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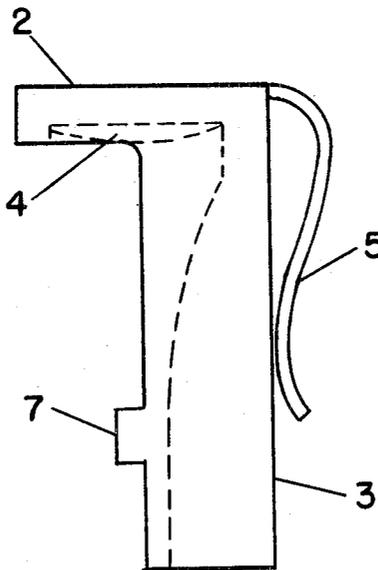
[54] **GOLF TEE SETTER**
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ABSTRACT: An L-shaped tee setter of unitary construction includes cooperating recesses in the legs thereof to accommodate a golf tee and integral projections which span the recess in one leg to hold a tee in said recesses. An integral clip enables the setter to be clipped to a belt or pocket when not being used for setting a tee in the ground.



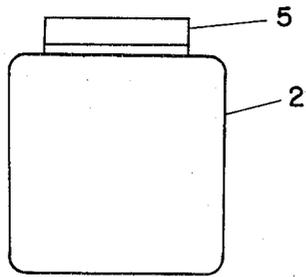


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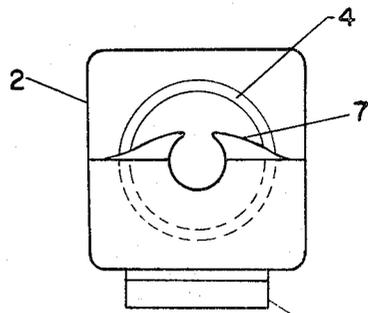


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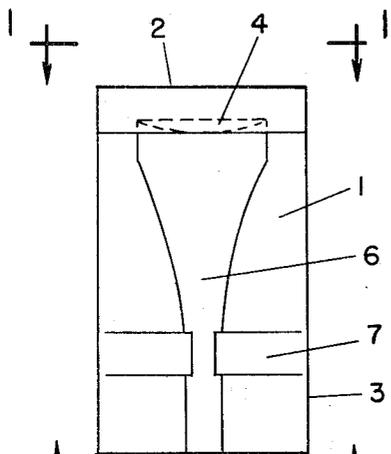


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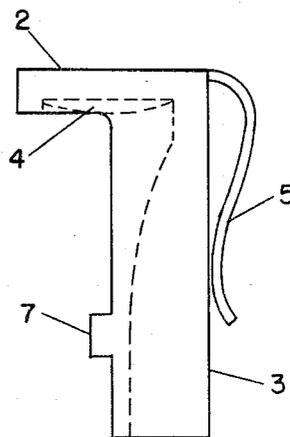


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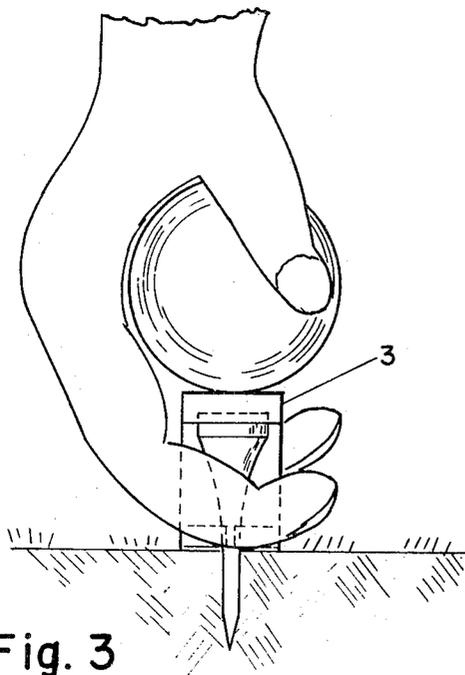


Fig. 3

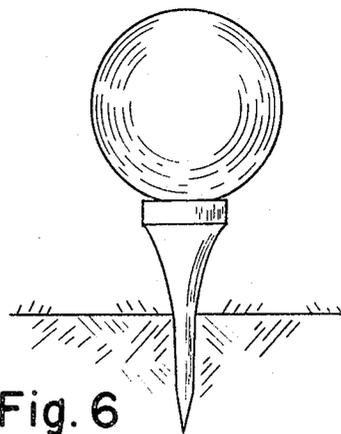


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GOLF TEE SETTER

The present invention relates to a golf tee setter which will assist a golfer to obtain the same tee height every time he tees up his ball regardless of the condition of the ground. Present golf tee setters are bulky to carry, complicated to use, and expensive to make. My invention is compact, simple to use, and inexpensive to manufacture.

An object of this invention is to provide a golf tee setter which will aid a golfer to set golf tees at a selected height every time he tees up.

Another object of this invention is to provide a golf tee setter which will allow a golfer to drive a golf tee vertically into the ground so that a golf ball may be supported at a uniform height regardless of ground conditions.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a golf tee setter which is compact, simple to use, and inexpensive to manufacture.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide a one piece plastic golf tee setter.

Other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will be readily apparent from the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

FIG. 1 is a top view of the tee setter taken on line 1-1 of FIG. 2 looking in the direction indicated by the arrows.

FIG. 2 is a front view of the tee setter.

FIG. 3 is a view showing how a golf tee is placed in the ground by use of Tee Rite and a golf ball.

FIG. 4 is a bottom view of the tee setter taken on line 4-4 of FIG. 2 looking in the direction indicated by the arrows.

FIG. 5 is a side view of the tee setter.

FIG. 6 is a view showing a golf ball on a golf tee after the tee setter is removed from golf tee.

Before explaining the present invention in detail, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited in its application to the details of construction and arrangement of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawing, since the invention is capable of other embodiments and of being practiced or carried out in various ways. Also, it is to be understood that the phraseology or terminology employed herein is for the purpose of description and not of limitation.

Referring now to the drawing wherein like reference numerals refer to like and corresponding parts throughout the several views, the preferred embodiment of the invention disclosed in FIGS. 1 to 5 inclusive includes a L-shaped hand piece 1 with a short leg 2 and a long leg 3. The short leg 2 has a recess 4 to accommodate the top of a golf tee and a clip 5 for attaching the hand piece to a belt or pocket rim when it is not in use. The long leg 3 has a recess 6 to accommodate a golf tee and lips 7 to hold the tee in place. Lip 7 frictionally engages the rim of the tee. The tee is placed in the recesses and is held in place by the lips.

The length of the long leg 3 is less than the length of a golf tee. The length of the tee which may be driven into the ground

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is equal to the amount of the tee stem which extends beyond the long leg 3. Since approximately 95 percent of golfers prefer tee heights ranging from 1 inch to 1½ inch, I plan to make long leg 3 1½ inch in length with notches spaced at 1/16 inch intervals. The notches will facilitate the shaving off of a portion of long leg 3 should a golfer want to reduce the height of his tee to suit his swing. It is contemplated that long leg 3 may be made of several lengths to suit the need of various golfers. The lengths would vary from 1 inch to 2 inches, with ½ inch graduations.

My invention is made of one piece plastic and has no moving parts. The plastic used must be hard enough to maintain its shape when subjected to pressure yet soft enough to allow lips 7 to give a little when a tee is placed within recesses 4 and 6. I have found that polystyrene has the required rigidity and flexibility when my invention is formed by the injection mold method. Since my invention is made of entirely of plastic and is one piece, the cost of manufacture is small. Moreover, by manufacturing only one size, the cost of injection molds is substantially reduced.

My invention is used in the following manner: (1) Place a golf tee in the recesses 4 and 6. (2) Put a golf ball in the palm of your hand and hold the invention with the golf tee under the ball between the first and second fingers. (3) Push the pointed end of the tee into the ground, using the ball to apply pressure, until the end of long leg 3 comes into contact with the ground. (4) Remove invention from tee and place ball on tee in one motion.

With my invention a golfer can concentrate on a grove swing because his ball will always be teed at the same height regardless of the condition of the ground. My invention eliminates the golfer's guesswork caused by long grass, soft or hard soil, dry or hard ground as to the depth at which a tee is driven into the ground. Now a golfer may concentrate only on his swing since he knows that his ball will always be teed at the same height.

Unlike other golf ball tee setters which are made of several materials, my invention is made of one piece plastic. Hence it is more compact and less expensive to manufacture.

Although but a single embodiment of the invention has been disclosed and described herein, it is obvious that many changes may be made in the size, shape, arrangement, and detail of the various elements of the invention without departing from the scope of the novel concepts of the present invention.

I claim:

1. A one piece plastic golf ball tee setter including a L-shaped hand piece with a recess for accommodating the upper portion of a golf ball tee, lips on the long leg to hold the tee in place, and a clip on the back of the L-shaped hand piece.

2. The golf ball tee setter of claim 1 wherein the recess includes a circle equal to the circumference of the tee in the short leg and a cone equal to the outer dimension of the tee in the long leg.

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