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Fig. 1

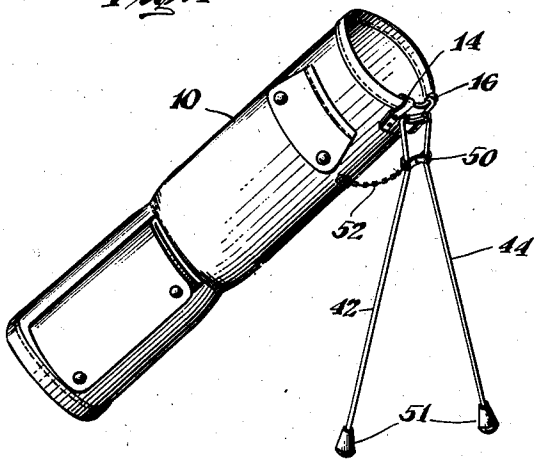


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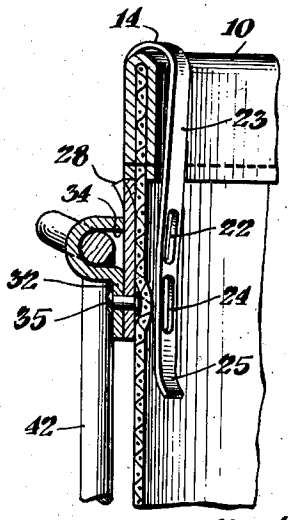


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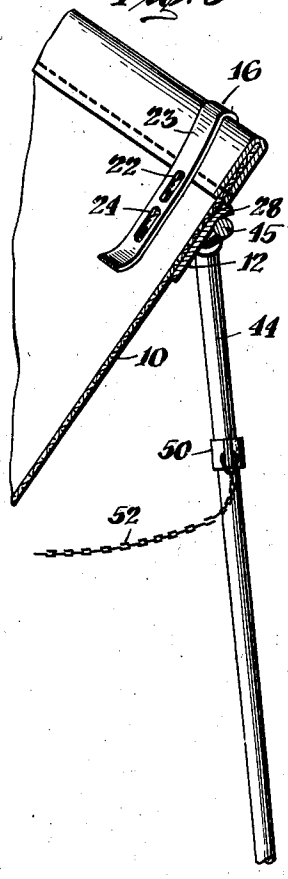


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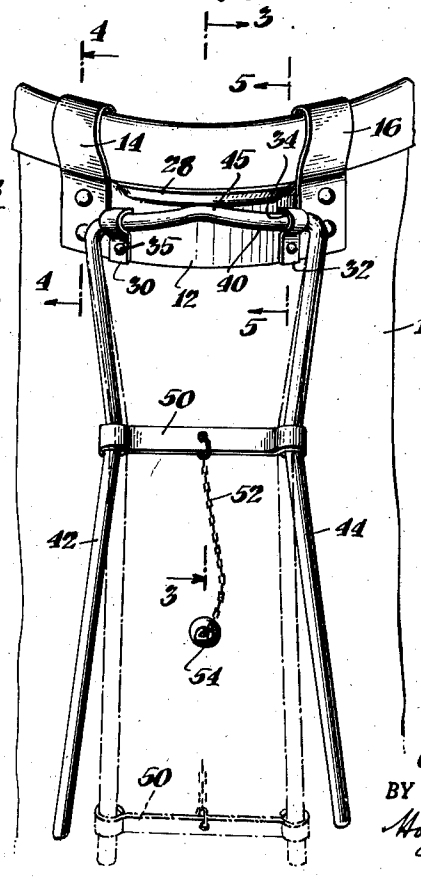
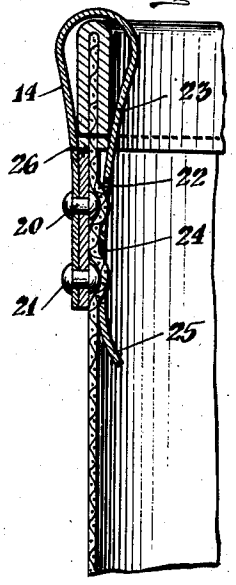


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The present invention relates to supports and more particularly to a support for golf bags.

Supports for golf bags have been proposed heretofore for the purpose of supporting the golf bag in a raised position so that the clubs can easily be selected, withdrawn from and returned to the bag, and also to keep the bag from being laid or dropped upon wet and dirty fairways. The golf bag supports heretofore proposed, however, have not been practical because they are either too complicated, structurally weak, clumsy to use, or too costly.

An object of the present invention, therefore, is to provide a golf bag support which is of simple and sturdy construction, inexpensive to make and easily applied to and conveniently used on golf bags of different sizes.

A further object of the invention is to provide a golf bag support which is adapted to be easily attached to the mouth portion of the bag and to effectively grip the material of the bag so as not to be easily dislodged therefrom.

The above and additional objects of the invention will become more apparent when the following detailed description is read in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a view in perspective of a golf bag and a support of the present invention applied thereto;

Fig. 2 is a front elevational view of the support shown in Fig. 1 with parts broken away; and

Figs. 3, 4 and 5 are vertical sectional views taken substantially along line 3—3, 4—4 and 5—5, respectively, of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawing, a golf bag 10 is shown in Fig. 1 with a support of the present invention attached thereto and supporting the bag at a desired angle convenient to the golfer for removing and replacing golf clubs. The support comprises a plate 12 suitably curved to fit the side of a golf bag. Secured to the end portions of the plate 12 by suitable fastening means such as rivets 20 and 21 are a pair of spring clamps 14 and 16, each of which is made of a spring steel strip having a portion 23 turned backwardly adjacent the secured portion thereof as shown in Fig. 4. The turned back portion 23 of each clamp is adapted to fit over the edge of the golf bag and clamp the material of the bag against the plate 12. Openings 22 and 24 are provided in the portion 23 in substantial alignment with the rivets 20 and 21. This alignment of the rivets 20, 21 and the openings 22, 24 have a twofold purpose. Where rivets are used to secure the clamp to the plate 12, the openings 22 and 24 provide for the passage of a riveting tool during the manufacture of the support. During use of the support the rivet heads and the openings cooperate to effect a tight grip upon the material of the bag.

The end 25 of the portion 23 of each clamp extends downwardly and beyond the plate 12 and is slightly curved outwardly so that when the support is applied to a golf bag the ends 25 may be hooked over the mouth of the bag and the portions 23 of the clamps easily forced downwardly onto the rim of the golf bag. The openings 22 and 24 permit the heads of the rivets 20 and 21 to force the material of the bag inwardly of the openings and thereby provide a tight grip onto the material of the bag.

In addition to the gripping effect of the rivet heads and openings of the clamps 14 and 16, the upper edge of the plate 12 which is disposed between the clamping portions of each of the clamps presents a shoulder 26 which engages the material of the bag and, in the case of some bags, the rim portion thereof to resist any dislodging movement of the support.

The plate 12 is reinforced by a rib or curved portion 28 formed in the upper portion thereof and extending therein from adjacent the clamp 14 to adjacent the clamp 16. Besides functioning as a reinforcement for the plate 12, the curved portion 28 also provides means whereby the plate 12 can easily be gripped and pulled outwardly and upwardly with respect to the bag when it is desirable to remove the support from the bag.

The plate 12 is provided with a pair of hinge elements 30 and 32 suitably shaped to provide hinge eyes 34. These elements 30 and 32 may be formed integral with the plate 12 or secured thereto by any suitable means such as rivets 35. Received through the hinge eyes 34 is a cross-piece 40 which is formed integral with two legs 42 and 44. The cross-piece 40 functions as a pivotal pin for the legs and has a bowed central portion 45 which is adapted to engage the plate 12 to limit the outward movement of the legs with respect to the plate. The curved portion 28 of the plate 12 extends beyond the bowed portion 45 and functions as an upper stop therefor.

The legs 42 and 44 angle inwardly toward each other from the cross-piece 40 for a short distance and then outwardly as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. This angular shape of the legs 42 and 44 provides a centering position to which a link 50 slidably mounted on the legs 42 and 44 is adapted to be moved and retained when the legs are to be

spread apart to support the bag. The slidable link **50**, when in the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2, determines the spread of the legs **42** and **44**, a spread which provides a stable stance for the bag. The lower ends of the legs are provided with tips or feet **51** made of rubber or other suitable material.

Secured to the link **50** is a flexible member such as a chain **52** having a suitable fastening means **54** such as a cotter pin by which the chain can be easily secured to the material of the bag onto which the support is clamped. The chain **52** limits the outward movement of the supporting legs relative to the bag and braces the clamps **14** and **16** against being forced open by any unusual weight or pressure applied to the top of the bag when it is supported on the legs **42** and **44**.

When the legs are not needed as a support, such as when the bag is being carried, the slidable link **50** may be moved downwardly on the legs **42** and **44** to reduce the spread between the legs as indicated in broken lines in Fig. 2. The chain **52** draws the legs inwardly adjacent the bag when the link **50** is moved downwardly on the legs.

From the foregoing, it will be clear that I have provided a practical, light weight support for golf bags, a support which is of simple and sturdy construction and which can be easily applied to golf bags of different sizes. Further, the support provides a most effective clamping grip which is not easily dislodged from the bag to which it is applied, and when in use it supports the bag at a desired angle most convenient for withdrawing and replacing clubs and braces the bag against being easily knocked or blown over.

While only one embodiment of the invention has been shown and described, it is recognized that many variations in the construction and arrangement of the parts thereof may be made without departing from the invention. It will be understood, therefore, that the embodiment of the invention shown and described is intended to be illustrative only and not as restricting the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A golf bag support comprising a supporting leg, attachment means connected to said leg, said attachment means including a spring clamp having a portion turned backwardly and extending adjacent and biased toward another portion thereof to clamp a part of a golf bag therebetween, one of the aforementioned portions having a protuberance, and the other of the aforementioned portions having an opening therein into which said protuberance is adapted to urge the material of the bag and thereby effect a tight grip upon the bag.

2. A golf bag support comprising a plate, legs connected to said plate, a spring clamp turned backwardly onto itself, a rivet connecting one end of said clamp to said plate so that the turned portion thereof overlies the rivet head, and said turned portion having an opening therein in substantial alignment with said rivet so that the rivet head is adapted to urge inwardly of said opening the material of a bag onto which the support is clamped.

3. A golf bag support comprising a plate, legs connected to said plate, a pair of spring clamps one for each end of said plate, said clamps each being turned backwardly onto itself, an end portion of each clamp having an opening therein, and the other end portion of each clamp being riveted to the plate with the rivet heads in substantial alignment with said openings so that the rivet heads are adapted to urge inwardly of said openings the material of a bag onto which the support is clamped.

4. A golf bag support comprising a plate, legs connected to said plate, a spring clamp secured to the plate and turned backwardly onto itself, a rivet connecting one end of the clamp to one side of said plate so that the other end portion overlies the head of said rivet disposed on the opposite surface of said plate, the upper edge of said plate providing a shoulder adapted to engage a bag onto which it is clamped, and said other end portion of the clamp having an opening therein to cooperate with said rivet head to enhance the clamping grip of said plate and clamp.

5. A golf bag support comprising a plate, elements carried by said plate, said elements being shaped to provide hinge eyes, a pair of legs, a crosspiece interconnecting said legs, said crosspiece being received in said hinge eyes to provide a hinge for said legs, a connecting link slidable on said legs to determine the spread thereof, a flexible member connected to said link, and means to connect said flexible member to a bag onto which the support is clamped so that when the link is moved upwardly on the legs to effect the desired spread thereof the flexible member will limit the outward movement of the legs with respect to said bag and when said link is slid downwardly on said legs said member will draw the legs inwardly adjacent the bag.

6. A golf bag support comprising a supporting leg, attachment means connected to said leg, said attachment means including a clamp consisting of strip material having a portion turned back to clamp against another portion thereof, one of the aforementioned clamp portions having a protuberance thereon and the other of the aforementioned clamp portions having an opening therein disposed in substantial alignment with said protuberance so that when the support is applied to a bag the protuberance will urge the material of the bag inwardly of said opening and thereby effect a tight grip.

7. A golf bag support comprising a plate, elements carried by said plate, said elements being shaped to provide hinge eyes, a pair of legs, a crosspiece interconnecting said legs, said crosspiece being received in said hinge eyes to provide a hinge for the legs, said plate having the upper edge portion thereof protruding outwardly, and said crosspiece being bowed so as to engage said plate adjacent said protruding portion so that the protruding portion acts as an upper bearing surface for the legs when said legs are pivoted outwardly from said bag.

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