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FIG. 1

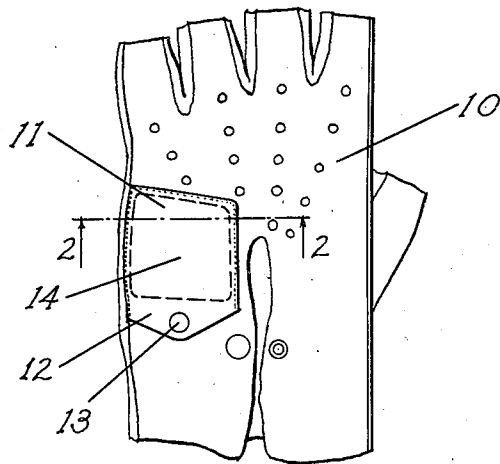


FIG. 2

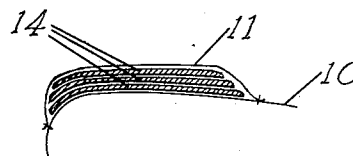
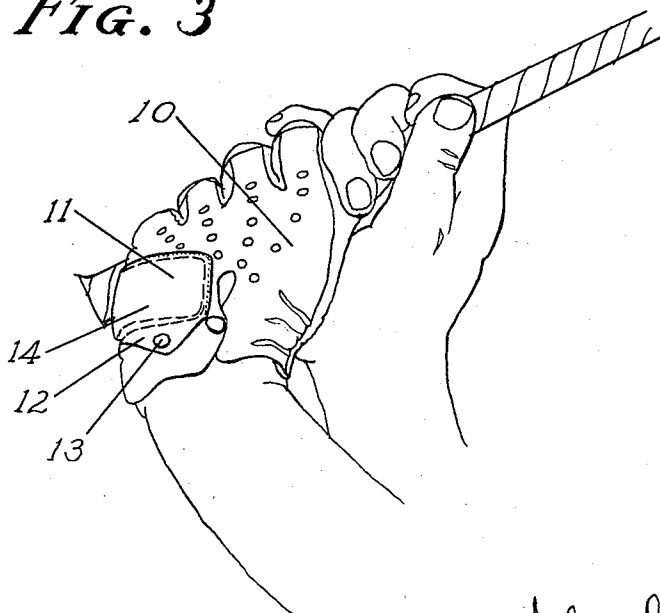


FIG. 3



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My invention relates to the game of golf and particularly to a device applicable to the hand of a player for assistance in mechanically directing the swing.

Since it has been found that the left hand of a right-handed player is most important in directing the swing, it has been suggested that a weight or weights be applied to the hand for the double purpose of directing the swing and of adding to the kinetic energy of the club. However, the disposition of the weight is of controlling importance, it having been found that it should be disposed at a point as near as possible to the leading or lower edge of the left hand and not at any point near the knuckles or upper portion of the hand.

In the execution of the correct golf swing, the left hand should, at the moment of impact of the club with the ball, occupy the position that the hands assumed at the address; that is with the left hand in a nearly vertical position or so nearly a vertical position that only the first three knuckles of the left hand are visible to the player. Thus, at the point of impact of the club with the ball, the hand should be in that same position.

By locating the weight at the lower edge of the left hand the tendency of the weight is to cause the hand to return to that position; in other words, to tend to pull the left hand by centrifugal force into that position.

If the weight is located at a higher point on the left hand there is a tendency to cause the hand to rotate and to result in "smothering" the shot.

In the adaptation of the idea I have provided for the described location and for concentration of the weight at the desired point. I have also provided for variation of the applied weight by dividing up the weight into several units, preferably of one ounce each and confining the weights within a pocket having a simple fastening device, such as a snap button. This provides for adjustment to the wishes or capacity of the player without varying the point of application of the weight. I may, in addition, prefer to provide a camber in the weights to conform to the shape of the hand.

The invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view showing the back side of a conventional glove to which my improvement has been applied;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary sectional view on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1, and;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the hand of the player at substantially the top of the swing, the glove with its weights being shown as applied to the left hand.

In the drawing, the fingerless glove is indicated to the back 10 of which is applied a pocket 11, three edges of which are sewn to the back, the flap 12 being provided with a button 13.

Within the pocket I provide a plurality of flat cambered lead weights 14 of a shape substantially that indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1. These weights are preferably of one ounce each, the number thereof that are used to be determined according to the wishes or capacity of the player.

By reason of the arrangement shown, the bulk of the added weight is applied to the lower edge of the left hand for the reason explained in the preceding description.

Inasmuch as the advantage gained by the use of the described weight is partly mental or psychological, it is important that the weight be so located as to enhance the feeling of assistance to the player rather than the mere addition of a dead weight which occurs when the weight is located at other points. Theoretically, it would be preferable to concentrate the weight entirely along the lower edge of the hand, but this is impractical for several reasons. Thus I have approached the ideal position as nearly as possible by locating the weight as shown.

While the device is of value to all players in their regular game, it will be found to be invaluable by teachers in the instruction of novices. Likewise, the capacity for variation in the applied weight will be demonstrated, the weights being gradually reduced as the swing is perfected.

While the device has been described and shown in its connection to the game of golf, it will be found to be of value in other sports such as tennis and similar games where a stroke with a "follow through" is desired.

It should be understood that while I have described and shown the weight as composed of one or more flat plates, I may prefer to use lead or some other heavy material in some other form, as for example, small shot pellets. In such form the weight can be concentrated at the proper point and it will more readily conform to the contour of the hand. This and other modifications are considered to be within the scope of my invention.

I claim:

1. In a game accessory, the combination with

a hand covering of a weight applied thereto, the weight being concentrated at a location as nearly as possible to the lower or back edge of the hand.

5 2. In combination, a hand glove and a weight applied thereto, said weight being concentrated at a location near the back edge of the hand, and being cambered to conform somewhat to the shape of the hand.

10 3. In combination, a hand covering, having a pocket applied to the back thereof at a location near the back edge of the hand, and a weight removably mounted within said pocket, said weight being cambered to conform somewhat to

the curvature of the hand at the point of engagement therewith.

4. In combination, a hand covering, having a pocket applied to the back thereof at a point near the back edge of the hand, and a plurality 5 of flat plates confined within said pocket.

5. In combination, a hand covering, having a pocket applied to the back thereof at a point near the back edge of the hand, and a plurality of flat plates confined within said pocket, said 10 plates being slightly cambered to correspond to the shape of the hand.

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