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GOLF TEE

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FIG. 1

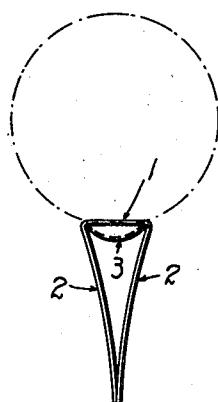


FIG. 2

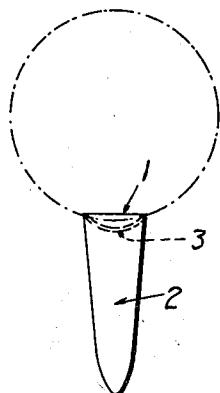


FIG. 3



FIG. 4

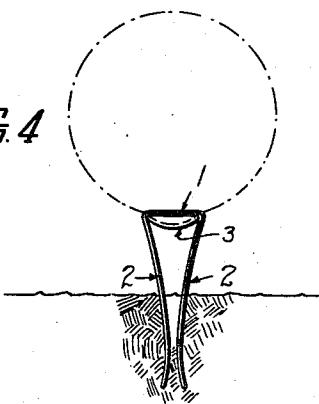
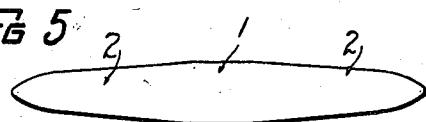


FIG. 5



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This invention relates to golf tees, it more particularly relating to a golf tee of the portable type.

An object of my invention is to provide a golf tee which can be cheaply and economically manufactured.

Another object of the invention is to provide a sheet metal golf tee so constructed that a large surface will be available for lithographing or otherwise impressing thereon advertising matter.

A further object is to provide a golf tee so formed that it may be made of light grade sheet metal from which cans, outdoor signs and so forth are constructed, thereby enabling me to use the scrap from such articles of manufacture for the construction of my tee.

Another object of the invention is to provide a sheet metal golf tee having a pair of prongs which are so disposed that they will acquire firm anchorage in the ground.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is an elevation of a golf tee embodying the improvements, looking at the edges of the prongs.

Fig. 2 is another elevation of the same, looking at the face of the prongs.

Fig. 3 is a top plan view.

Fig. 4 is a view showing the tee inserted in the ground.

Fig. 5 is a view of the blank from which the tee is formed.

The tee is constructed of sheet metal, shaped and cut to provide a head 1 and a pair of prongs 2, the head being pressed to the form shown as to provide a recess or pocket 3. The head is formed from the intermediate portion of the blank while the prongs are bent from the ends of the head toward each other with the extreme outer ends lying closely adjacent each other.

When the tee is pressed into the ground, the pressure of the earth upon the sides of the prongs causes the extreme ends thereof to separate in the manner shown in Fig. 4 which allows earth to enter between the separate ends of the prongs and afford a firm anchorage for the tee.

It will be noticed that the extreme inner portion of the base of each prong is the same width as the head and that the prong tapers but slightly excepting at the extreme point.

This provides prongs of ample width to give a surface which is available for advertising purposes; the blank being lithographed with any desired advertising matter before it is pressed and bent to shape.

By reason of the fact that a pair of prongs are provided disposed as described, a comparatively rigid tee is formed even though manufactured from light grade sheet metal such as used for the manufacture of cans, outdoor signs and so forth, thus enabling me to utilize scrap material for the manufacture of the tee.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. In a golf tee, a head, a pair, of prongs projecting from the head, said head and prongs being formed from a single elongated blank of sheet metal with the head formed from the central portion thereof and the prongs formed from the end portions by bending the metal of the blank.

2. In a golf tee, a head, a pair of prongs projecting from the head, said head and prongs being formed from a single elongated blank of sheet metal with the head formed from the central portion thereof and the prongs formed from the end portions by bending the metal of the blank, said prongs being so bent as to converge in the direction of their points.

3. In a golf tee, a head, a pair of prongs projecting from the head, said head and prongs being formed from a single elongated blank of sheet metal with the head formed from the central portion thereof and the prongs formed from the end portions by bending the metal of the blank, the extreme base of each prong being the same width as the head to provide prongs of ample width for the reception of advertising matter.

4. In a golf tee, a head, a pair of prongs projecting from the head, said head and prongs being formed from a single elongated blank of sheet metal, with the head formed from the central portion thereof and the prongs formed from the end portions by bending the metal of the blank, the extreme base of the prongs being substantially the same width as the head, the sides of said prongs being but slightly tapered from the major portion of their length, with the ex-

treme point sharply tapered, to provide a prong of ample width for advertising purposes.

5. In a golf tee, a head, said head having a depressed portion to form a pocket, a pair of prongs projecting from the head, said head and prongs being formed from a single

elongated blank of sheet metal with the head formed from the central portion thereof and the prongs formed from the end portions by bending the metal of the blank. 10

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of August, 1927.

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