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Fig. 1.

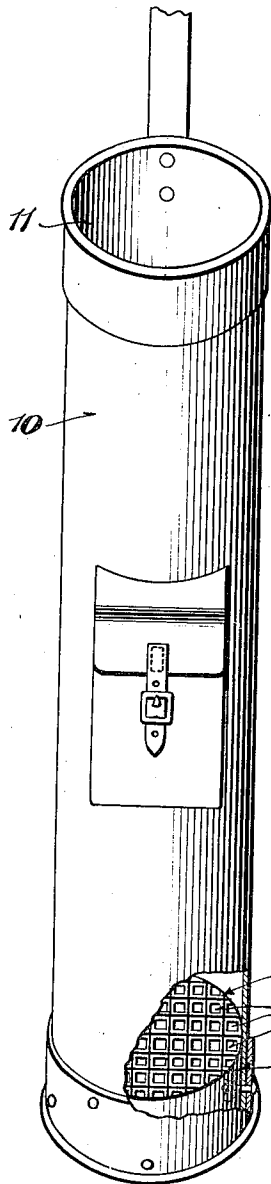


Fig. 2.

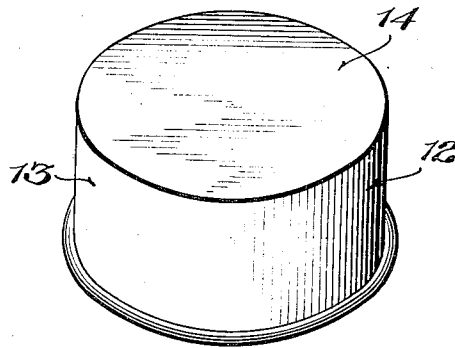


Fig. 3.

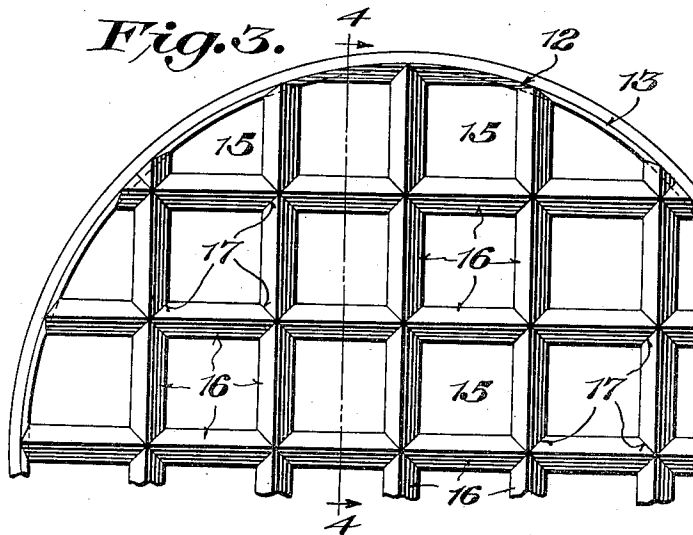
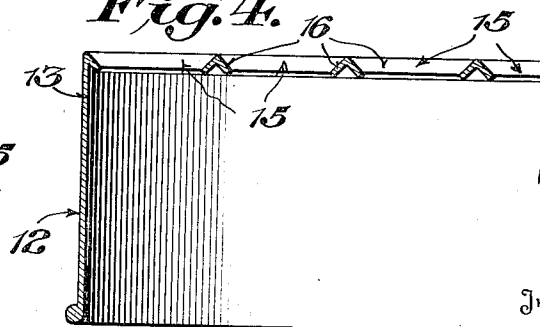


Fig. 4.



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The present invention relates to golf bags and aims generally to improve the construction and utility thereof.

As is well known, many clubs used in the playing of games, and particularly golf clubs, are constructed with a grip or handle portion constructed of leather or other tape wrapped around the shaft and secured thereto. In many instances the grip wrapping is adhesively secured to the shaft. If the grip of the club becomes wet or damp from rain or from perspiration of the hands, which is likely in hot weather, it is likely to be damaged unless quickly dried.

Furthermore, the heads of clubs often accumulate a considerable amount of dirt or grit, which drops into the bag and accumulates on the usual imperforate bottom. During play the clubs are always inserted in the bag with the grip end down and therefore, if there is an accumulation of grit or dirt in the bottom of the bag, the grips of the clubs will not be clean.

My invention has for its principal aim and object the provision of a foraminous bottom for a golf bag that will permit a circulation of air through the bag to quickly dry the clubs, particularly the grips thereof, as well as to keep the interior of the bag free from any accumulation of grit and dirt likely to soil the grip of the clubs.

In order that the invention may be readily understood reference is made to the accompanying drawing, illustrating one embodiment of the invention.

In the drawing—

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a golf bag, the lower portion being broken away to show the construction of the bottom;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a bag bottom, illustrating the first step of manufacture according to one form of the invention;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a portion of the bottom; and

Fig. 4 is a detailed vertical sectional view thereof.

The golf bag illustrated in the accompanying drawing comprises the usual tubular body 10 made of any suitable material, as for example, fabric or leather, having an upper open end 11 and a bottom 12. The bottom 12 is advantageously cup-shaped providing a supporting surface or a depending annular flange 13 by means of which the bottom may be attached to the bag body in any conventional manner.

According to the invention the supporting surface of the bottom 12, at least, is made of open mesh construction, having a surface composed of a plurality of cross bars, spaced sufficiently

close to support the handles of the golf club. Most golf club handles are $\frac{3}{4}$ in. or more in diameter, and hence I find that with openings between the spaced bars of slightly smaller size, as for example $\frac{1}{8}$ in., the clubs will be adequately supported, yet the bottom is sufficiently open to permit of the circulation of air through the bag as well as to prevent the accumulation of dirt within the bag.

According to one preferred form of the invention, the bag bottom may be pressed from a piece of sheet metal, as for example aluminum, stainless steel, or from strong fibre, and may originally be pressed in the form of a cup having imperforate flange 13 and imperforate bottom 14 as shown in Fig. 2.

The cup-shaped blank, thus formed, may then be fabricated in any suitable manner, as for example in a stamping die, to perforate the bottom 14 to provide relatively large openings 15 and supporting bars 16. Preferably, during this stamping operation, the bars 16 are shaped as by bevelling the faces thereof, indicated at 17, to a substantial inverted V-shape, so that flat surfaces are avoided upon which dirt and grit may accumulate.

The bag bottom 12 may be connected to the bag body 10 in any suitable manner, as by rivets, or may be removably connected thereto by separable fasteners, as for example, thumb screws. In the latter case, the bottom may be readily detached from the bag body and used as a rack for repainted golf balls.

Advantages of the invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art. The open mesh bottom provides a reticulated supporting surface which will allow the circulation of air through the bag as well as the discharge of any dirt and grit that may fall from the club heads. Thus the club shafts are kept dry and clean.

Although I have illustrated and described one preferred embodiment of the invention, it is understood that the invention, in its broader aspects, is not limited thereto, as it may be embodied in other equivalent constructions.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

A golf bag comprising a body and a bottom secured to the lower end thereof, said bottom having a perforate club-supporting surface and an annular depending flange adapted to be detachably connected to the bag body, the club-supporting surface of said bottom being formed with a plurality of relatively large openings, the material intermediate said openings being downwardly inclined toward said openings.

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