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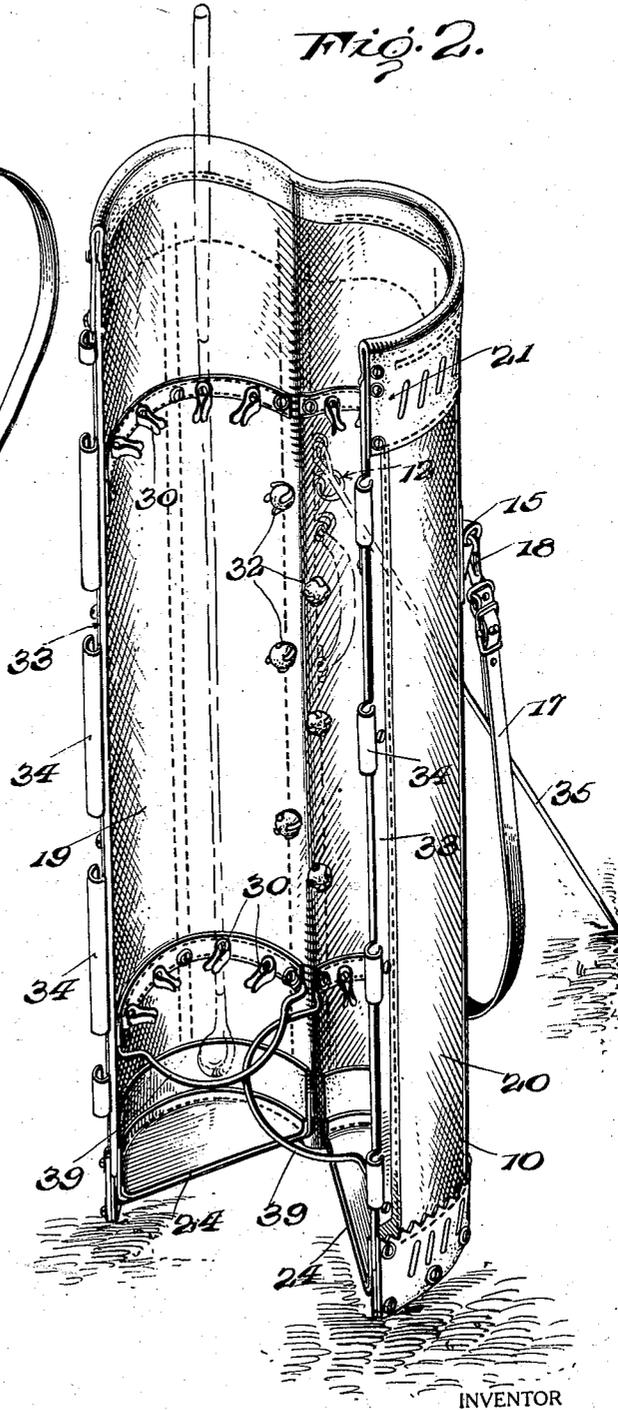
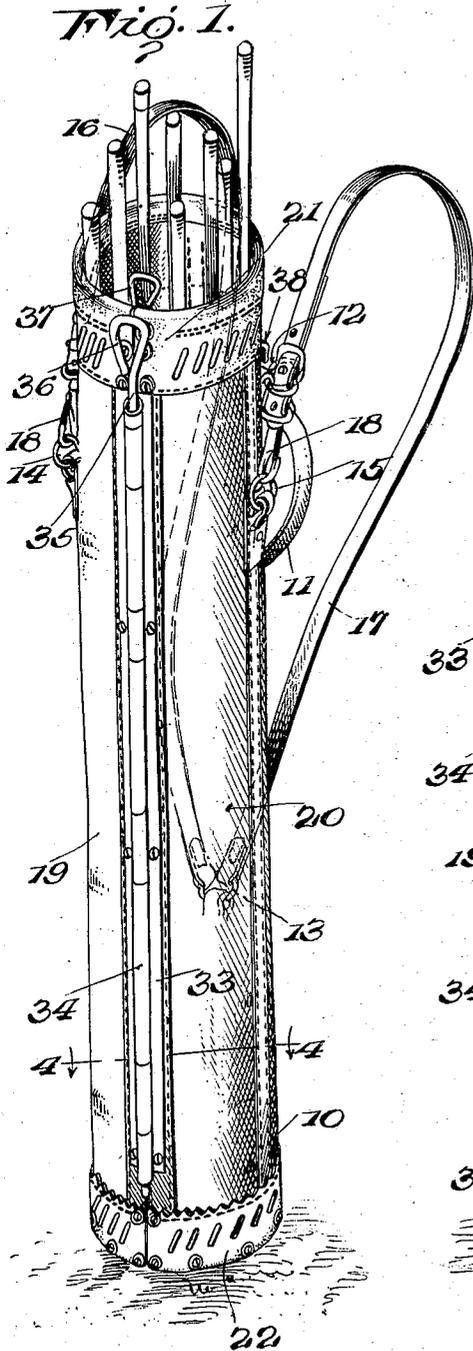
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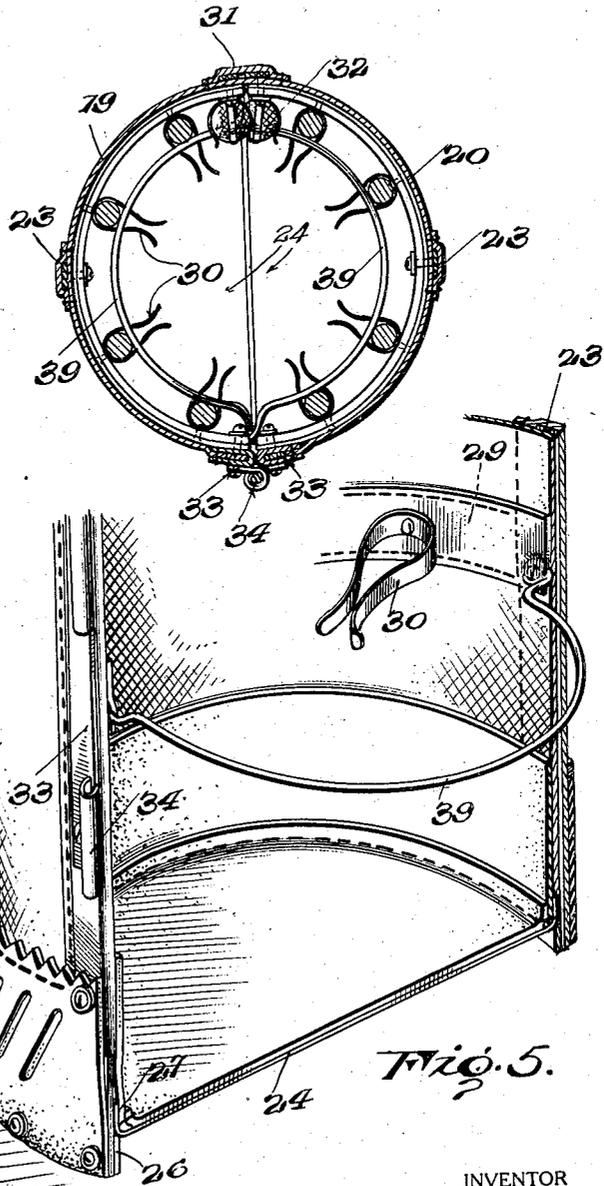
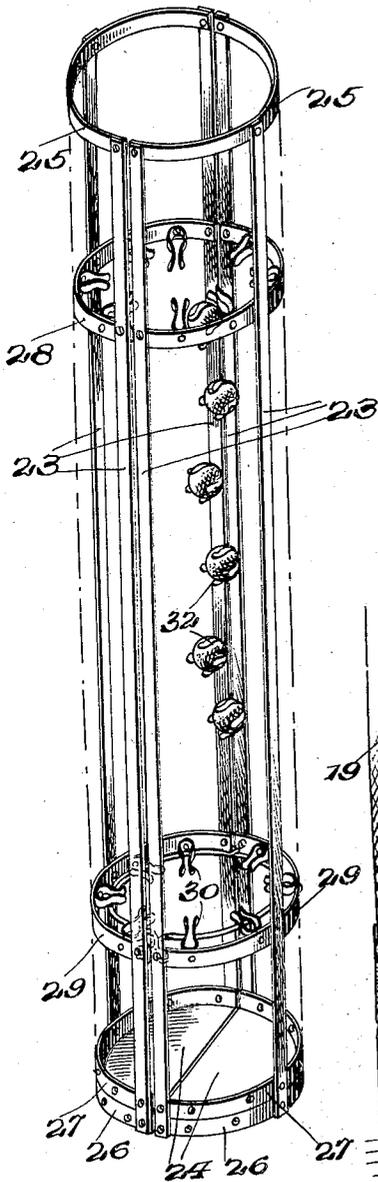


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BERT KENNEDY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Gloversville, in the county of Fulton and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf Bags, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates particularly to what are commonly known as caddy bags for holding golf sticks, ordinarily constructed of cylindrical form with closed bottoms and of course requiring that the sticks be inserted endwise therein and similarly removed therefrom. This gives rise to many disadvantages in practice, among which is the necessity of disposing of the sticks with the heads thereof turned outwardly to permit of proper selection among a number thereof. As a consequence of so placing the sticks the heads of the iron clubs are continually jostled against the sticks, especially those of the longer wood clubs and the sticks become dented, marred and materially weakened.

Another disadvantage of the ordinary bag is the ready loss of clubs with the bag in careless hands, and the difficulty of securing the clubs against unwarranted removal as well as accidental loss in transporting the bag containing the clubs, from place to place.

Other disadvantages of the ordinary construction will appear in the course of the following description where the manner of overcoming the same and the foregoing objections will also be made plain.

In the drawings which illustrate my invention and form a part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved caddy bag complete and closed.

Figure 2 is a similar view of the same open.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the metal frame or skeleton.

Figure 4 is a horizontal section, slightly enlarged and taken on line 4—4 of Figure 1, and

Figure 5 is an enlarged perspective view of the lower end of one section, looking at the inside thereof.

Referring now to these figures and especially to Figure 1, it is to be noted that my improved bag generally indicated at 10 does

not depart to any radical extent in appearance from the ordinary bag, being cylindrical in shape and having a side handle 11. Immediately above this handle, a ring 12 is anchored and substantially below the handle 11 a second ring 13 is anchored. Moreover at diametrically opposite points are rings 14 and 15, spaced equal distances from the upper ring 12 and about even therewith. Straps 16 and 17 are permanently attached at their lower ends to the ring 13 and have snap hooks and the like 18 at their upper ends for engagement with either the rings 14 and 15 to form double shoulder straps or with the ring 12 to form a single shoulder strap. When double straps are formed the bag may be easily carried in a steady vertical position midway of the back and this is particularly desirable with my improved bag as will presently appear.

My improved bag is formed in two semi-cylindrical sections 19 and 20, each having a covering of canvas, leather or other material suitable for the purpose, with or without top and bottom finishing bands 21 and 22, usually of stiff heavy leather. Each section also has its metal skeleton or frame including spaced uprights 23 as seen in Figure 3 with a half-round bottom plate 24 and upper and lower semi-circularly bent strips 25 and 26, the bottom plate 24 having a flange 27 which like the strips 25 and 26, is securely riveted or otherwise fastened to the spaced uprights 23. Each frame or skeleton also includes semi-circularly bent strips 28 and 29 spaced respectively from the upper and lower frame strips 25 and 26 and serving as supports for series of U-shaped clips 30 adapted to receive and clasp the shafts of the golf clubs placed within the bag.

When placed together and covered to form the bag, the two skeletons or frames have certain of their uprights 23 in parallel contiguous relation at diametrically opposite points, and at one of these points the covering of the bag or a hinge forming strip 31 as seen in Figure 4 spans the upright so that a flexible joint or hinge is thus formed upon which the opposite points or free edges of the sections are movable toward and away from one another in closing and opening the bag. Along the uprights 23 adjacent to the bag hinge are secured a series

of inwardly projecting ball clasp fingers 32 whereby balls may be safely carried within the bag and external unsightly ball pockets, such as usually employed, may be done away with.

Along the frame uprights 23 at the free edges of the bag sections are secured latch forming strips 33 having curved coacting extensions 34 which, when the bag is closed, aline to form a tube for the reception of a latch rod 35 lengthwise therethrough. This rod securely holds the sections against accidental opening and is itself unlikely to become displaced in view of its upper bent end or head 36 which precludes its downward movement. One of the sections of the bag may have an eye 37 upstanding above its free edge opposite the head 36 of the latch rod 35 when the latter is in effective position so that by passing the shackle of a suitable padlock through the head 36 and the rigid eye 37, the latch rod may be locked against removal in transporting the bag from place to place.

Above the before mentioned ring 12, the bag has an external hook 38 placed for engagement by the head 36 of the rod 35 when the latter is removed and utilized as an inclined brace to hold the open bag upright upon the ground as seen in Figure 2.

It is obvious from the foregoing that with the bag open it is an easy matter to place the clubs laterally within the sections thereof and within the clasps 30 so that they will be held against destructive jostling. It is also obvious that by thus placing the clubs in the bag they may be turned with their heads down and adjacent to the bottom of the bag, each section of which has at a point above its bottom plate a semi-circularly curved guard wire 39 rigidly fixed thereto so as to extend into the other section when the bag is closed, the two guard wires overlapping below the lower clasps 30 and thus above the club heads so that the latter cannot be drawn out lengthwise through the open end of the bag.

Thus with the bag closed and the latch rod 35 locked as previously described in its effective position shown in Figure 1, the golf clubs cannot be withdrawn and cannot be thrown against one another, while with the bag open and suspended on the back of a caddy in use, each and every club is fully exposed ready for easy removal and selection.

Obviously my improved bag lends itself to various ornamentation and embellishment as readily as the ordinary bag, and the frames or skeletons may be covered either by means of the general covering of the bag or ornamental or reinforcing strips externally or internally or both. Various means in addition to those shown may be employed for the formation of the hinge and the

latch and it is to be understood that I reserve all such variations and modifications of the details as fall within the terms of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A golf bag consisting of semi-cylindrical sections hingedly connected along one side, each section having inner stick clasp ing means and each section having stick engaging and holding means extendable into the other section when the sections are closed.

2. A golf bag in semi-cylindrical relatively folding sections, cooperating means along the free edges of said sections which when the sections are closed, form a guide tube, and a rod extendable through said tube to hold the sections together said rod and said bag having cooperating means whereby the rod when removed from the said tube may be utilized to support the open bag.

3. A golf bag in semi-cylindrical relatively folding sections, cooperating means along the free edges of said sections which when the sections are closed, form a guide tube, and a rod extendable through said tube to hold the sections together said rod having a handle at one end and said bag having a hook at one side with which the rod when removed from the tube is engageable to form a prop for holding the bag in upright open position.

4. A golf bag in semi-cylindrical sections hingedly connected whereby golf clubs may be placed laterally within said sections with their heads down, and a stick engaging member carried by each of said sections and shiftable into the other section when the said sections are closed, to prevent removal of the clubs lengthwise from the bag.

5. A golf bag in semi-cylindrical sections hingedly connected along one edge, means at the free edges of the sections forming a latch to hold the sections closed and including a latch rod extending in its effective position lengthwise of the bag and having a head at one end, and an eye anchored to one of the sections adjacent to said rod head and to which the latter may be locked to prevent removal of the latch rod.

6. A golf bag in semi-cylindrical sections hingedly connected whereby golf clubs may be placed laterally within said sections with their heads down, and cooperating means carried by said sections which when the latter are closed, serve to prevent removal of the clubs lengthwise from the bag, latch means at the free edges of the sections including a removable latch member, and means whereby said member may be locked against removal.

7. A sectional bag for holding golf clubs, the sections of which are hinged to open and close, a curved guard carried by the lower

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portion of each section to extend into the other section when the sections are closed, and means for securing the sections in closed position.

5 8. A golf bag in laterally opening sections hingedly connected to one another, means for securing the sections in closed po-

sition, means within the sections to individually engage and hold golf clubs therein and means in each section arranged to extend 10 into engagement with the clubs of the other section.

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