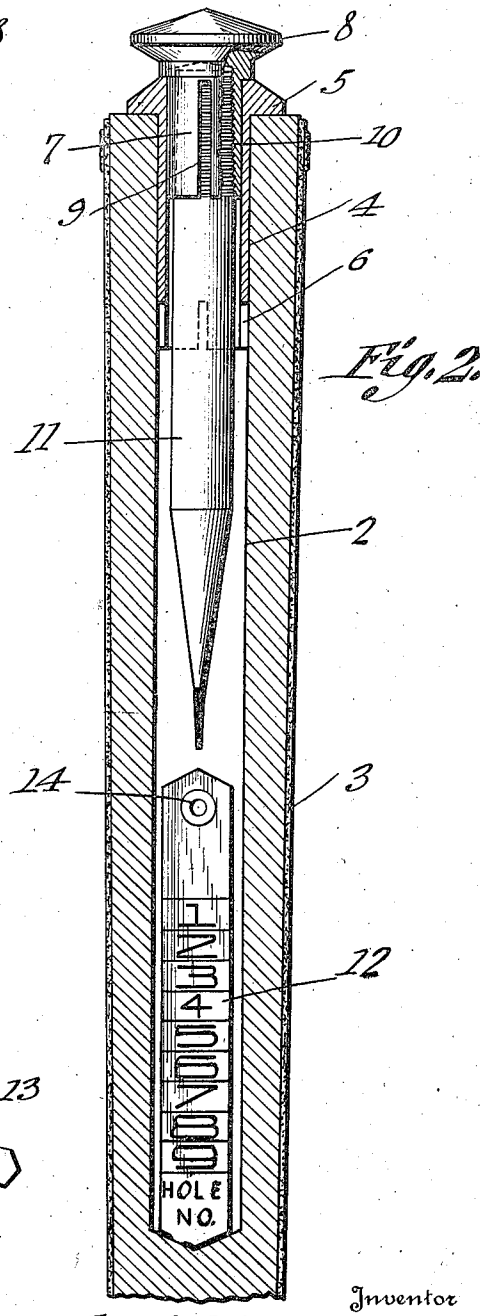


Fig. 2.

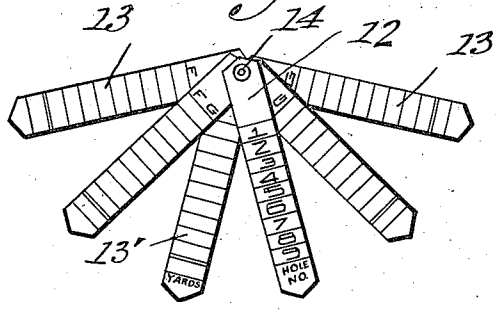


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDGAR J. BLOOM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tiffin, in the county of Seneca and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Golf Club, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to golf clubs, one of its objects being to provide a golf club with a recess or pocket in the handle portion thereof whereby various articles such as a score card, a pencil and the like can be carried conveniently for use at different stages during the progress of a game being played.

It is well known that pencils, score cards, etc. often become lost or broken if carried in the pockets of golf clothing.

One of the objects of the present invention is to provide a recess or pocket in the handle of a golf club, the same utilizing a closure which not only serves to retain the contents of the recess of the pocket but can also be utilized as a pen or pencil holder.

Another object is to provide a structure which will not mar the appearance of the club nor affect the balance thereof.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein disclosed may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings the preferred form of the invention has been shown.

In said drawings—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a golf club having the present improvements combined therewith.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged central longitudinal section through a portion of the handle of the club showing the recess or pocket and the parts contained therein.

Fig. 3 is an elevation of a score card that can be used.

Referring to the figures by characters of reference, 1 designates a golf club of any type. As shown in Fig. 2 a central longitudinal bore 2 is formed in the handle portion 3, this bore being of any desired length and extending into the club from the end of the handle. Seated in the outer end portion of the bore is a tubular lining 4 of any suitable material provided at its outer end with an annular flange or collar 5 adapted to bear against the end of the member. The inner end of the lining is formed with longitudinal slits 6 whereby said end can be slightly contracted to facilitate insertion of the lining into the bore so as to allow said lining to fit snugly in position and frictionally engage the wall of the bore.

A closure in the form of a tubular plug 7 is insertible into the outer end of the lining 4 and has its outer end closed by an integral knob or enlargement 8. The tubular plug is slit longitudinally as at 9 and is interiorly screw threaded, the threaded portion being slightly tapered toward the knob or enlargement, as shown. This tubular plug 7 is adapted to receive one end of a lead pencil 10 or other suitable device that can be screwed into engagement with the threads in the plug, causing the plug to expand slightly so that it will frictionally engage the wall of the lining 4. Obviously should the plug work loose it could be caused to more firmly engage the wall of the lining simply by forcing the pencil 10 farther into the plug.

For the purpose of keeping score a score card such as shown in Fig. 3 can be used. This score card is made up of a series of strips of celluloid or other suitable material, one of which, 12, is divided into spaces numbered from "1" to "9", indicating the nine holes played during the first half of the game. The remaining strips, 13, are similarly divided though not numbered, the spaces being adapted to receive data indicating the number of strokes played between every two holes. The several strips are pivotally connected at one end, as shown at 14, so that they can be folded together, as in Fig. 1, and inserted readily into the recess or pocket 2.

It is of course to be undertood that other articles than those described can be retained in the recess or pocket 2.

It is to be understood that both sides of the score card are to be printed alike so that the record by four people for eighteen holes can be kept. One side of the score card can be of one color and the other side of another

color so as to enable the user to determine quickly the side on which the score is being entered.

It will be noted that one of the strips 13' of the score card has spaces for receiving data indicating the number of yards between holes.

What is claimed is:—

1. The combination with a golf club having a bore extending into one end thereof, of a lining within and frictionally engaging the wall of the bore, a closure plug fitting snugly within and frictionally engaging the wall of the lining, means upon the lining and engaging the club for holding the lining against longitudinal movement within the bore, means upon the plug and cooperating with the lining for limiting the inward movement of the closure plug, and a marker carried by said plug and normally housed in the bore.

2. The combination with a golf club having a bore extending into one end thereof, of a lining within and frictionally engaging the wall of the bore, a closure plug fitting snugly within and frictionally engaging the wall of the lining, means upon one end portion of the lining and bearing against the end of the club for limiting movement of the lining into the bore, means upon one end portion of the plug and cooperating with the end of the lining for limiting the inward movement of the closure plug, and a marker carried by said plug and normally housed in the bore.

3. The combination with a golf club having a bore extending into one end thereof, of a lining within the bore, an expansible plug insertible into the lining and constituting a closure for the bore, and expanding means carried by the plug.

4. The combination with a golf club having a bore extending into one end thereof, of a frictionally retained lining in the bore, an expansible plug insertible into the lining and constituting a closure, and means adjustably mounted in the plug for expanding it.

5. The combination with a golf club having a bore extending into one end thereof, of a frictionally retained lining in the bore, an expansible plug insertible into the lining and constituting a closure, and means adjustably mounted in the plug for expanding it, said means constituting a marker.

6. The combination with a golf club having a bore extending thereinto, and a score card removably mounted in the bore, of means for retaining the score card comprising a lining within the bore, an expansible plug frictionally held within the lining and constituting a closure, and means for expanding the plug, said means constituting a marker.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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