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GOLF BALL TEE

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Fig. 1.

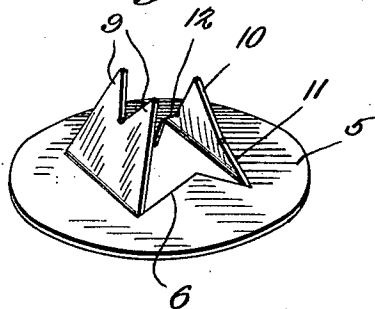


Fig. 2.

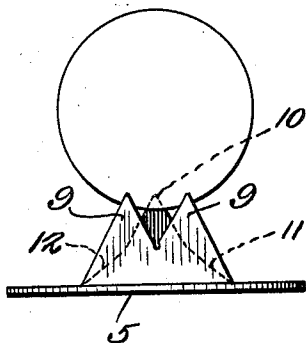


Fig. 3.

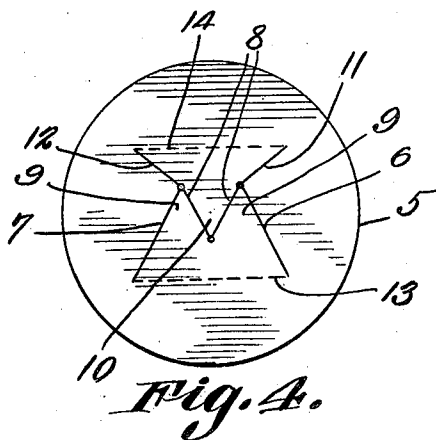
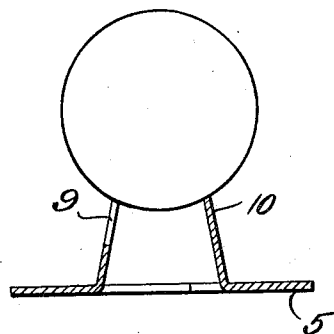


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GOLF-BALL TEE.

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The present invention relates to golf ball tees, the primary object of the invention being to provide a tee constructed of cardboard, heavy paper or the like material and formed in such a way that it may be conveniently carried in the pocket of the user, the tee requiring but little space in the pocket of the user.

An important object of the invention is to so construct the tee that by punching the central portion thereof with the fingers, upwardly extended supporting members will be provided on which the golf ball may be positioned to be struck by the club.

A further object of the invention is to provide a tee of this character which will have a substantially large base to insure against the tee toppling over under wind pressure or irregularities that might occur on the surface on which the golf tee is positioned.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a tee which may be cheaply constructed, and one which will not be easily lost when struck with the club of the user in hitting a ball.

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 disclosed, 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 perspective view of a golf tee constructed in accordance with the invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view thereof.

Figure 3 is a transverse sectional view through the tee.

Figure 4 is a plan view of the tee before the supporting fingers have been forced from the body portion of the tee.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the device includes a disk-like body portion 5 constructed preferably of cardboard material, heavy paper or the like, but it is to be understood that any desired thin sheet material may be employed in the construction of the golf tee without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the formation of the tee, the central portion of the body is cut as at 6 and 7, the lines being diagonally disposed. Cuts 8 are also formed in the material, defining supporting fingers 9 that are disposed in spaced relation with each other as clearly shown by Figure 1.

In the formation of the fingers 9, a finger 10 is formed, the side edges of the finger 10 at points beyond the extremities of the fingers 9 being formed by cuts 11 and 12 respectively. Lines 13 and 14 are formed at the bases of the fingers providing indicating lines wherein the fingers should be bent when moved to their operative positions as shown by Figure 1, which movement of the fingers may be accomplished by the thumbs of the person using the tool, it being only necessary to force the fingers 9 and 10 outwardly from the body portion on the lines 13 and 14.

When the fingers 9 and 10 have been moved to their operative positions, it will be obvious that a three point support is provided, in such a way that a golf ball may rest between the points in a manner as shown by Figure 2 and be held in its proper teed position for striking with a golf club.

I claim:—

1. A golf ball tee including a body portion formed of sheet material, supporting members stamped from the body portion, one of the supporting members being constructed to define a pair of supporting fingers, the opposite supporting member including a supporting finger disposed in a line between the fingers of the opposite supporting member, and said supporting members adapted to be extended above the body portion.

2. A golf ball tee including a body portion constructed to provide a base, said body portion being formed of sheet material, said body portion having diagonal cuts formed therein to provide a central supporting portion, the central supporting portion having diagonal cuts to provide a pair of supporting members, one of the supporting members including spaced fingers, the opposite supporting member including a single finger, and said supporting members adapted to be extended beyond the surface of the body portion.

Witness my hand, this the 17th day of February, A. D. 1926.

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