

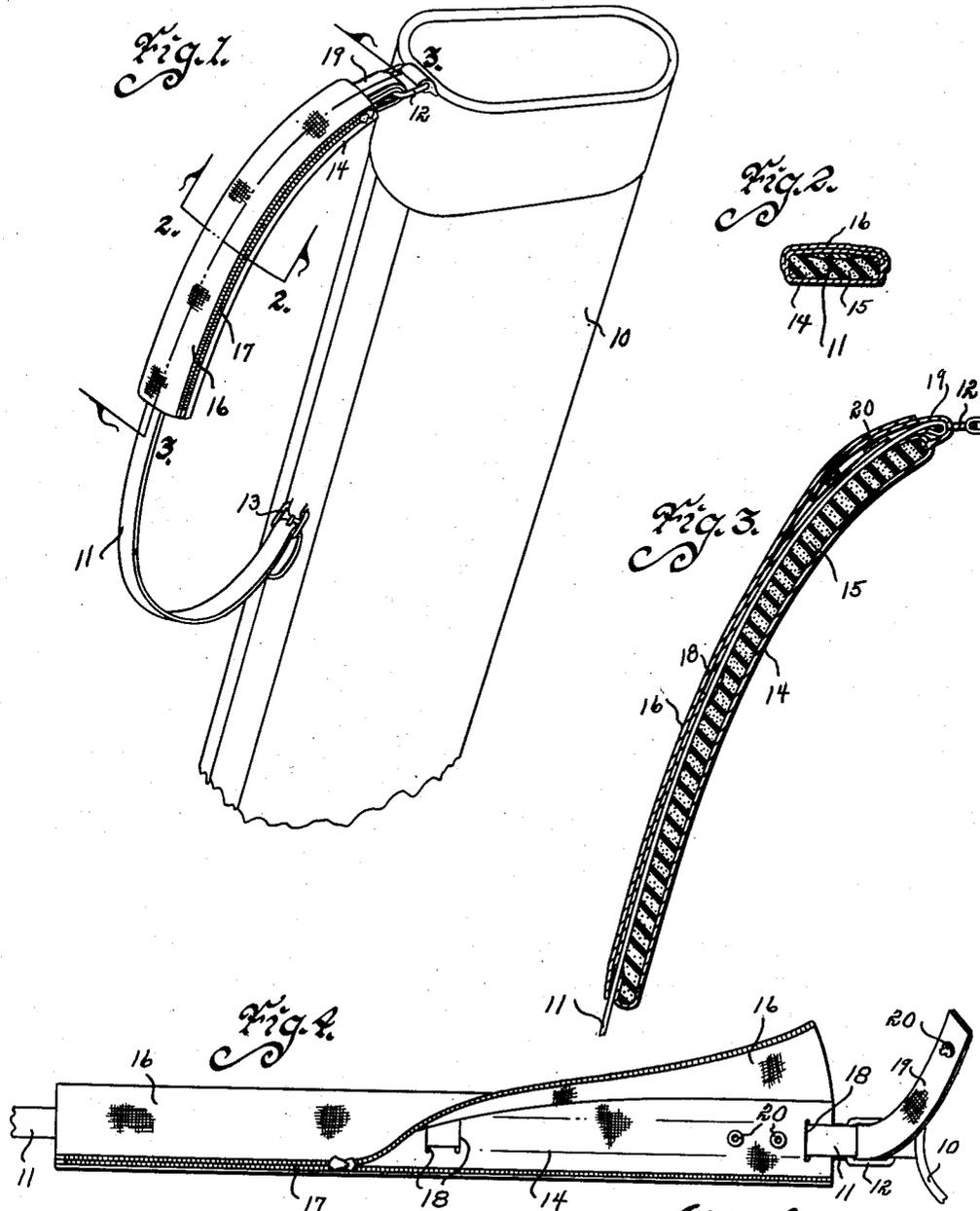
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This invention relates to a means for padding the shoulder strap of a golf bag so that the bag and golf clubs therein may be comfortably carried.

The chief objection to the game of golf is the manual transportation of the golf bag and clubs. The usual way to carry a golf bag is to place the shoulder strap over the shoulder and permit the bag to suspend therefrom. These relatively narrow straps cut into and bruise the shoulder and are most uncomfortable and painful to the user.

Therefore, the principal object of my invention is to provide an elongated strap pad that may be easily and quickly attached to any golf bag now on the market and having a shoulder strap.

A further object of this invention is to provide a pad member for the strap of a golf bag that permits longitudinal adjustment.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a pad for golf bag straps that is prevented from sliding downwardly on the strap.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a strap pad for golf bags that is economical in manufacture, durable in use and refined in appearance.

These and other objects will be apparent to those skilled in the art.

My invention consists in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the various parts of the device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained as hereinafter more fully set forth, and specifically pointed out in my claims, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my invention installed on a golf bag.

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of the device taken on line 2-2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional view of the device taken on line 3-3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a top plan view of my strap pad and in partially opened condition to more fully illustrate its construction.

Referring to the drawings in detail, I have used the numeral 10 to designate an ordinary golf bag having the usual shoulder strap 11. Such straps have their upper end secured to a ring 12 on the upper portion of the golf bag and their lower end detachably secured by a buckle 13 on the center portion of the bag as shown in Fig. 1. It is to such a bag and strap that I install my shoulder pad and which I will now describe. My pad consists of an elongated sleeve 14 closed at both ends and holding padding material 15, such as foam rubber or like. Secured to one side edge

of the sleeve is a flap 16, designed to lie over the top length of the sleeve and be detachably fastened at its free marginal side edge to the other side edge portion of the sleeve by a zipper 17 or other suitable fastening means. This structure is shown in Fig. 4. Slits 18 are transversely cut in the top of the sleeve and when attaching the device the lower end of the bag strap is detached from the buckle 13, and the strap is threaded in and out through the slits 18 such as shown in Fig. 3. The flap 16 is opened to permit this threading necessary to installation. After the strap is secured through the slits, with the sleeve and padding on the under-side of the same, the lower end of the strap is secured by the bag buckle. The numeral 19 designates a strap secured to the upper end of the sleeve. This strap is threaded upwardly through the bag ring 12, thence downwardly to the top of the pad sleeve where it is detachably secured by glove or like suitable fastener 20. By providing two base glove fasteners on the top of the sleeve length adjustment of the strap 11 is easily and quickly obtained. After the golf bag strap is inserted and the pad strap 19 adjusted and fastened, the flap is placed over the top of the tube sleeve and fastened, thereby concealing the end of the strap 19, the slits 18, and providing a flat finished top to the device as shown in Fig. 1. By the strap looping through the ring of the bag, the device will be held from slipping downwardly on the bag strap. The sleeve flap, and strap 19 may be made of any suitable flexible material such as cloth, plastic or like. The padding material 15 should be rectangular in cross-section as shown in Fig. 2 so that the pad will lie flat on the shoulder without any tendency to rotate laterally. The strap 19, by being adjustable, will permit the pad to be adjusted to different users. The pad will be effective when adjusted to extend over the entire shoulder with the carrying strap above it. Once my pad means is installed, the bag and clubs may be easily carried without discomfort.

Some changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of my detachable pad for golf bag straps without departing from the real spirit and purpose of my invention, and it is my intention to cover by my claims, any modified forms of structure or use of mechanical equivalents which may be reasonably included within their scope.

I claim:

1. In carrying strap pad for use on a carrying strap secured to a bag by means of a ring, a tubular cover, a padding material in said tubular

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cover, a means on the top of said tubular cover for slideably receiving a carrying strap, a strap having one end secured to one end of said tubular cover and a means secured to said tubular cover near the end at which said strap is secured for detachably securing the other end of said strap thereto; the intermediate portion of said strap forming a ring engaging loop beyond the end of said tubular cover when its free end is secured to said tubular cover.

2. In carrying strap pad for use on a carrying strap secured to a bag by means of a ring, a tubular cover, a padding material in said tubular cover, a means on the top of said tubular cover for slideably receiving a carrying strap, a strap having one end secured to one end of said tubular cover, a means secured to said tubular cover near the end at which said strap is secured for detachably securing the other end of said strap thereto; the intermediate portion of

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said strap forming a ring engaging loop beyond the end of said tubular cover when its free end is secured to said tubular cover, a flap secured by one of its side edges to one side of said tubular cover, and a means secured to the other side of said tubular cover for detachably securing said flap over the top of said tubular cover and releasing it therefrom selectively.

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