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Fig. 1

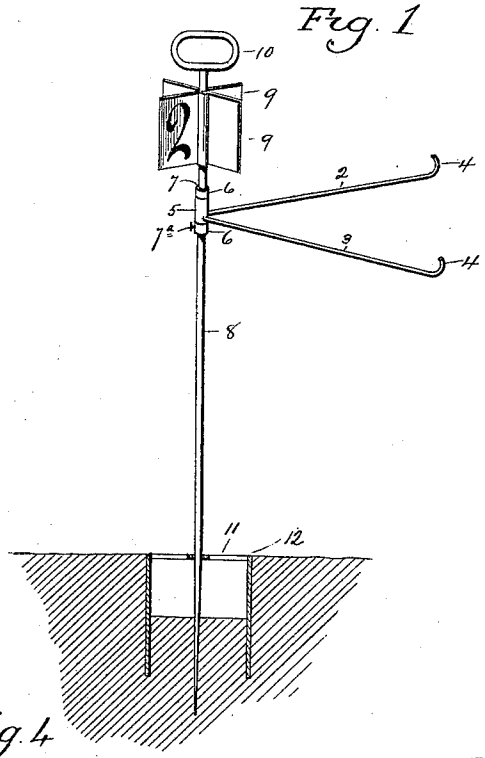


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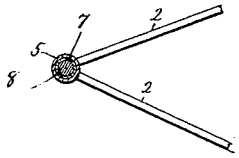


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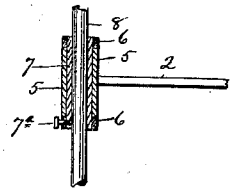


Fig. 2

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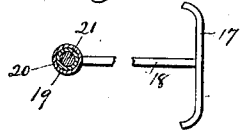
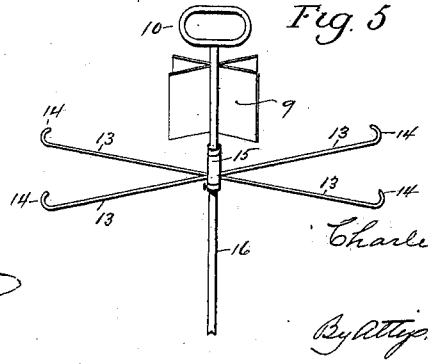


Fig. 5



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. L. JOHNSON, of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, have invented a new Improvement in Supporting Attachments for Golf-Flags; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the numerals of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a perspective view of a golf-flag provided with my improved attachment and shown as in position for use; Fig. 2, a view of the flag shown as supported by the attachment on the putting-green; Fig. 3, a view in horizontal section; Fig. 4, a broken view showing the swivel and sleeve of the attachment in vertical section; Fig. 5, a broken perspective view of one of the modified forms which the device may assume; Fig. 6, a broken plan view of another modified form of the device.

My invention relates to an improved supporting attachment for golf-flags, the object being to provide for supporting a golf-flag when removed from its putting-green hole preparatory to putting in such a position that it may be picked up and restored to the hole without compelling the golfer to stoop to the ground, the object being to produce for this purpose a simple, effective, and inexpensive supporting attachment adapted to be applied to golf-flags when initially constructed or afterward, as the case may be.

With these ends in view my invention consists in a supporting attachment for golf-flags comprising one or more supporting-arms and adapted to be applied to the staff of the flag near the handle end thereof, so as to support the flag in an inclined position in which the handle is elevated above the ground within easy reach of the hand.

My invention further consists in certain details of construction and combinations of parts, as will be hereinafter described, and pointed out in the claims.

In carrying out my invention as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the drawings my improved supporting attachment consists of two corresponding arms 2 and 3, having their outer ends bent upwardly to form feet 4, which prevent the ends of the arms from entering or being caught in the turf. The inner ends of these arms are secured to a sleeve-like swivel 5, arranged to turn freely between collars 6 6, applied to the ends of a sleeve 7, which is encircled by the said swivel. The internal diameter of the sleeve 7 adapts it to be driven over the staff 8 of the flag, which comprises the usual wings or leaves 9 and the handle 10, until the supporting attachment is located close to the said wings or leaves, as shown clearly in Figs. 1 and 2. The said flag, comprising the staff 8, wings or leaves 9, and the handle 10, is of ordinary construction and adapted to be used as a marker in the ordinary way—as, for instance, by insertion into the centrally-perforated cross-bar 11, located at the upper end of the putting-green-hole rim 12, which may also be of any improved construction. As shown, the sleeve 7 is furnished with a thumb-screw 7^a, by means of which the attachment is positively secured to the staff 8. Preparatory to putting the flag is grasped by the handle 10 and removed from the hole, at which time the weight of the arms 2 and 3 will cause the swivel 5 to turn upon the sleeve 7 until they have assumed a position directly under the staff 8. The flag is now laid down, when it will be supported in the inclined position in which it is shown in Fig. 2, the handle 10 being at this time sufficiently elevated above the turf to be conveniently grasped for picking up the flag to restore it to the putting-green hole without stooping.

By providing the ordinary golf-flag with my supporting attachment the flag may be laid down when not in use and picked up very readily instead of being driven into the green by the user for the purpose of being left in a convenient position to be recovered and restored to the putting-green hole. It need not be said that the common practice of sticking the flag in an upright position into the putting-green disturbs the earth and turf and impairs the integrity of the green as a putting-surface. Furthermore, if the earth of the green is very hard it is sometimes difficult to thrust the point of the flag into the green, to say nothing of the injury thereto worked thereby.

In the modified form of supporting attachment shown in Fig. 5 it comprises four arms

13, having their outer ends bent to form feet 14 and having their inner ends secured to a sleeve 15, adapted to be slipped over and secured, frictionally or otherwise, to the staff 16 of the flag. This form of attachment does not swivel upon the staff.

In the modification shown by Fig. 6 the attachment consists of a single arm 17, having a cross-piece 18 at its outer end and having its inner end secured to a swivel 19, mounted upon a sleeve 20, secured to the staff 21 of a golf-flag.

In view of the modifications suggested I would have it understood that I do not limit myself to the exact construction herein shown and described, but hold myself at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly fall within the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with a golf-flag comprising a staff, a handle located at the upper end thereof, and wings or leaves located near the handle, of one or more supporting-arms, and fastening means located at the inner end or ends of the said arm or arms for their attachment to the staff of the flag near the lower ends of the leaves or wings thereof.

2. A supporting attachment for golf-flags, comprising one or more supporting-arms, and a sleeve with which the inner ends of the said arms are connected, and which is adapted to be passed over and secured to the staff of a golf-flag near the handle end thereof.

3. A supporting attachment for a golf-flag, comprising one or more supporting-arms, a sleeve-like swivel with which the inner ends of the said arms are connected, and a sleeve upon which the said swivel turns, and which is itself adapted to be passed over the staff of a golf-flag and connected therewith at a point near the handle end thereof.

4. The combination with a golf-flag comprising a staff, a handle located at the upper end thereof, and wings or leaves located near the handle, of one or more supporting-arms, and fastening means located upon the inner end or ends of the said arm or arms, and adapted to be removably connected with the staff at a point near the inner ends of the said leaves or wings.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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