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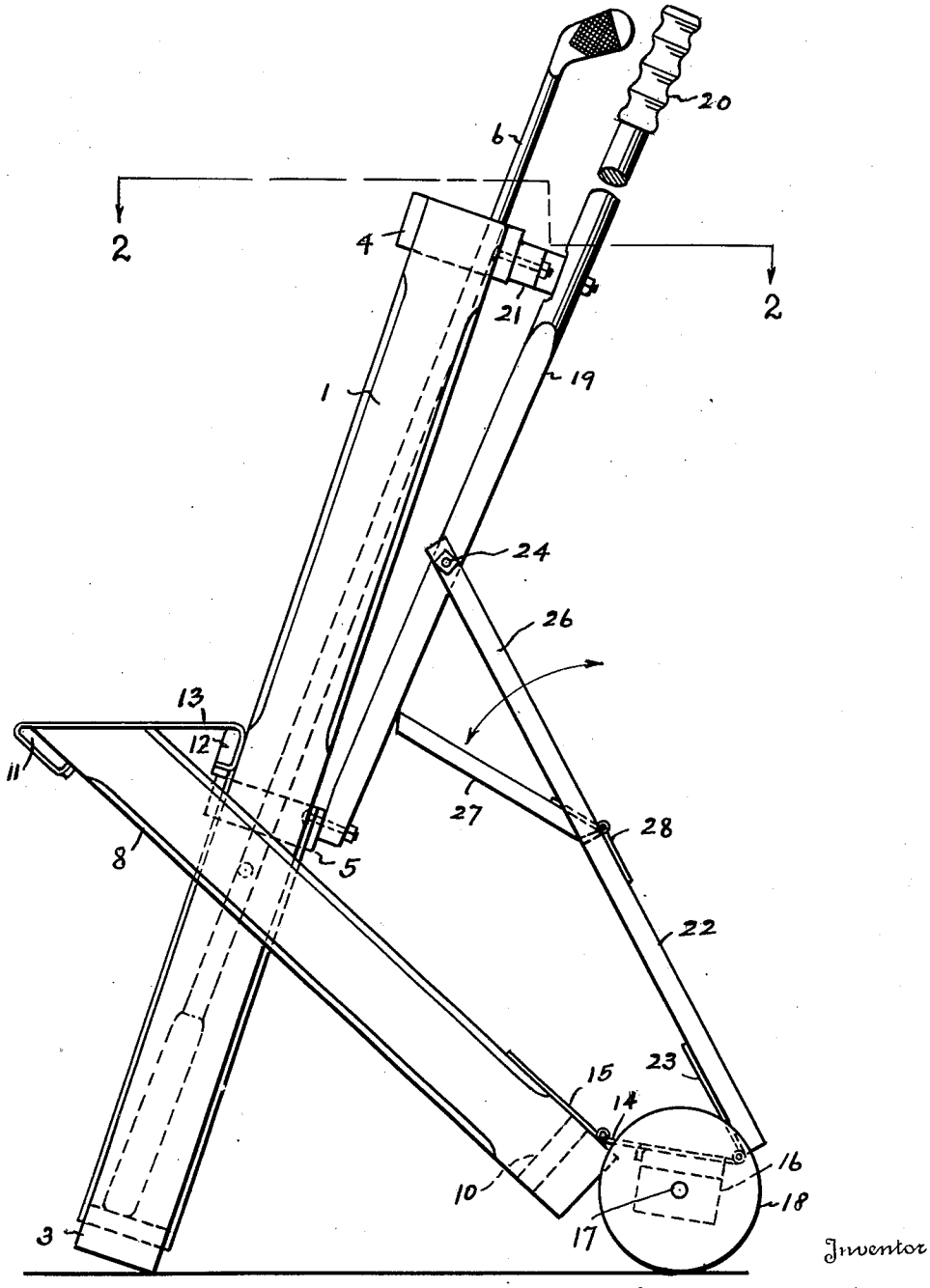


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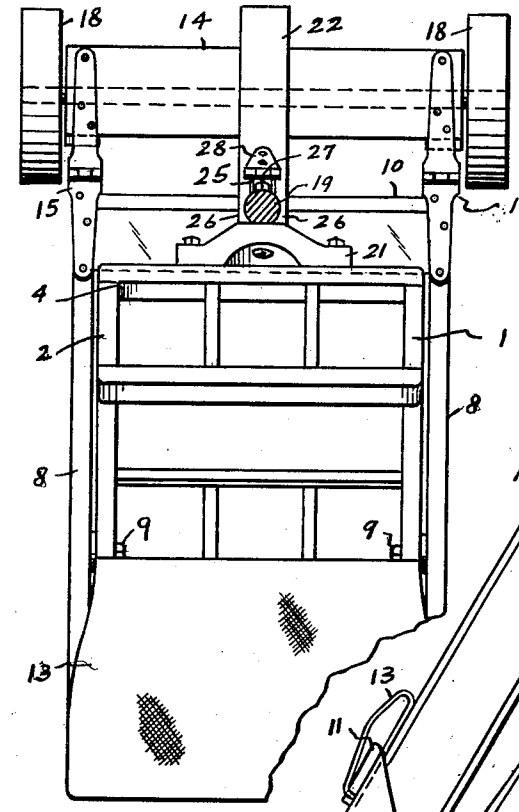


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to a combined stool and carrier.

An object of the invention is to provide a carrier for golf equipment whereby the same may be conveniently moved about the golf course while playing the game and which may be readily converted into a stool when desired.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which may be collapsed into comparatively small space so that it may be easily transported from place to place while not being used as a golf equipment carrier.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a combination stool and carrier of such construction that the supporting legs may be readily swung into supporting position so as to support the device in approximately upright position, so that it may be utilized as a stool, and latched in said position so that the device may also be used to carry the equipment about the course while the game is being played, the legs being so pivoted that when unlatched they will automatically swing into alignment with the side members of the holder when the device is lifted to be carried about.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention has particular relation to certain novel features of construction arrangement of parts and use; an example of which is given in this specification and illustrated in the accompanying drawings wherein:

Figure 1 shows a side elevation of the device latched in position for use either as a stool or carrier.

Figure 2 shows a transverse sectional view thereof taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1, and

Figure 3 shows a side view of the carrier in collapsed position.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, the numerals 1 and 2 designate the side members of the golf club holder which are formed of any suitable rigid material. These side members are connected at the bottom by the cross bar 3 and are connected at the top, and approximately midway between the top and bottom, by the cross racks 4 and 5, so as to form an approximately rectangular, rigid structure.

The racks 4 and 5 are constructed to receive golf clubs 6 as shown in Figures 1 and 3. The holder above described is substantially similar to that shown in Patent No. 2,031,119 issued to this applicant on Feb. 18, 1936. The grip ends of the handles of the golf clubs will rest on the cross bar 3 and will be retained thereon and protected by the fabric side walls which are secured at their margins to opposite edges of the side members 1 and 2 and extend from the bar 3 up approximately to the rack 5, as shown in said patent.

Pivoted to the outer sides of the respective side 1, 2 are the legs 8, 8, which are pivoted to move on a common transverse axis by the bolts 9, 9. The lower ends of these legs are secured in fixed relation by the cross bar 10 and the upper ends of the legs extend forwardly beyond the side members 1, 2 and are secured together by the cross bars 11 which is attached to their forward edges.

The legs 8 may be pivoted to the side members 1 and 2 at points nearer the upper ends than the lower ends of said legs and the lower ends of the legs are extended beneath the lower ends of the side members 1, 2 so that when the carrier is set down on the ground the lower ends of the side members 1 and 2 will swing forwardly into the position shown in Figure 1 and the carrier will be thereby maintained in upright position with the side members 1 and 2 declining rearwardly from the vertical.

The side members 1, 2 have a cross bar 12 secured to their forward edges. This cross bar is located intermediate the ends of the side members and there is a flexible support 13 forming a seat. One end of this support is fastened to the cross bar 12 and is passed up around the rear side of said cross bar and over its top margin and the forward end of the support 13 is passed over the top margin of the cross bar 11 and is secured to the forward side of said last mentioned cross bar as shown in Figures 1 and 3.

There is a transverse plate 14 which is connected by the strap hinges 15, 15, to the lower ends of the legs 8, 8, so that the plate may be folded up against the rear edges of said legs as shown in Figure 3. A transverse axle 16 is secured to the underside of this plate and said axle has the end spindles 17, 17, on which the ground wheels 18, 18, are mounted to rotate.

There is a handle 19 whose upper end is formed into a hand grip 20. The lower end of this handle is fastened to the rack 5, as clearly shown in Figure 1 and secured to the rear margin of the rack 4 is a bracket 21 to which the handle 19 is bolted. It will be noted from an inspection of Figure 2 that the handle 19 is located midway between the side members 1, 2, and it is of sufficient length to locate the grip 20 up out of the way of the clubs 6.

There is a link 22 whose lower end is connected to the plate 14 midway between its ends. Said link is connected to said plate by the strap hinge

23. The upper end of the link 22 is pivoted to the handle 19 by means of the cross bolt 24. Said upper end has a lengthwise slot 25 thus forming the spaced arms 26, 26 which embrace said handle.

When it is desired to use the device as a carrier to carry the golf equipment about the course while playing the game the grip 20 may be gripped and moved downwardly, thus elevating the lower ends of the side members 1, 2 from the ground and the carrier may be moved about on the ground wheels 18. In order to prevent the device from inadvertently collapsing while being so used a latch 27 has been provided. This latch works through the slot 25 and is hinged at the lower end of said slot, to the link 22, by the hinge 28. The latch may be swung into active position with its free end in engagement with the handle 19, as shown in Figure 1 and the parts will thus be latched in the position shown in Figure 1 so that upon movement of the handle downwardly the carrier may be shoved along on the wheels 18, as hereinabove explained without danger of collapsing.

When it is desired to collapse the carrier the latch 27 may be swung outwardly into the position shown in Figure 3 and the legs 8 may then be swung into parallel relation with the side members 1, 2 and the link 22 will swing inwardly folding the plate 14 up closely against the rear edges of the leg 8 and carrying the ground wheels 18 along with it into the position shown in Figure 3 so that the carrier will be collapsed into small space and may be conveniently carried about or placed in a motor vehicle for transportation.

The drawings and description are illustrative merely while the broad principle of the invention will be defined by the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A carrier for golf equipment comprising side members, cross members securing said side members in spaced relation, legs pivoted to the side members and adapted to swing outwardly to form supports for the carrier, means for limiting the outward movement of said legs, a carriage, including ground wheels, hinged to the lower ends of said legs, a handle for the carrier, a link pivoted to the handle at one end and whose other end has a pivotal connection with said carriage, a latch pivoted to the link and engageable with the handle to latch said legs in said outward supporting position, said legs, carriage and link being movable into position alongside said side members upon release of the latch.

2. A carrier for golf equipment comprising an approximately rectangular frame having racks for receiving golf clubs, a pair of side legs pivoted to the frame and whose lower ends are movable outwardly into supporting position, a carriage including ground wheels hinged to said lower ends, a link having a pivotal connection with the frame, at one end, and having a hinged connection with the carriage at its other end whereby the carriage is maintained in position to support said legs with said wheels in contact with the supporting surface.

3. A carrier for golf equipment comprising a substantially rectangular rigid frame, means thereon for receiving golf clubs, a pair of side supporting legs pivoted to the frame and whose lower ends are arranged to swing outwardly into supporting position, means for limiting the outward swinging movement of the legs, a handle fixed to the frame, a carriage including ground wheels having a pivotal connection with the lower ends of said legs, a link one end of which is pivoted to the handle and whose other end has a pivotal connection with the carriage and latch means for latching the legs in said supporting position.

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