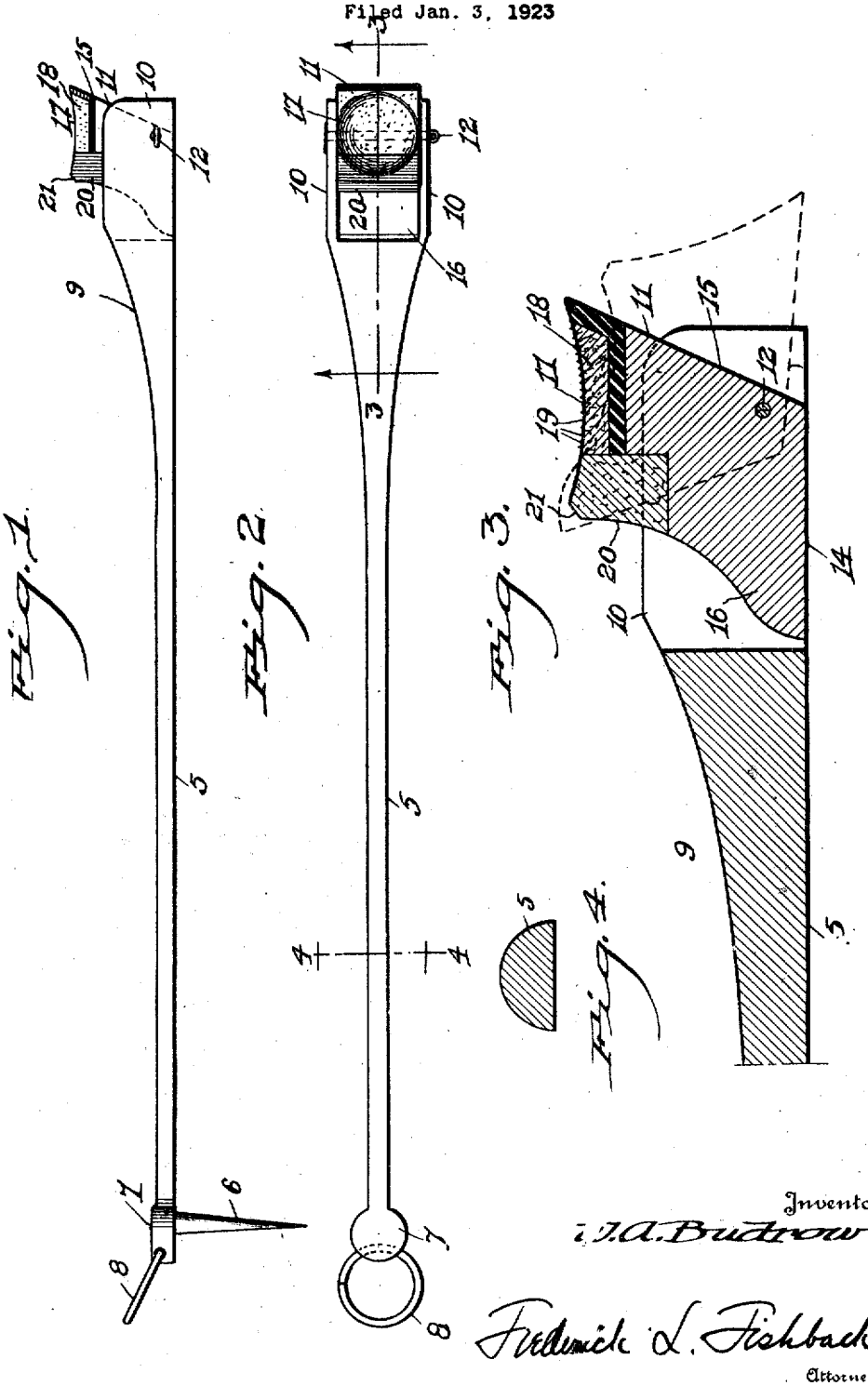
Sept. 30, 1924. 1,510,302

W. A. BUDROW

GOLF TEE

Filed Jan. 3, 1923



Inventor
W. A. Budrow

Frederick L. Fishback
Attorney

Patented Sept. 30, 1924. 1,510,302

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

WILLIAM A. BUDROW, OF PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.

GOLF TEE.

Application filed January 3, 1923. Serial No. 610,466.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM A. BUDROW, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsfield, in the county of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf Tees, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to golf tees or devices for properly holding golf balls in position to be struck.

The object is to provide a simple device of this character that can be carried from place to place by the operator, quickly positioned, and will support the ball so that it may be properly struck.

An embodiment of the invention that is at present considered the preferable one, is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device,

Figure 2 is a top plan view thereof,

Figures 3 and 4 are respectively sectional views on the lines 3—3 and 4—4 of Figure 2.

In the embodiment disclosed a suitable anchor element is employed, preferably consisting of an elongated arm 5, having at one end an earth-engaging spur 6 that projects from a pressing enlargement 7. A ring 8 may be pivotally mounted in the enlargement 7 and can be employed for conveniently carrying the implement. The arm at the other end is gradually thickened, the upper surface 9 being preferably curved and said end is bifurcated to form a pair of spaced ears 10.

Between these ears 10 is pivoted a golf ball-supporting head 11, the pivot preferably, though not necessarily, being in the form of a cotter pin 12 that is located at one side of the vertical center of the head. The head is provided with angular faces 14 and 15, preferably located at an obtuse angle. The pivot pin 12 is located close to the surface 15. Said head is furthermore provided with an inwardly extending projection 16, forming in effect a counterweight. In the upper surface of the head is formed a cup-shaped golf ball-receiving seat 17 having a yielding bottom 18 of rubber or the like, and preferably provided with small resilient projections 19. The rear upper corner of the head is provided with a cushion 20 of leather or the like, and the corner of this cushion is cut away, as shown at 21.

In using the device the arm 5 is laid upon the earth, and the spur 6 embedded therein. The head is then arranged with the seat uppermost and the golf ball is placed in the seat. With this arrangement it will be noted that the ball is centrally over the pivot 12, but that due to the location of said pivot the head is overbalanced, so that it will maintain the position illustrated in Figures 1 and 3. The ball is then struck in the usual manner, and the curvature 9 of the upper surface as well as the cut-away portion 21 of the cushion gives unobstructed access to the under portion of the ball, permitting it to be properly engaged by the head of the golf stick. The ball may be elevated from the head without moving said head, but if the said head is struck by the golf stick the cushion 20 will receive the blow and in any event the head will overbalance and swing to the position shown in dotted lines in Figure 3, thus permitting the striking of the ball and its free movement.

From the foregoing, it is thought that the construction, operation and many advantages of the herein described invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art, without further description, and it will be understood that various changes in the size, shape, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

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

1. A golf ball support or tee comprising an arm adapted to lie upon the ground and having an offset depending earth-engaging spur at one end, and a golf ball supporting head pivoted to its other end.

2. A golf ball support or tee comprising a portable anchor member that rests upon the ground, and a golf ball supporting head pivoted thereto on a substantially horizontal axis located at one side of its vertical center.

3. A golf ball support or tee comprising an arm having at one end an earth-engaging spur with a pressing enlargement thereon, a head pivoted at one side of its vertical center at the other end, said head having a yielding ball receiving seat and a cushioned portion at one side of said seat.

4. A golf ball support or tee comprising a substantially horizontal arm provided at one

end with an offset, depending relatively fixed spur, and a ball supporting head pivotally mounted on the other end of the arm.

5. A golf ball support or tee comprising a substantially horizontal arm adapted to rest upon the earth and having one end bifurcated, and a ball supporting head pivotally mounted on the bifurcated end.

6. A golf ball support or tee comprising a substantially horizontal arm adapted to rest upon the earth and having increased thickness at one end, and a ball supporting head pivotally mounted on said thick end.

7. A golf ball support or tee comprising a base member and a ball supporting head pivotally mounted thereon and having a ball receiving seat in its top, said head having a rear wall that inclines inwardly toward the pivot and underlies said seat.

8. A golf ball support or tee comprising a base member and a ball supporting head pivotally mounted thereon and having a ball receiving seat in its top, said head having a rear wall that inclines inwardly toward the pivot and underlies said seat, the opposite side having an extension forming a counterweight.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

WILLIAM A. BUDROW.

Witnesses:
EARL A. KIMBERLEY,
CLEVELAND A. MOREY.