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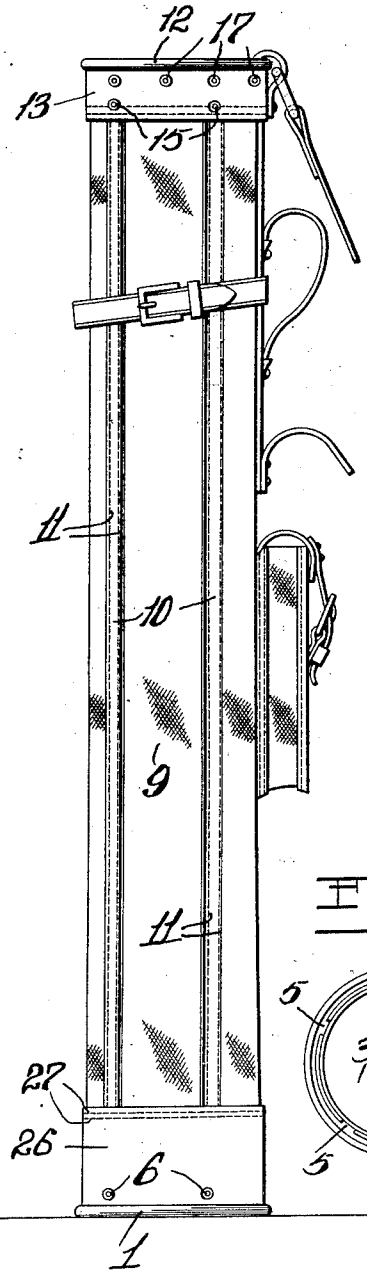


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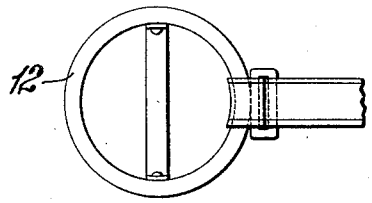


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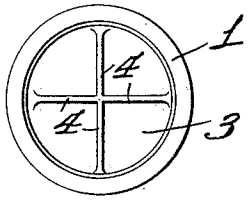


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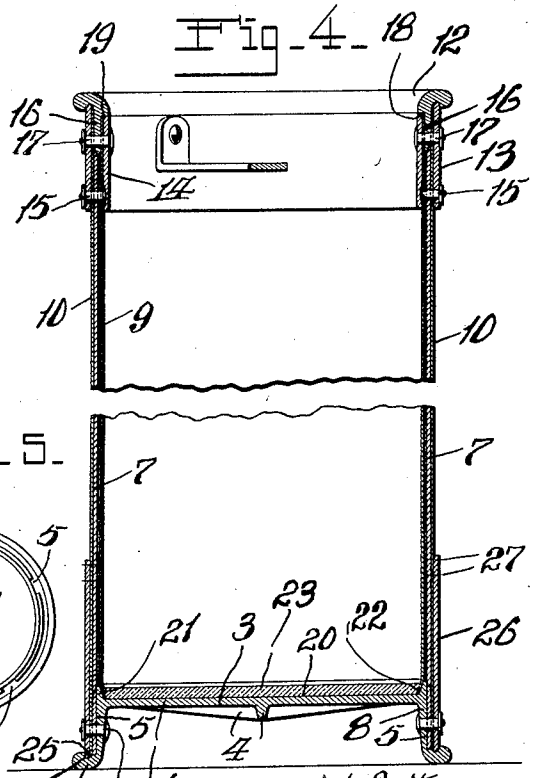
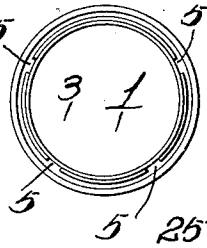


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This invention relates to an improvement in golf bags and has for its primary object the purpose of providing an improved self supporting base for the bag which will withstand the pounding forces applied thereto by the golf clubs as they are descended into the bag.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved manner of reinforcing the vertically extending surrounding wall of the bag, so that the same will be held from collapsing.

A further object of the invention is in providing a golf bag with a plurality of vertical extending stays or stiffeners which are peculiarly supported from the base of the bag.

Other and further objects will appear in the specification and be specifically pointed out in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, exemplifying the invention, and in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of this improved golf bag.

Figure 2 is a top view of Fig. 1.

Figure 3 is an inverted view of the supporting base of the bag.

Figure 4 is an enlarged vertical section taken through the bag having the intermediate portion thereof broken away.

Figure 5 is a top plan view of the supporting base.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawings, this improved bag is comprised of a metallic base 1 which is preferably constructed of aluminum, said base having an annular ground engaging portion 2 which is depended from the bottom portion 3 of the base, said bottom portion being provided with under arranged ribs 4.

The ground engaging portion 2 of the base 1 on the outside thereof is provided with a plurality of vertically extending recesses 5, and mounted in each of said recesses and secured therein by rivets, such as 6, are respective upwardly extending metallic stays 7, said rivets passing through the depending wall 8 of the ground engaging portion 2.

Arranged interiorly of the stays 7 is a flexible wall 9 which is made from fabric or leather, said wall being circular or sleeve like in shape and is secured to the stays 7 by vertically extending strips 10, each strip being arranged against the outside of a respective stay 7 and secured to the wall 9 by vertical stitching 11 which is formed adjacent each side edge of each stay, as shown more clearly in Fig. 1.

A metallic mouth ring 12 is located at the upper end of the fabric wall 9, said ring being secured in a co-operable position with the upper end of the wall 9 by an outer sleeve 13 and an inner sleeve 14, the sleeve 13 being secured to the upper end of the stays 7 by rivets such as 15, each one of which is respectively passed through each of the stays 7 and the sleeve 13, whereas the sleeve 14 is secured interiorly of the upper end of the wall 9 and the annular depending portion 16 of the ring 12 by rivets such as 17, said rivets passing through the inner sleeve 14 through the depending portion 16 of the ring 12 and through the outer sleeve 13.

For the purpose of providing the entry of the golf clubs from being obstructed by the upper edge 18 of the inner sleeve 14 an annular shoulder 19 is provided on the inner wall of the depending portion 16 of the ring 12, the upper edge 18 of the inner sleeve 14 being engaged beneath said shoulder 19.

If desired, the upper end of the stays 7 can be secured to the depending portion 16 of the ring 12.

The base ring 1 above the bottom 3 thereof is counter-sunk, as designated at 20 and around which is formed an annular upwardly extending lip 21 and engaged in the inner side of said lip is the lower portion 22 of the wall 9, and located within the counter-sunk portion 20 is a shock absorbing layer or plate 23, said layer 23 being secured to the bottom 3 by gluing or riveting, and is adapted to hold down the lower portion 22 of the wall 9.

In the use of a bag of this improved character from the construction related, it is to be noted that the upwardly extending structure is built and supported from the base 1 and when golf clubs are descended therein with a dropping force in which they generally are, the shock therefrom will be received solely by the base and in which the shock will not be borne by the flexible wall 9, and on account of the base being constructed of metal the weight of the falling clubs can not force themselves through the bottom of the base.

In the carrying of this improved golf bag from place to place when it is loaded or filled with the golf implements, the weight

of the implements will be borne by the base 1 and sustained by the stays 7 and not by the flexible wall 9 of the bag. This is on account of the stays being secured at their lower ends to the base 1 and at their upper ends to the outer sleeve 13 and the ring 12.

The mounting of the lower end of the stays within respective recesses 5 of the base 1 provides a secured base or support for said stays so that they will not tend to lean or swing from their vertical arrangement, thus providing means whereby the bag will stand upright and be self supporting without tending to sag or distort as is the inclination of the present day type of golf bags.

For providing a finish to the lower end of the bag, an annular groove 24 is formed in the ground engaging portion 2 of the base 1, said groove being for the reception of the lower edge 25 of the base finishing sleeve 26, said sleeve being secured to the base by the rivets 6 and to the wall 9 by stitching 27.

What I claim is:—

A golf bag provided with a metallic base having an annular depending ground engaging portion, said base being provided with an annular groove, said base having a plurality of relatively wide and shallow vertically disposed recesses formed on the outside of the depending portion thereof extending into said groove, a relatively flat stay secured in each of said recesses, securing means passing through each of said stays for securing them in their respective recesses, a metallic mouth ring riveted to the upper ends of said stays, and a flexible wall secured to said stays.

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