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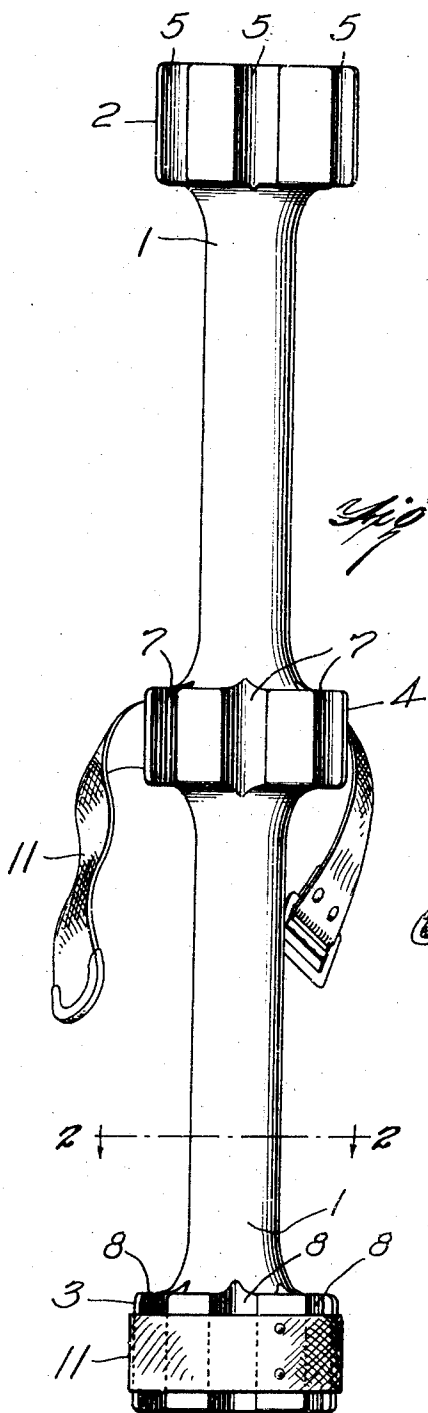


Fig. 1.

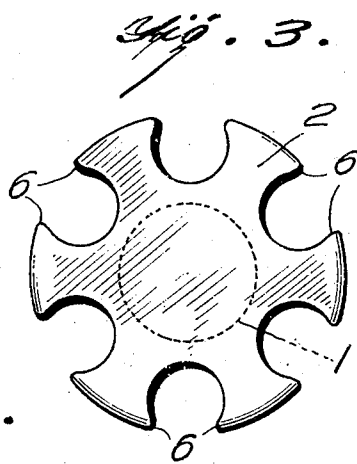


Fig. 3.

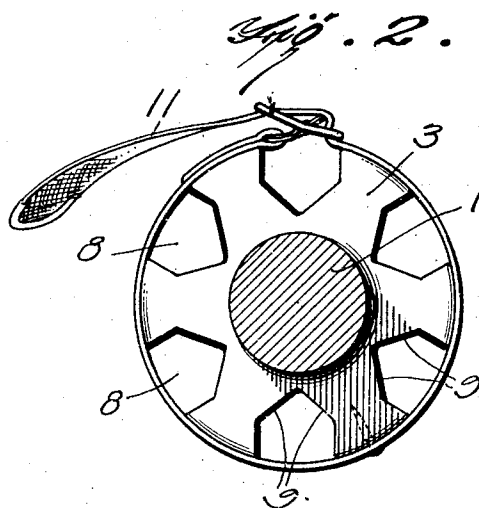


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to a device for holding golf clubs when not in use and for straightening the same while so held.

The principal object of the invention is the provision of a device of the character described which will be small and compact, yet efficient for the purpose for which it is designed, and which may be used for straightening shafts of clubs which may have become warped or to prevent shafts from warping while not in use.

To this end the invention comprises a post having spaced apart enlargements thereon preferably at each end and at an intermediate portion, the enlargements being provided with alined shaft receiving recesses, so arranged that shafts of various sizes may be accommodated therein, and in addition means such as a web or leather strap or the like for wrapping around the shafts at the enlarged portion of the device whereby the shafts are rigidly held therein.

The invention contemplates the provision of a post as above described in which the club shafts will be in contact with the device in three spaced apart positions, the club shaft being out of contact with the device between these positions or enlargements.

The invention further contemplates a device of such a character which will naturally grip the club by reason of the shape of the shaft receiving recesses while the clubs are being arranged.

The invention further consists in the novel arrangement, construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and shown in the drawing.

In the drawing:—

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of one embodiment of my invention showing its mode of operation.

Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view of the device of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a plane view of the device.

Referring particularly to the embodiment illustrated, I have shown at 1 a post of wood or other suitable material provided with integral terminal enlargements 2 and 3 and an intermediate enlarged portion 4.

Each of the enlarged portions is provided with peripheral recesses, the axis of which are substantially parallel to the axis of the post 1. The recesses 5 in end enlargement 2 are of a curved configuration, the open mouth of which is of less width than the

diameter of the recess, so that as the club shaft is slipped through the opening at its narrow diameter it may be moved downwardly until the walls of the recess 5 grip the club at its larger diameter, the corners 6 of the recess walls preventing displacement of the club shaft and making unnecessary the holding of the club shaft while other shafts are being put in place.

The intermediate enlargement 4 is likewise provided with recesses 7, the mouths of which are substantially equal to the widest diameter thereof.

Lower end enlargement 3 is provided with similar recesses 8, except that the recess walls are not curved, but have angular portions 9 as illustrated.

A club being held at its head region in the recesses in the upper enlargement will likewise be received in the recesses of the intermediate and lower end enlargements. Due to the fact that the recess walls in the lowermost enlargement are angular they will readily accommodate themselves in rigid relationship with variously sized shafts. The intermediate and lower enlargements are provided with straps 10 secured thereto and adapted to be arranged around the enlargements and the shafts held therein and buckled securely.

As will be readily seen, the clubs so arranged in the device are supported at three points only, the remainder of the shaft being out of contact with the device. This enables a warped shaft to be readily straightened.

The fact that the device is made in a single piece is advantageous from a manufacturing standpoint while at the same time the weight is kept down to a minimum while providing maximum strength. The device being in the shape shown may with the clubs secured therein be slipped into the golf bag where the clubs are out of the way, yet without interfering with the function of the device.

What I claim is:

1. A holder for golf clubs comprising a post, spaced apart rigid enlargements at each end and at the middle thereof, one of said enlargements having a series of golf club receiving recesses, each recess being of an arc shape greater than a semi-circle.

2. A holder for golf clubs comprising a post having three spaced apart series of

rigid radial arms, the space between arms of one series forming club receiving recesses, the distance between medial portions of two adjacent arms being less than the distance between their ends, whereby a shaft held therein may be moved longitudinally but not radially.

3. A holder for golf clubs comprising a post having three series of spaced apart rigid radial arms thereon, the space between adjacent arms of one series forming a club receiving recess, the open mouth of each recess being greater than the narrowest width of a golf club shaft and narrower than its widest width.

4. A holder for golf clubs comprising a post having three series of spaced apart radial arms thereon, the space between adja-

cent arms forming a club receiving recess, one of said series being adapted to grip a club shaft, the other two to aline and position the club shaft, and means contacting with the ends of one set of arms to secure the shafts so held and positioned.

5. A holder for golf clubs comprising a post having three rigid enlargements, each enlargement having a series of shaft receiving recesses, one enlargement comprising rigid arms having arc shaped recesses therebetween, the ends of each arm flaring outwardly to grip a club shaft located in the adjacent recess, and means to secure a shaft in the other two series of recesses.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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