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GOLF TEE

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*flexible
rubber
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Fig. 1.

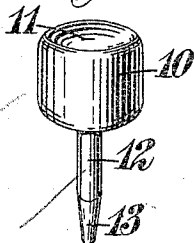


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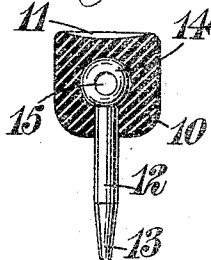


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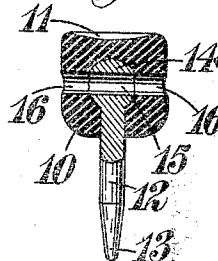


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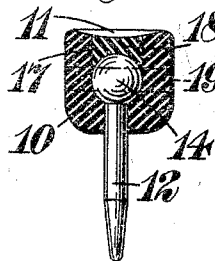


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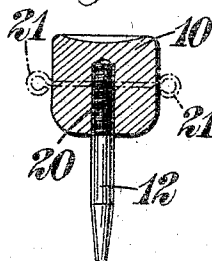


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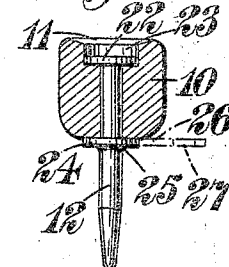


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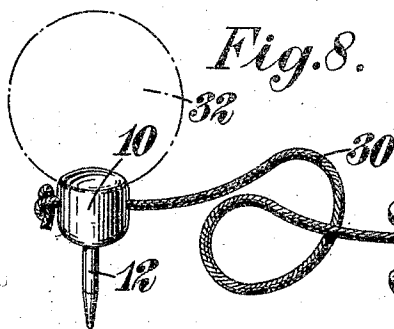


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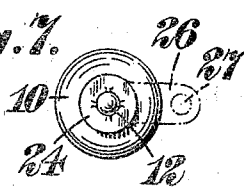
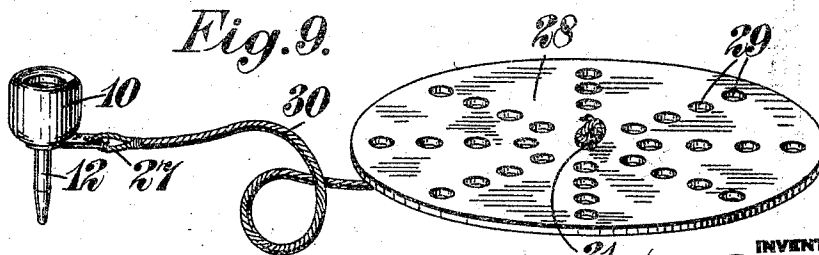


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES FAWCETT BENNION, a subject of the King of England, residing at Leicester, England, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf Tees, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to golf tees and has for its object to provide an improved construction of tee which is not readily damaged in use and which is simple and cheap to manufacture. A further object is to provide means for restraining the flight of the tee if struck by the player and also for facilitating location of the tee.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the improved construction and arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter described and pointed out in the claims.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a tee according to the invention;

Figure 2 is a sectional view of a preferred form of tee;

Figure 3 is a sectional view of the tee in a plane at right angles to that of Figure 2;

Figure 4 is a sectional view showing a modified construction;

Figure 5 is a sectional view showing another modified construction;

Figure 6 is a sectional view showing yet another modified construction;

Figure 7 is a view looking on the underside of the tee shown in Figure 6;

Figure 8 is a perspective view of a tee with the guard or tab attached and showing a ball in position on the tee;

Figure 9 is a similar view showing another form of guard.

Like reference numerals refer to like parts in the various figures.

The tee comprises a cup member or head 10 having a concave upper surface 11 on which the golf-ball is adapted to rest, and a shank or pin 12 preferably having a pointed end 13 which is pushed into the ground when in use. The head is preferably of tough india rubber and the shank is preferably of metal, phosphor bronze being found very suitable for this purpose.

In one construction shown in Figures 2 and 3 the shank 12 has a spherical enlargement 14 at its upper end which has a hole 15 extending therethrough. In manufactur-

ing a plug is inserted through the hole 15 to project on either side and the rubber or like head 10 is moulded around the upper portion of the shank, the plug being afterwards removed. Thus passages 16 are left in the walls of the head and form a continuation of the hole 15 through which a cord can be passed and secured for the attachment of a guard as hereinafter explained. The enlargement is preferably made spherical so that there are no sharp metal edges to cut into the rubber when the tee is struck.

Figure 4 shows a modified construction in which the head 10 is provided with a recess 17 of sufficient size to accommodate the enlargement 14 on the shank, and a plug 18 is solutioned or otherwise secured in the recess to hold the shank firmly in position in the head. A hole 19 shown in dotted lines may be provided if it is desired to secure a guard to the tee.

The constructions shown in Figures 5 and 6 are more suitable when the head is made of bone, vulcanite, ivory, hard wood or such like material. In Figure 5 the shank 12 is shown provided with a screw-thread 20 and is screwed into the head 10. A wire 21 may be passed through the head and shank to act as a locking device and may be provided with eyes 21 which serve for the attachment of a guard if desired. In the construction shown in Figure 6 the shank 12 has a flat head 22 which is seated in a recess 23 in the concave upper face 11 of the tee. The shank proper extends through the head 10 and is provided with a washer 24 which is secured in place by punched up projections 25 on the shank or by other means. If it is desired to attach a guard, the washer 24 may have a projecting lug 26 having a hole 27 therein as shown in dotted lines in Figures 6 and 7.

In Figures 8 and 9 the tee is shown attached to a guard 28 which comprises a tab preferably of leather or like flexible material, such as india rubber, and which may be perforated over its surface with a number of holes 29 to render it more capable of adapting itself to uneven ground and to lighten it without seriously reducing its resistance to flight through the air. The tee is connected to the guard by a cord 30 which may be knotted through a central hole 31 in the guard and through a hole in the head of the tee as described with ref-

erence to Figures 2 and 3. In this connection it may be observed that the cord extending through the hole in the shank and the head serves to prevent these members becoming separated. Figure 9 shows another form of guard attached to a tee of the kind shown in Figure 6. A golf ball 32 is shown in chain-dotted lines in Figure 8 resting on the tee.

10 The guard may be conspicuously shaped or coloured so that the device can be readily located. It is preferred to keep the tee as light and compact as possible so that it offers little resistance when struck and thus takes little off the force of the blow on the ball and is not easily injured by the blow. Also when struck out of the ground its momentum is readily checked by the guard and thus the tee travels such a short distance that it is not easily lost.

20 Although it is preferred to make the shank of metal, other materials capable of retaining a point in use, such as ivory, bone, vulcanite or hard wood can be used. It will also be understood that the head can be made of any material which will withstand a blow without being injured.

I claim:—

1. A golf tee comprising in combination
30 a head adapted to receive a golf ball, and a metal shank secured to said head and having a point at one end adapted to be inserted into the ground and a spherical enlargement at the other end thereof, said
35 enlargement being embedded in said head.

2. A golf tee comprising in combination a metal shank having one end adapted to be inserted in the ground and having a spherical enlargement at the opposite end, and an india-rubber head adapted to support a golf ball said head being moulded around said shank to embrace the said spherical enlargement.

3. A golf tee comprising in combination a head adapted to support a golf ball, and a shank for supporting said head having one end adapted to be inserted in the ground and having a spherical enlargement at its opposite end with a hole extending there-through in a direction at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the shank, the said head being formed by moulding material around the said upper end of the shank in such manner as to leave passages extending through said head in line with the hole in said spherical enlargement, substantially as described.

4. In combination an india-rubber block having a concave upper surface adapted to receive a golf ball, a metal shank secured to said block to project beyond the lower surface thereof and adapted to be inserted in the ground, a flexible tab, a flexible connecting member secured to said tab, and means on said block for connecting said flexible connecting member thereto, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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