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GOLF BALL HOLDER

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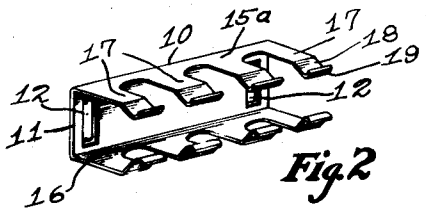

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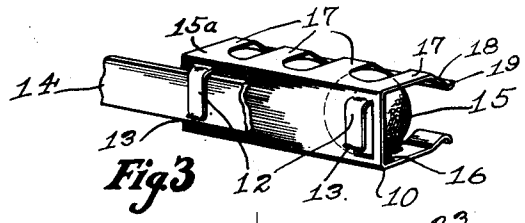

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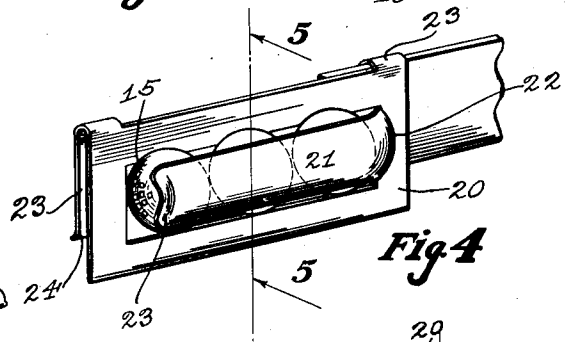

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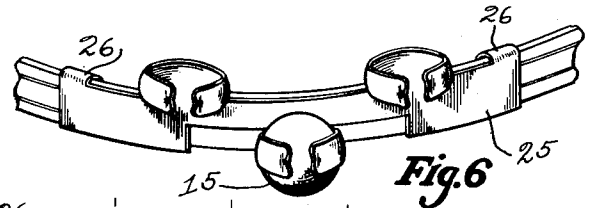

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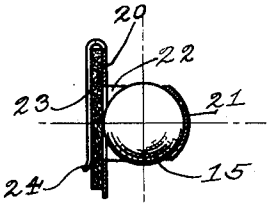

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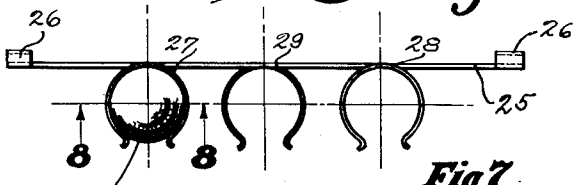

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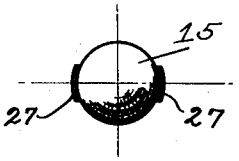

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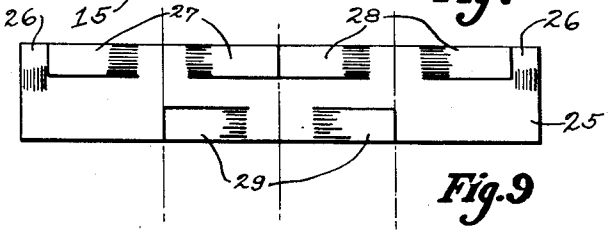

Fig.9

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This invention relates to ball holders, and more particularly to a golf ball holder adapted to be worn upon the belt of a golfer for containing a reserve supply of balls.

One object of this invention is to provide a golf ball holder of the above nature which will not interfere with the player's swing and from which a ball may be quickly detached when needed.

A further object is to provide a device of this nature which will be simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture, easy to manipulate, ornamental in appearance, and very efficient and durable in use.

With these and other objects in view there have been illustrated on the accompanying drawing several forms in which the invention may be conveniently embodied in practice.

Fig. 1 represents a view of one embodiment of golf ball holder as it appears when worn upon the belt of a player.

Fig. 2 is a front perspective view of the ball holder shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a rear perspective view of the same, showing a portion of a belt upon which the holder is worn.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of golf ball holder as it appears when mounted upon a belt.

Fig. 5 is a sectional view of the holder shown in Fig. 4, the section being taken along the line 5—5 of said Fig. 4, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Fig. 6 is a view of a still further modified form of golf ball holder in which the balls are removed vertically from the holder instead of horizontally as in the previous forms.

Fig. 7 is a top view of the holder shown in Fig. 6, as it appears before the base has been bent into its final curved shape.

Fig. 8 is a sectional view of the same, the section being taken along the line 8—8 of Fig. 7, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Fig. 9 is a plan view of a blank from which the holder shown in Figs. 6 to 8 is formed.

Referring now to the drawing in which like reference numerals denote corresponding parts throughout the several views, the numeral 10 indicates generally the first form of golf ball holder illustrated in Figs. 1 to 3. In this form, the holder consists of a flat vertical base 11 having a pair of rear vertical depending clips 12 struck-up from the metal thereof, said clips 12 having rearwardly curved extremities 13 to prevent injury to a belt 14, upon which it is adapted to be worn.

The holder 10 is adapted to contain a plurality of golf balls 15, three in this instance, in convenient position to be grasped by the player whenever needed. It will be understood that the holder may be worn either on the front or the rear of the golfer's belt and that it will not interfere in any way with his stroke.

Projecting forwardly from the base 11 of the holder are a pair of horizontally spaced jaws 15*a* and 16, each of said jaws having their extremities shaped to form resilient clip members 17. The clip members 17 are inclined downwardly at 18 and upwardly at 19 to facilitate the horizontal insertion of the golf balls 15 from the front. By means of this construction it will be seen that when the golf balls have been inserted in the holder, each ball will be detachably held in place by four of the clip members 17 and will thus be positively prevented against accidentally falling out.

In the modified form of the invention illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5, the golf ball holder consists of a rectangular base 20 having a convex central ball-holding member 21 struck up therefrom, said member 21 being connected at its base 22 to the base 20 and having its free extremity 23 curved outwardly so as to facilitate the horizontal insertion of the golf balls therein from the end.

In order to detachably fasten the holder shown in Figs. 4 and 5 to the golfer's belt 14, the base 20 is provided at both ends with downwardly bent clips 23, which have rounded ends 24 to prevent injury to the belt and to facilitate the slipping of the holder in place thereon.

In the modified form of the invention shown in Figs. 6 to 9, the base 25 of the holder is preferably bent to arcuate form as clearly shown in Fig. 6 and has at either end thereof a pair of vertical belt clamping clips 26 bent downwardly from the base 25 as shown in

Fig. 9. The balls 15 are adapted to be held by three pairs of semi-circular jaws 27, 28, and 29, the jaws 27 and 28 being bent forwardly from the top of the metal blank 25, while the jaws 29 are bent forwardly from the base of said blank.

In using the holder shown in Figs. 6 to 9, when it is desired to remove or insert a golf ball, it will be forced into position vertically from above or below the clips 27, 28 and 29 as the case may be.

While there have been disclosed in this specification several forms in which the invention may be embodied, it is to be understood that these forms are shown for the purpose of illustration only, and that the invention is not to be limited to the specific disclosures but may be modified and embodied in various other forms without departing from its spirit. In short, the invention includes all the modifications and embodiments coming within the scope of the following claims.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed as new, and for which it is desired to secure Letters Patent, is:

1. In a game-ball holder, a vertical base having means for attachment to the belt of a person playing the game, a plurality of spaced pairs of jaws extending forwardly from said base, the ends of said jaws being inclined toward each other to partially enclose game balls between each adjacent pair of jaws.

2. In a game-ball holder, a base, means for detachably holding a plurality of game balls to said base comprising two rows of vertically alined horizontal inwardly curved ball engaging resilient sheet metal jaws, and means for clamping said base upon the belt of the person playing the game, said balls being clamped by both side edges of each jaw except the end jaws.

3. In a game-ball holder, a base, a plurality of spaced pairs of opposed jaws for holding a plurality of game balls to said base comprising two rows of vertically alined inwardly curved ball engaging resilient jaws, and means for clamping said base upon the belt of the person playing the game, both edges of each of said jaws except the end jaws engaging a ball.

4. In a game-ball holder, a base having means for attachment to the belt of a player, a pair of horizontal spaced jaws extending forwardly from said base, each of said jaws having its extremity shaped to form spaced adjacent resilient clip members respectively opposing corresponding clip members on the other jaw with the ends of the opposing clip members inclined toward each other to partially enclose a game-ball between said jaws, the adjacent edges of the clip members engaging said game-ball.

5. In a game-ball holder, a base, means for detachably holding a game-ball to said base comprising a pair of upper horizontal parallel downwardly curved ball engaging resilient jaws connected with said base, means for holding the bottom of said ball, and means for detachably clamping said base upon the belt of the person playing the game, said ball being clamped by the inner side edges of said upper jaws.

In testimony whereof, I have affixed my signature to this specification.

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