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GOLF BAG JACKET

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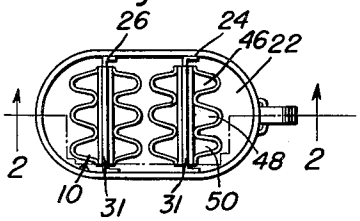



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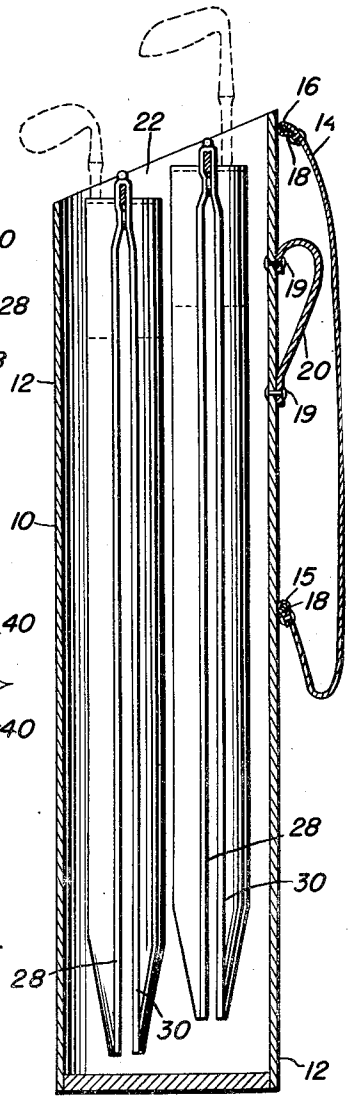



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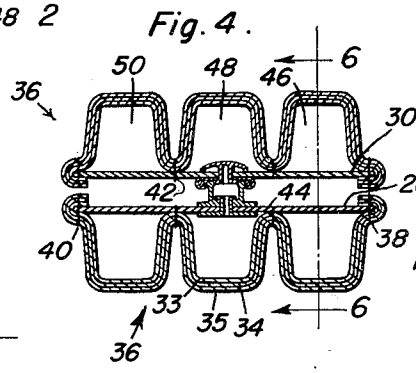



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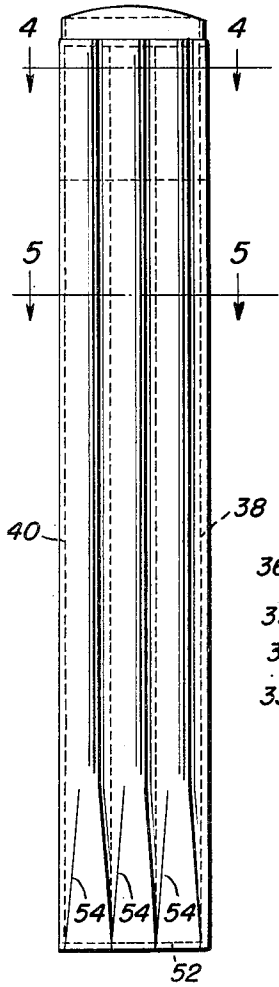



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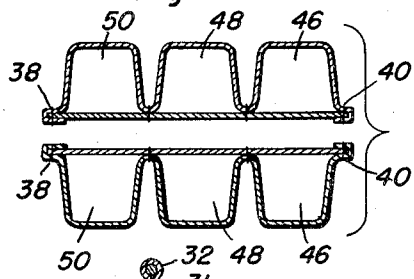
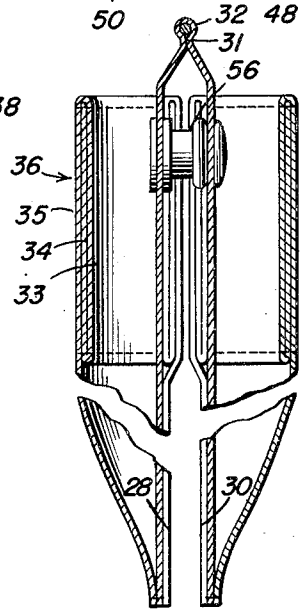



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## GOLF BAG JACKET

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This invention relates to a golf bag jacket and is adaptable for use in association with a golf bag of customary and ordinary construction.

An object of this invention is to provide an insert for a golf bag adapted to support a plurality of golf clubs within the bag.

An object of this invention is to provide a golf bag insert having a plurality of tubular pockets, forming open topped and closed bottom club receiving pockets, to retain the clubs in the individual pockets.

By retaining the clubs separately within the golf bag proper and within the individual pockets in particular, the danger of damage to the clubs by jamming together or by being banged together as the bag is carried over the course, is obviated and the proper selection of the correct club is facilitated.

Another object of this invention is to provide a golf holder insert supported within a conventional golf bag by means of the customary dividers formed adjacent the opening of the bag.

Another object of this invention is to provide retaining pockets within a golf bag, to hold therein any desired number of clubs.

Another object of this invention is to provide a golf club carrying structure simple and inexpensive to manufacture, easily adapted for use in association with any type of golf bag of ordinary construction, and of a sturdy durable material so as to adequately retain the golf clubs within the bag.

With these and other ancillary objects in view, this invention consists of certain novel structure and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described in the following description and as aptly exemplified in the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a golf bag, showing the individual pocket insert supported within the bag by means of the dividers formed adjacent the opening of the bag;

Figure 2 is a side sectional view taken substantially on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, showing the insert extending downwardly within the opening in the bag;

Figure 3 is a side elevational view of the insert, showing the pockets formed on the foundation layer thereof;

Figure 4 is a cross-sectional view taken substantially on the line 4—4 of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a cross-sectional view taken substantially on the line 5—5 of Figure 3, and

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken substantially on the line 6—6 of Figure 4.

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This invention relates to an insert adapted for use within a golf bag to individually support therein a plurality of golf clubs having their head portions extending without the casing.

As shown in the drawings, this invention is adapted for use in association with a golf bag 12 of ordinary construction and having a shoulder bearing strap 14 formed with hooks 16, 15 on the respective ends, adapted to be received around the rings 18 secured to the casing adjacent the top thereof and midway between the top and bottom thereof.

A hand carrying strap 20 is provided and is riveted to a side of the casing by rivets 19.

The golf bag is of usual construction and has an oval opening 22 formed at one end to accomodate the golf clubs within the bag.

Suitable means, such as rods 24 and 26 are secured to the opposing sides of the casing and are provided to serve as dividers and are evenly spaced within the opening adjacent the top thereof.

The insert is generally denoted by the character reference 10 and is shown as comprising a foundation layer which is folded over midway between its two extremities to form a pair of elongated opposing strips 28 and 30. This insert may be formed of any flexible material such as canvas, leather, plastic, or any other suitable material. The downwardly extending and opposing foundation layers 28, 30 are stitched at their fold point by suitable stitching 31. A shaft or rod 32 is inserted within the eye formed at the juncture point to reinforce the juncture point.

A piece of elongated material of a suitable width and of a suitable type such as canvas, leather, plastic or of a type similar to that of the foundation layers is employed to form on the face of the foundation layers a plurality of club receiving pockets. These pockets will be formed on the outer surface of the oppositely disposed foundation layers and would be either three or four in number, so that each insert would be capable of holding either six or eight clubs.

The pocket material is folded down at one end as at 33 and the end 34 is folded up between the fold 33 and the outer layer 35, so as to form a hem 36. This hem is stitched adjacent the blouse thereof and also at the fold line.

Thus, it can be seen that there is provided a reinforcing hem at the open end of each pocket so as to prevent wear on the pockets as the golf clubs are extracted from their interior.

The respective side edges of the pocket material is turned over the respective side edges of

the foundation layer so as to form an arcuate seat for the edges of the foundation layer and are suitably stitched the distance of the respective lengths as is shown at 38, 40. The material is then loosely gathered and stitched to the foundation layer as at 42, 44 so as to form three pockets on the face of the foundation layer.

Of course, it is to be understood that by providing a greater or lesser width of material and stitching the material to the face of the foundation layer as above described, a lesser or greater number of golf club pockets could be formed on the surface of the foundation layer.

As is illustrated in Figure 4 of the drawings, by stitching the pocket material to the foundation layer at 42, 44, there is formed three golf club receiving pockets designated 46, 48, 50 respectively.

The foundation layer and the pocket forming material are stitched together at their respective ends by suitable stitching as shown at 52. The gathering of the pocket material at the stitched point 52 forms pocket pleats 54 of a limited length extending from the stitching 52 upwardly.

After the pockets are thus formed on the outer surfaces of the oppositely disposed foundation layers of the insert 10, the insert is then placed into the bag opening and supported therein by straddling the two ends 28, 30 over the divider rods 24, 26.

Of course, suitable means are provided to retain the insert within the bag and over the dividers and comprises a snap fastener 56 formed on the opposing rear surfaces of the foundation layers 28, 30 adjacent to the juncture point 31 thereof and adapted to be snapped into place after the insert is placed into the bag around the dividers 24 and 26.

As before stated, the number of pockets formed on the foundation layers would be optional. However, it is preferred that one of the inserts be formed with three pockets on each of the opposing foundation layers so that one insert will accommodate six clubs. The other insert would accommodate eight clubs by having four pockets formed on each of the faces of the opposing foundation layers. This would allow the regulation number of clubs 14, as described by the rules, to be carried within the bag or if desired, would allow any suitable or lesser number to be carried very adequately and conveniently.

It is believed that the foregoing description is of an adequate nature to allow those skilled in the art to understand the construction and utilization of the insert for the golf clubs and it is believed that a further and fuller description is not needed.

It can be seen in the light of the foregoing description and the accompanying drawings that there has been provided an insert for use



in association with ordinary golf bags, which is simple and inexpensive to manufacture and which will accommodate the golf clubs within the golf bag separately in individual pockets so as to prevent damage to the golf clubs and will be easily and conveniently given to utilization with any ordinary bag of conventional construction.

It is to be understood that certain changes in the style, shape, or structure may be made by anyone and would not constitute a departure from the spirit of this invention.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A device for supporting golf clubs within a golf bag having a horizontally disposed divider formed transversely on the open end, comprising a pair of elongated opposing foundation layers of flexible material hingedly joined together at the upper end of the bag and adapted to straddle the divider and extend downwardly into the bag, with the hinged ends seated on the divider, and a series of pockets formed on the outer surfaces of the foundation layers and extending substantially the full length thereof for supporting golf clubs, and means for securing the foundation layers in place over the dividers and within the bag.

2. The combination of claim 1, said means including complementary-fastening members secured to said foundation layers adjacent the hinged ends.

3. The combination of claim 1, said pockets being formed of an elongated piece of flexible material stitched down each side to the corresponding side of the foundation layer and stitched to the foundation layer between the two sides to form a plurality of club receiving pockets, the foundation layer and outer pocket piece being stitched securely together across the bottom and tapering inwardly to form a series of pocket pleats.

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