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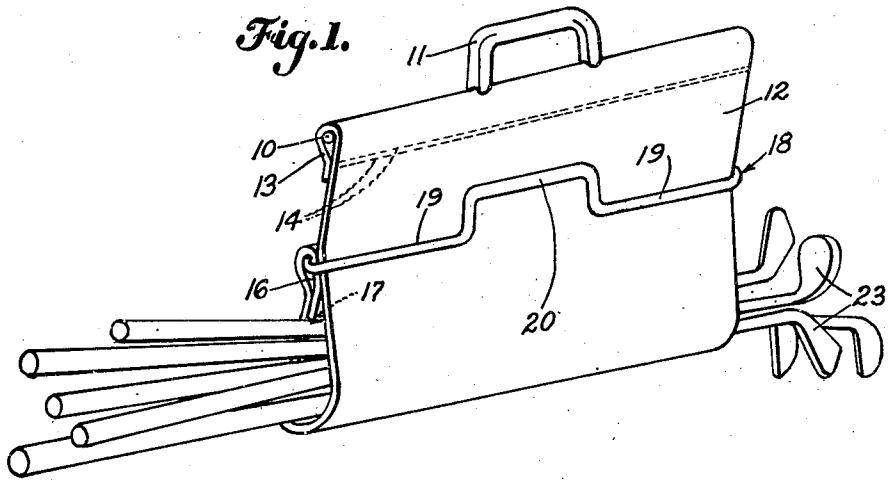

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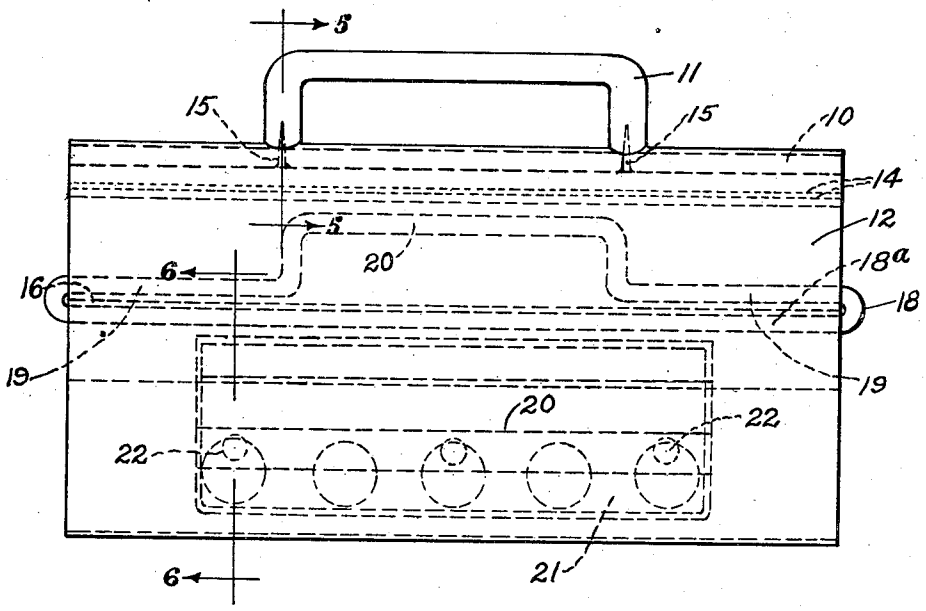

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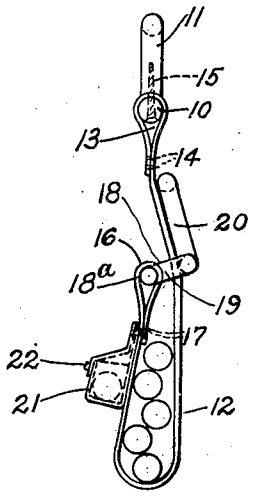

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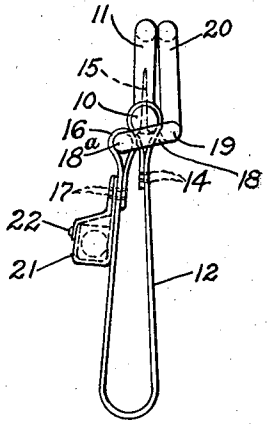

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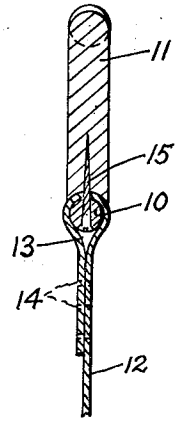

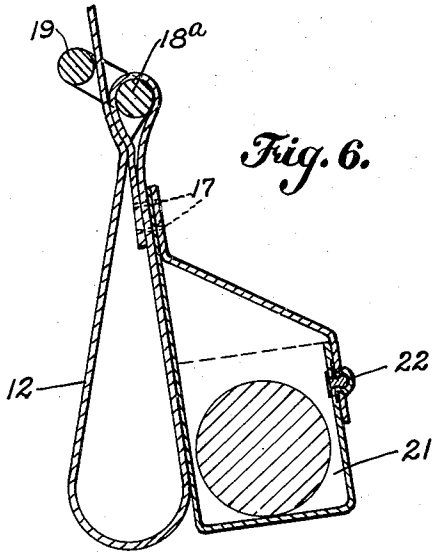

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Our present invention relates to article carriers, and more particularly to an improved article carrier of the flexible body type.

Our invention is particularly adapted for the carrying, in the hand, of articles relatively long, as compared to their thickness, such for example, as umbrellas, canes, golf clubs, and the like. It is of particular use in carrying golf clubs, thereby dispensing with the necessity of carrying the ordinary golf bag, being adapted to carry, safely and securely, the clubs used in playing the game of golf.

An object of our invention is to provide a carrier of this type wherein, where the number of articles to be carried is less than the full capacity of the device, the articles are locked in the device by the weight of the articles themselves.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a carrier of this type wherein both ends of the device may be brought together to be grasped by the hand of the person carrying the device as when loading it or removing articles from it.

Another object is to make said carrier simple in construction, light in weight, durable and relatively inexpensive.

The foregoing and other objects which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, may be accomplished by a construction, combination and arrangements of parts such as is disclosed by the drawings and specification. The nature of the invention is such as to render it susceptible to various changes and modifications, and, therefore, we are not to be limited to said disclosure; but are entitled to all such changes therefrom as fall within the scope of our claims.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing our article carrier with golf clubs carried therein.

Figure 2 is a side elevational view of our carrier showing both handle members in carrying position.

Figure 3 is an end elevational view of the structure shown in Figure 2, as viewed from the left, and

Figure 4 is the same view but with the two handles together in the position when loading our carrier with golf sticks or withdrawing them.

Figures 5 and 6 are enlarged sectional views, taken on the line 5—5 and 6—6 of Figure 2, respectively.

Our improved article carrier comprises a stiffening rod 10, preferably of rigid material, as wood or steel, of appropriate length and to which is secured in any convenient manner, as by screws

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15, a handle 11 of suitable material, such as plastic. 12 designates the main body of our carrier formed of a rectangular strip of suitable material, such as flexible canvas, leather or the like. One end of this body 12 is folded over at 13, and secured to the main body 12 by a line of stitching 14. Screws 15 extend through the folded over portion 13 from said rod 10 into said handle 11.

The other end 16 of the body 12 is folded over and secured to the main portion by a line of stitching 17. Enclosed in the folded over end 16 is an inner side 18a of a rigid loop support 18 having another or outerside portion 19 outside said body 12, having a handle portion 20 at an intermediate point. This handle 20 may be a continuation of said outerside portion 19 or it may be a separate member joined to said portion 19. The handle 20 is of approximately the same size and shape of the handle 11, so these handles may be easily grasped together by the hand of the person when loading or withdrawing clubs from our carrier.

If desired, and referring to Figure 2, a punch 21 may be sewn or otherwise attached to the body 12 near the loop end 16, and provided with button or other flap closures 22, for carrying or storing articles, such as golf balls.

It will be seen that the loop support 18 together with the end 16 of the body 12 is movable with respect to the end 13 of such body 12.

When articles, such as golf clubs 23, are to be carried, as shown in said Figure 1, such clubs 23 are placed in the bight or cavity formed by the body between its two looped ends 13 and 16, whereupon the weight of such clubs will tend to decrease the size of the bight or cavity thus formed, together with the weight of the loop support 18, and thus the golf clubs will be held securely in position while our carrier is held solely by said handle 11.

The space between said loop support sides 18a and 19 is less than said rod 10 and folded end 13 so the latter cannot slip through.

When loading our carrier the two handles 11 and 20 are held together, which brings said loop support 18 up in the position shown in Figure 4 of the drawings, which provides a generous space in said body cavity to place the clubs or withdraw them. When said handle 20 is released, said loop support, aided by its weight and the weight of the articles 23 being carried, slides downwardly along with a portion of the body 12 until it bears against said articles 23, thus tightly gripping them while the player carries them by one handle 11.

What we claim is:

1. An article carrier comprising a flexible body, a stiff bar, an end portion of said body looped over and attached to said body, said bar extending into said loop, a handle above said loop and attached to said bar, a loop support embodying two sides spaced apart, one said side embodying a handle normally extending above said side, another end portion of said body opposite the first-mentioned end portion looped over and attached to said body, the other said side extending into the other end portion loop, the said side embodying said handle being outside said body, the portion of said body between said two end portions extending through and movable in the space between said two sides, said first-mentioned looped over end portion together with said bar being of greater cross-sectional thickness than said space between said sides whereby said end portion and bar cannot pass through said space.

2. An article comprising a flexible body, a stiff bar, an end portion of said body looped over and attached to said body, said bar extending into said loop, a handle above said loop and attached to said bar, a loop support embodying two sides spaced apart, one said side embodying a handle normally extending above said side, another end portion of said body opposite the first-mentioned end portion looped over and attached to said body, the other said side extending into the other end portion loop, the said side embodying said handle being outside said body, the portion of said body between said two end portions extending through and movable in the space between said two sides, said first-mentioned looped over-end portion together with said bar being of greater cross-sectional thickness than said space between said sides whereby said portion and bar cannot pass through said space, said loop support being of such weight that it normally slides downwardly over a portion of said body upon release of its said handle from juxtaposition with said first mentioned handle.

3. An article carrier comprising a flexible body having a stiff end portion, a handle attached to said stiff end portion, a loop support embodying two sides spaced apart one of which is attached to a portion of said body spaced from said stiff end portion, said stiff end portion being of such size relative to said space between said sides that it

cannot pass through it, a portion of said body between said stiff end portion and said portion to which said loop side is attached extending through and movable in the space between said two sides.

4. An article carrier comprising a flexible body, a stiff member attached to an end portion of said body, a handle attached to said stiff member, a loop support embodying two sides spaced apart one of which is in attachment with the opposite end portion of said body, said loop support other side embodying a handle portion offset from adjoining portions thereof and extending substantially parallel with said first-mentioned handle when in position of use adjacent the latter, an intermediate portion of said body slidably extending through said space between said two sides.

5. An article carrier comprising a flexible body, a stiff member attached to an end portion of said body, a handle attached to said stiff member, a loop support embodying two sides spaced apart one of which is attached to the opposite end portion of said body, said loop support other side embodying a handle portion offset from adjoining portions thereof but otherwise extending in substantially the same vertical plane as adjoining portions thereof when in position of use adjacent the first-mentioned handle, an intermediate portion of said body extending between said space between said two sides, and a pouch portion attached to said body and hanging downwardly parallel with said body when said two handles are in position of use adjacent each other.

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