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FIG-1

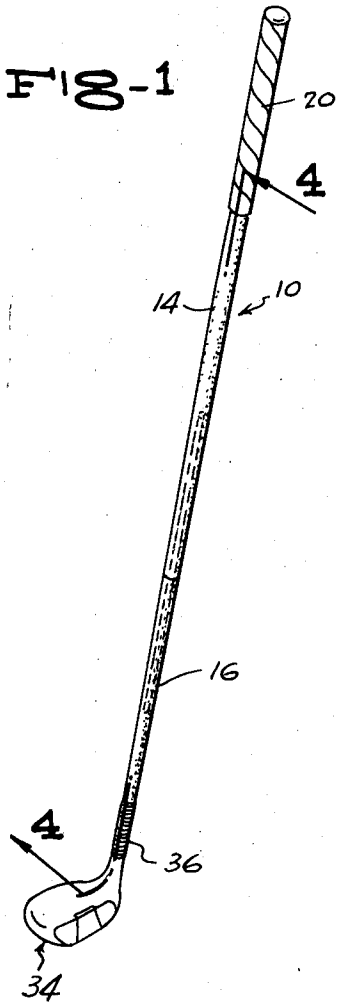


FIG-2

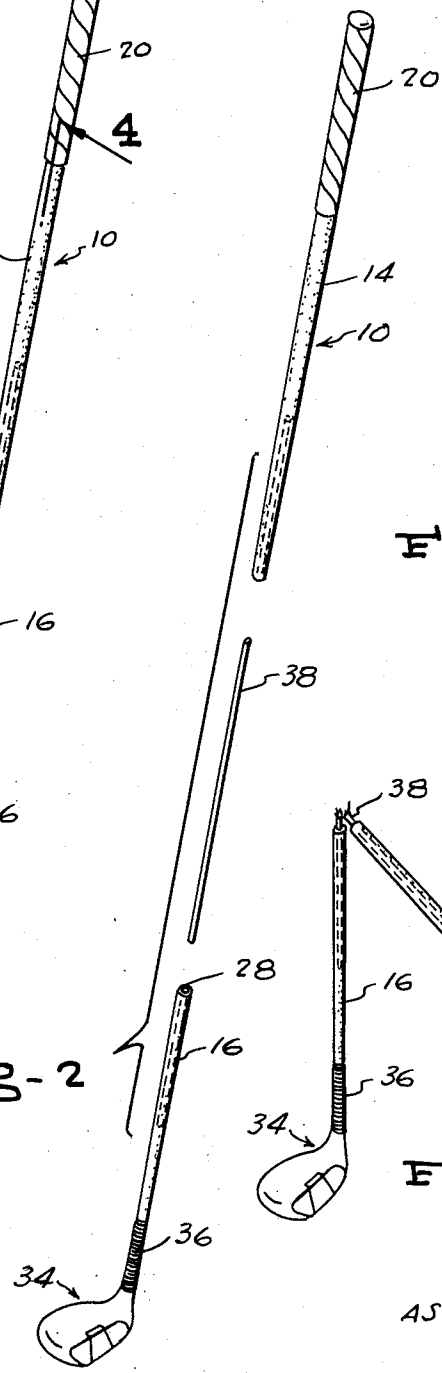


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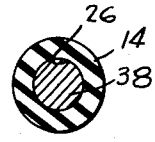


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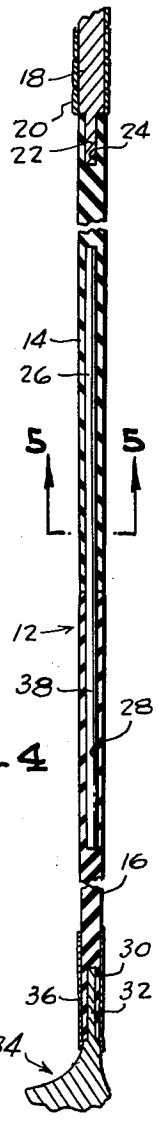
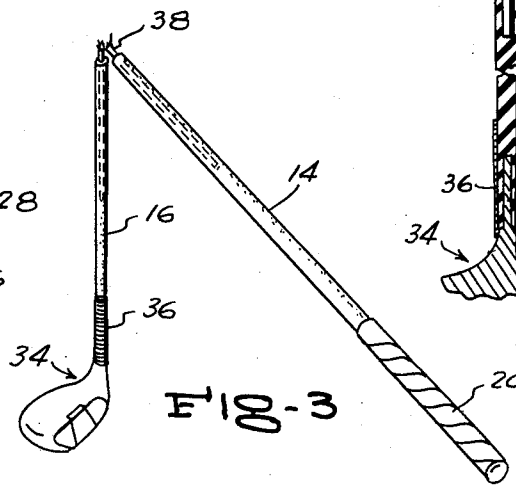


FIG-3



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This invention pertains to the field of sports, and more specifically, the invention relates to the provision of a new and novel golf club.

As in any field of competition, the urge to win provides an emotional drive which reaches an intense peak when, through inadvertence, poor judgment, or error in play, a mistake is made which causes the competitor to lose control of his temper. Depending upon the type of competition, the display of a temper outburst may assume many conventional overt actions and among the more frequent demonstrations of temperament or anger, frustration, and the outright disgust of one's self, is the tendency of a golfer to break one or more golf clubs after having made a bad or ineffective swing. Both amateurs and professionals have given vent to their anger in dubbing a shot by breaking their clubs, and the outbreak of such a display of temperament has been widely documented in papers, periodicals, and other media.

Golf clubs are, for the most part, relatively expensive, and consequently, the repair or replacement of any one thereof occasioned by damage as the result of an outburst of temper may cost the golfer a considerable sum.

It is, therefore, one of the primary objects of this invention to provide a golf club which is conventional in appearance, and which is deliberately constructed to break when used by a golfer in a fit of temper.

Another object of this invention is to provide a golf club for temperamental golfers wherein the shaft of the club is deliberately constructed to break when struck against the ground, a tree, or other inanimate elements when the anger of the golfer reaches a mercurial height, and wherein the emotion of the golfer requires some physical manifestation to achieve emotional release.

A further object of this invention is to provide a breakable golf club which may be readily and easily repaired on the links, at home, or at any desirable site.

This invention contemplates, as another object thereof, the provision of a golf club which may be broken under emotional stress by the user, the club being non-complex in construction and assembly, inexpensive to manufacture, and being durable in use.

Other and further objects and advantages of the instant invention will become more evident from a consideration of the following specification when read in conjunction with the annexed drawing, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of a golf club constructed in accordance with this invention, the golf club, in this instance, having the configuration of a driver;

FIGURE 2 is an exploded perspective view of the golf club shown in FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 3 is a perspective view of the club shown in FIGURE 1, FIGURE 3 illustrating the component elements of the club after the same has been broken;

FIGURE 4 is a fragmentary, enlarged, detail cross-sectional view, FIGURE 4 being taken substantially on the plane of line 4—4 of FIGURE 1, looking in the direction of the arrows; and

FIGURE 5 is an enlarged detail cross-sectional view, FIGURE 5 being taken substantially on the horizontal plane of line 5—5 of FIGURE 4, looking in the direction of the arrows.

Referring now more specifically to the drawing, reference numeral 10 designates, in general, a breakable golf club constructed in accordance with the teachings of this invention. The golf club 10 is seen to include a two-sectional cylindrical shaft 12 comprising an upper section 14 and a lower section 16. The two sections 14 and 16, are formed of flexible rubber or of a plastic material having similar physical characteristics, and the two sections are disposed in end-to-end abutting and coaxially-aligned relationship. The section 14, at its outer end, is fitted with a conventional handle 18 formed of a rigid material, such as wood, hard rubber, a plastic or metal, and the handle may receive, if desired, an anti-slip cover 20 of conventional construction. The handle 18 is provided with a longitudinally and axially-extending connector pin 22 which is fixedly received within a socket 24 that extends inwardly and substantially coaxially from the outer end of the shank section 14.

The inner or abutting end of the shank section 14 is formed with an inwardly-extending, longitudinal and coaxial socket 26 that is aligned with a similar socket 28 which extends inwardly into the shank section 16 from its said abutting end, the socket 28 being coaxial with the shank section 16.

The outer (normally lower) end of the shank section 16 is formed with a socket 30 that receives fixedly therein a shaft 32 integrally formed with the golf club head 34 of any standard or conventional configuration. If desired, a conventional collar 36 may be mounted on the outer end of the shank portion 16, as shown in the several figures.

The two golf club sections 14, 16 are connected together by means of an elongated, substantially cylindrical frangible pin 38 having its opposed ends telescopically received within the sockets 26, 28.

In use, an enraged or emotionally upset golfer who has just dubbed a shot takes the club 10 from his golf bag and strikes the head 34 at any inanimate object. The force of the blow is transmitted to the frangible pin 38 causing the same to break and separate the two golf club shank portions 14 and 16 in the manner illustrated in FIGURE 3. Thereafter, the golfer having now vented his rage, extracts the broken pin 38 and replaces the same from a supply easily carried in the golf club bag.

Having described and illustrated in detail one embodiment of this invention, it will be understood that the same is offered merely by way of example, and that this invention is to be limited only by the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A breakable simulated golf club comprising an elongated two-sectional golf club shank having a pair of abutting ends, said golf club shank being formed of a flexible material, a handle fixedly secured to the other end of one of said sections, a golf club head fixedly secured to the other end of the other of said sections, said sections each having a socket extending inwardly from said abutting ends, and a frangible pin telescopically re-

ceived within both of said sockets to normally connect said shank portions together.

2. A breakable simulated golf club comprising an elongated two-sectional golf club shank having a pair of abutting ends, said golf club shank being formed of a flexible material, a handle fixedly secured to the other end of one of said sections, a golf club head fixedly secured to the other end of the other of said sections, said sections each having a socket extending inwardly from

said abutting ends, said sockets being normally coaxially aligned, and a frangible pin telescopically received in both of said sockets to normally connect said shank portions together.

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