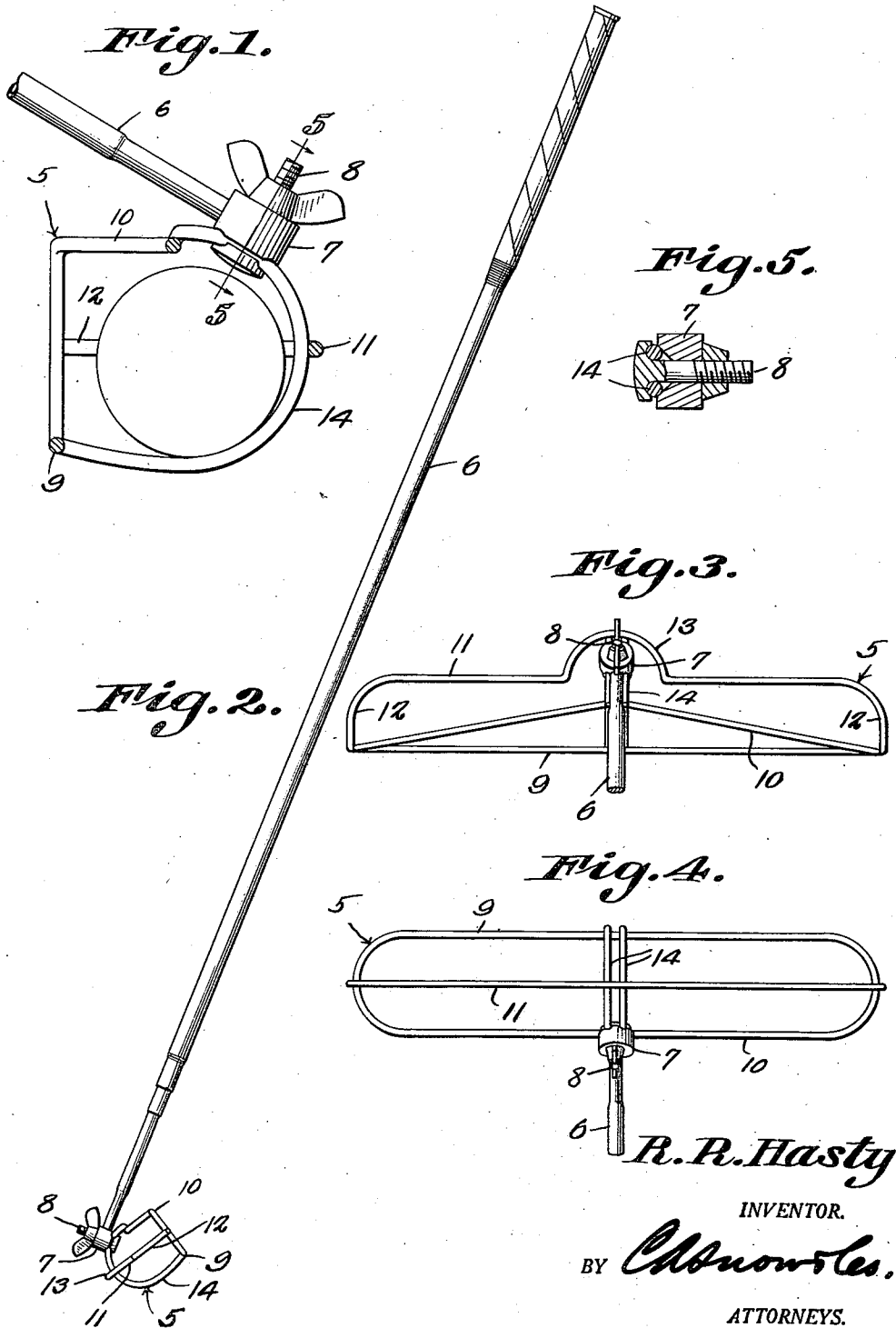


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This invention relates to a golf ball rake or retrieving device, designed primarily to be carried in the golf bag and readily assembled and adjusted for use in retrieving golf balls from water holes, underbrush or other inaccessible places.

An important object of the invention is to provide a device of this character embodying a head and a telescoping handle, the connection between the head and handle being such that the head may be moved to various angular positions with respect to the handle, thereby adapting the head for use in retrieving golf balls on sloping surfaces, such as the banks of streams or the like.

Another important object of the invention is to provide a device of this character comprising an elongated head, whereby the head may be readily drawn towards a ball, the ball entering the head at the wide part thereof and when the device is twisted or moved laterally, the ball will move to the central portion of the head, from where it may be readily and easily removed for further play.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention herein described, may be made within the scope of what is claimed, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view through the head of the rake or retriever, showing the ball as in the central portion of the head.

Figure 2 is an elevational view of the rake or retriever.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the head.

Figure 4 is a rear elevational view of the head of the rake or retriever.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the device comprises a head 5 and a telescoping handle section 6, secured to the head, by means of the connecting member 7, which embodies a headed bolt 8 formed with grooves adapted to cooperate with grooves formed in the body portion of the connecting member, in securing the head in various positions of adjustment for the convenience of the operator, in using the device.

The head is constructed of a length of heavy wire material bent to form an elongated loop, the

lower bar 9 thereof being substantially straight while the upper bar 10 thereof is inclined from the ends of the head towards the center of the head, to guide a golf ball to the center of the head.

The head also includes an outer member 11 embodying a length of heavy wire material having its ends bent rearwardly as at 12, the central portion of the member 11 being curved forwardly as at 13, the curved portion 13 being slightly greater than the diameter of a golf ball to be picked up by the head.

A pair of heavy wire members 14 connect the front and rear sides of the head, the heavy wire members 14 providing a basket-like container to receive the golf ball which has found its way into the head. It might be further stated that the members 14 contact with the forwardly curved portion 13, where they are secured, thereby providing a pocket with the forwardly curved portion 13, for the reception of the golf ball.

While I have shown and described the retrieving device as especially designed for carrying in the bag with golf clubs, it is believed that a device of this character would be exceptionally valuable when used by attendants of golf ball driving courts, in retrieving golf balls from the driving court.

What is claimed is:

1. A golf ball retrieving device, comprising an elongated head embodying spaced rods, the distance between said rods being greater than the diameter of a golf ball, a central offset section into which a golf ball rolls when retrieved, said rods being adapted to guide a golf ball to the central section when the head is moved into engagement with a golf ball, and a handle to which the head is connected.

2. A golf ball retrieving device, comprising an elongated head embodying rods spaced apart a distance greater than the diameter of a golf ball, a curved section of a diameter to receive a golf ball, a forward member extending longitudinally of the rods, the ends of said forward member being curved rearwardly and connected to the ends of the body portion, said forward member providing a guard adapted to guard against golf balls passing upwardly through the head, and a handle secured to the head.

3. A golf ball retrieving device comprising an elongated head embodying a length of heavy wire material formed into an elongated loop, a forward guard member comprising a rod extending longitudinally of the head, the ends of the rod

being curved rearwardly and connected with the ends of the head, said guard member having an intermediate curved portion adapted to hold a golf ball directed thereto, when the head is moved to receive said ball, and a handle secured to said head.

4. A golf ball retrieving device, comprising an elongated head having an open side, the width of the open side of the head being greater than the diameter of a golf ball whereby the head may be moved to receive a golf ball, a central curved golf ball-receiving section communicating with the open side of said head, and adapted to hold a golf ball entering the receiving section when the head is moved to receive said ball, and a handle adjustably secured to the head.

5. A golf ball retrieving device, comprising an elongated head embodying a length of heavy wire material bent to provide an elongated loop the distance between the side of the loop being greater than the diameter of a golf ball, one of

the sides of the loop being inclined inwardly towards the center of the head and adapted to guide a golf ball to the center of the head, and a central receiving section intermediate the ends of the head adapted to receive the ball finding its way to the head.

6. A golf ball retrieving device comprising an elongated head having an open side and having spaced wire members, the open side of the head being adapted to receive a golf ball, a handle connected with the head, means for adjustably securing the handle to the head, said securing means comprising a circular body portion to which the handle is connected, said body portion having grooves, a headed bolt extended through the body portion, the head of the bolt having grooves cooperating with the grooves of the body portion in clamping the spaced wires, adjustably connecting the handle to the head.

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