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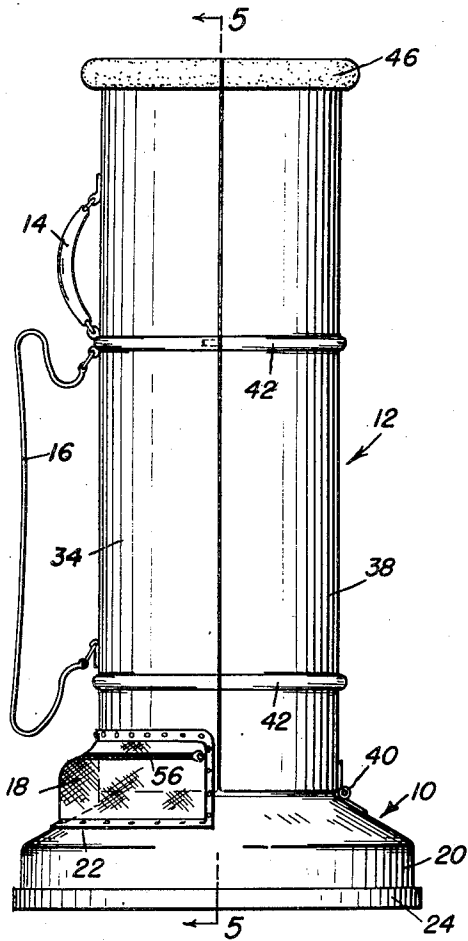


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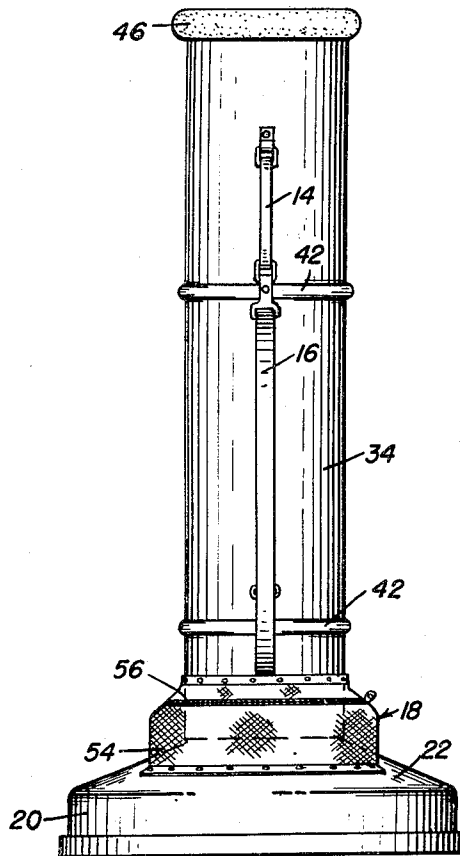
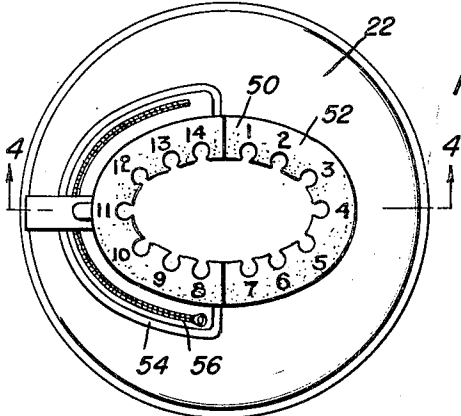


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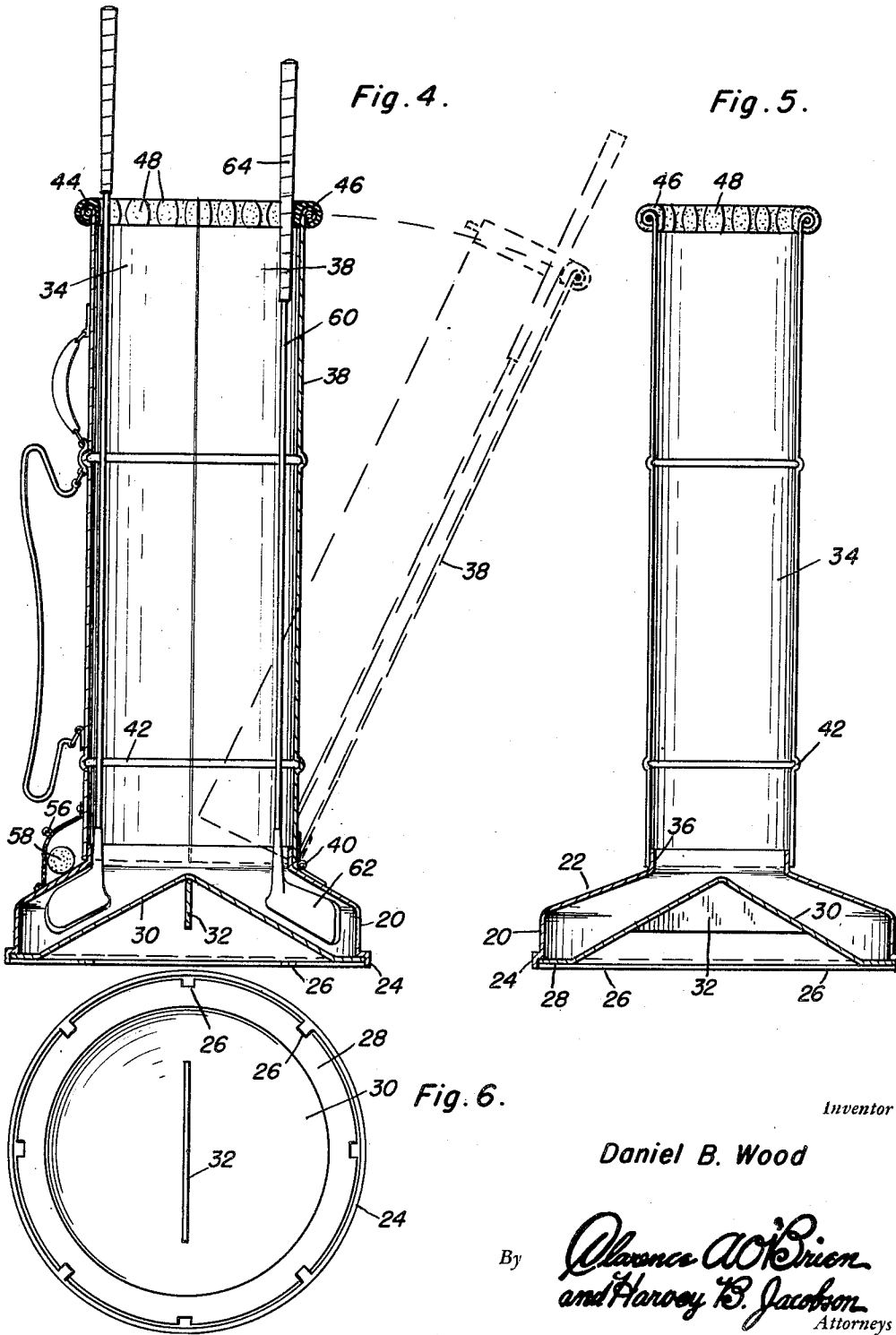
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### 1 Claim. (Cl. 150—1.5)

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This invention comprises novel and useful improvements in a stand-up golf bag and more specifically pertains to a rigid construction of a golf bag which is capable of supporting its own weight and of maintaining a plurality of golf clubs therein in a predetermined arrangement and in a readily accessible manner.

It is a primary object of this invention to provide a golf bag of sufficient rigidity to enable the same to readily support its own weight in a stable manner upon golf courses of varying inclinations.

A further purpose of the invention is to provide a golf bag in conformity with the foregoing object which is so constructed as to readily retain a plurality of golf clubs therein in predetermined arrangement and segregation, while permitting ready access to the interior of the bag for inspection, examination, and access to any particular club.

A further purpose of the invention consists in providing a golf bag as set forth in the preceding objects in which is provided an improved means for retaining the golf clubs in a predetermined relation or manner therein together with means for indicating and designating the various clubs.

Yet another object of the invention resides in providing a golf bag in conformity with the foregoing purposes wherein there is provided a highly satisfactory, unobtrusive storage means for golf balls and tees.

And a final important purpose of the invention to be specifically enumerated herein, is to provide a golf bag conforming to the above mentioned objects wherein the base thereof is hollow and wherein provision is made for snugly accommodating the heads of golf clubs in a highly efficient and compact manner.

These, together with various ancillary objects of the invention which will later become apparent as the following description proceeds, are attained by this device, a preferred embodiment of which has been illustrated, by way of example only, in the attached drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a preferred embodiment of the invention;

Figure 2 is a side elevational view taken from the left of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the device shown in Figures 1 and 2;

Figure 4 is a vertical transverse sectional view taken substantially upon the plane of the section line 4—4 of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a further vertical transverse sectional view taken substantially upon the plane of the section line 5—5 of Figure 1; and,

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Figure 6 is a bottom plan view of the device.

Referring now more specifically to the accompanying drawings, wherein like numerals designate similar parts throughout the various views, there is indicated the improved golf bag forming the subject matter of this invention which as shown, consists of a diametrically enlarged annular base 10, to which is secured in a rigid manner, an upright, generally cylindrical body portion 12, which is provided with a handle 14 as well as a carrying strap 16, suitably attached in any convenient manner.

A generally semi-circular ball-carrying bag or receptacle 18 is secured to the body 12 and base 10 adjacent their junction, for conveniently storing golf balls and tees or any other small equipment which a golfer customarily employs.

Attention is now directed more specifically to Figs. 4 and 5, wherein it will be seen that the base 20, which may be of any suitable material such as sheet metal, fiber composition or the like, consists of an annular portion 20 which merges into a frusto-conical portion 22 and which at its bottom is provided with an annularly enlarged rim 24 provided with a plurality of laterally extending inwardly turned lugs 26 constituting retaining means for receiving the annular flange or rim 28 from which extends a central conical wall 30. As shown, the conical portions 22 and 30 constitute upper and lower or top and bottom walls, respectively, of a compartment in the hollow base 10 within which are received a plurality of heads of golf clubs in an obvious manner.

Depending from the conical member 30 is a diametrical rim or flange 32 which serves to strengthen and impart rigidity to the bottom wall 30 of the base, and also provides a hand grip by means of which the bag may be handled.

At its upper extremity, the top wall 22 is provided with an annular upstanding flange 36 upon which is rigidly secured in any suitable manner the bag or body portion 12 of the device. The body portion is preferably formed of a plurality of segments which are arcuate in cross section and which in their entirety may be elliptical as shown in Figure 3, although any other suitable form may be employed as desired.

One of these sections, such as that indicated at 43, is preferably rigidly and permanently attached to the flange 36, while at least one of the sections such as that indicated at 38 is hingedly connected to the frusto-conical wall 22 as by a hinge 40, whereby the same may be selectively pivoted as indicated in Figure 4 to provide access to the interior of the bag and to the hollow golf club head-receiving chamber in the base

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thereof. At suitable intervals, the component of the body 12 may be provided with circumferentially extending ribs or corrugations 42 constituting reinforcing means for imparting additional rigidity to the device.

Although the body portion 12 of the bag has been indicated in Figure 4 as consisting of sheet metal or the like, it is perfectly feasible and within the concepts of this invention to form the same of a fiber composition, or if desired, of a pliable or flexible material provided with suitable reinforcing elements to impart rigidity and strength thereto. At its upper extremity, the bag 12 is provided with an annular outwardly turned bead or rim portion 44 which is embraced by an annular covering 46 of any suitable material, such as sponge rubber or the like. This member serves both to retain the various sections of the body portion 12 in their assembled position and also by means of the plurality of notches 48 upon its inner periphery, serves to frictionally engage and retain in circumferentially spaced position, the handle 54 of various golf clubs having shafts 56 and heads 52.

If desired, the notches may be omitted and suitable equivalent fastening means such as spring metallic fasteners may be substituted therefor, it being merely necessary that a plurality of golf club retaining means be carried by the annular covering 46.

Upon its upper surface, the covering 46 is preferably flattened as indicated at 50 and provided with appropriate indicia 52 appropriately located with reference to the retaining means 48.

The ball-retaining pocket 18 may be formed of any suitable material such as canvas, rubber or other pliable material, and consists of a wall portion 54 suitably attached to both the base 18 and body portion 12 of the device, and is provided with a suitable opening closed by a fastener such as that indicated at 56 for providing easy access to the interior thereof.

As shown in Figure 4, golf balls 58 as well as tees or other objects, may be readily stored within the compartment 18.

In operation, it will be seen that the movable section 38 may be opened as indicated in Figure 4, whereupon various clubs may be positioned within the bag, with their heads 62 suitably disposed in the appropriately shaped compartment formed between the upper and lower walls 22 and 30, and if desired, separated by suitable partitions, not shown. When so positioned, the han-

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dle 64 of the clubs may be retained in the various fasteners 48, thus compactly storing all of the clubs in a manner providing ready access thereto.

From the foregoing, it is believed that the manner of constructing and employing the device will be readily understood, and accordingly, further explanation is believed to be unnecessary.

Since various modifications will readily occur to those skilled in the art after a consideration of the foregoing specification and attached drawings, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction shown and described, but all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to falling within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A golf bag comprising a rigid, hollow base, a cylindrical body mounted upon said base vertically thereof and having a movable section, means hinging said section to said base for vertical pivoting movement to provide access to said bag, said base having a bottom wall elevated at its central portion and sloping to its edges to support the heads of golf clubs, said base having an upper wall overlying said bottom wall in spaced relation to receive and retain the heads of golf clubs therebetween, said upper wall having a central opening, said cylindrical body at its lower end surrounding said opening.

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