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Fig. 3.

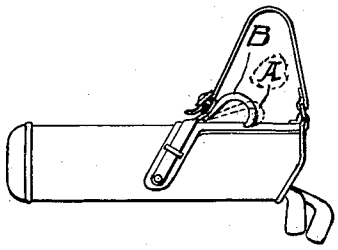
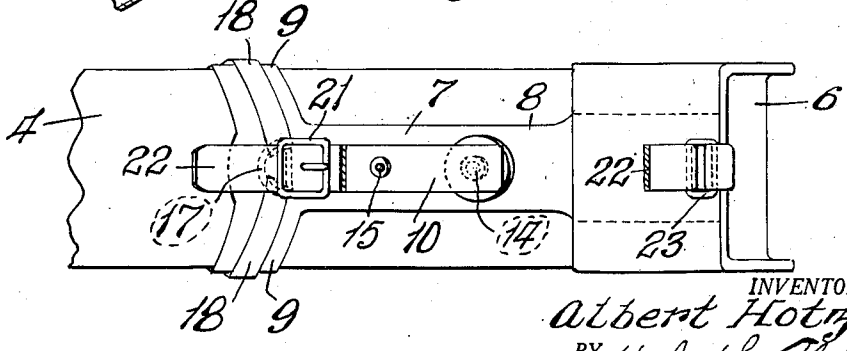


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a golf bag and is a furthering of the structure disclosed in Hotze U. S. Letters Patent No. 2,006,920, the instant application, however, pertaining more particularly to a specific manner of securing the carrying handle to the reinforcing structure and/or the bag wall.

Another object of the invention is to provide a carrying handle of an improved construction for a golf bag.

A further object is to provide a golf bag carrying handle of a contour which when grasped in carrying the bag, will sustain the bag-mouth thereof in an upwardly inclined position.

Still another object is to provide a golf bag carrying handle of a formation whereby the user or carrier of the bag, upon gripping the handle, is instinctively directed to grasp the handle at a specific part thereof.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, my invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being understood that changes may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

An embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary longitudinal section taken through a golf bag with the improved carrying handle secured to the reinforcing structure on the bag.

Figure 2 is a plan elevation of Fig. 1.

Figure 3 is a side elevation of a golf bag shown on a reduced scale to illustrate a carrying fault which is overcome by the application and use of the carrying handle of this invention.

Referring by numerals to the accompanying drawing, 4 indicates a portion of a golf bag having a wall 5 and the bag-mouth 6. Secured to the wall 5 in a desirable manner is a reinforcing structure 7 of an approximate Y-shape, having the leg 8 thereof extending to the bag-mouth 6 and the branches 9 partially encircling the wall 5 of the bag.

A carrying handle 10 is preferably made of leather layers 11 and 12 which are stitched together at the hand-gripping part 13, and secured to the leg 8 of the reinforcing structure 7 by a rivet 14, the layers 11 and 12 rearwardly of the part 13 of the handle and from the rivet 15 being spread apart, the extending end of the layer 11 being secured to the leg 8 by a rivet 16 and

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the extending end of the layer 12 being secured to the D-link 17.

Secured to and extending from the D-link 17 are a pair of branch straps 18 having their extending ends secured by rivets 19 to the ends of the respective branches 9 of the reinforcing structure 7.

The layer 12 of the handle 10 may be subdivided to provide an extending layer 20 for securing the layer 12 to the D-link 17 and the buckle 21 to which one end of the shoulder strap 22 is adjustably secured, the other end of the strap being secured to the bag mouth and/or extending end of the leg 8 of the reinforcing structure 7 by the D-link 23.

In carrying a loaded golf bag by using either the shoulder strap 22 or the handle 10, the usual approximate carrying position is that as shown in Fig. 1 in which the bag is inclined from the horizontal. However, it quite frequently happens that the carrier when sustaining the bag by the handle 10 will grasp the lower part of the handle thereby distorting its shape from that indicated in dotted lines A to that in full lines B in Fig. 3.

In the position shown in Fig. 3 the carrying strains from the handle to the bag will be diverted rearwardly toward the longitudinal center of the bag lengths, thereby occasioning the bag to assume an approximate horizontal carrying position, which position is accentuated by reason of the heavy heads of the playing clubs being disposed at the mouth end of the bag.

When the golf bag is carried in the approximate horizontal position as indicated in Fig. 3 obviously the jogging of the bag brought about by walking of the carrier, will tend to cause the clubs to slide from the bag mouth, and this fault is therefore overcome by the application and use of the handle 10 of the character herein disclosed, because of the defined hand-gripping part 13 which is permanently maintained in a fixed contour for instinctive grasping, since the layer 11 of the handle is fixed to the leg 8 of the reinforcing structure 7.

With the extending end of the outer layer 12 of the handle 10 being connected to the D-link 17 of the branch straps 18, lifting strains will be carried to the branches 9 of the reinforcing structure 7, and as the handle 10 is also connected to the structure 7 by the rivets 14 and 16, the carrying strains from the shoulder strap 22 and the handle 10 are distributed in the manner intended by the invention of Patent No. 2,006,920 aforesaid.

Having thus described the invention so that those skilled in the art will be able to practice the same, what I desire to secure by Letters Patent is defined in what is claimed, it being understood that various changes in the device shown and described in detail and not amounting to invention, may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

What I claim is:

1. A golf bag having longitudinally disposed reinforcing structure secured to the bag wall and extending from the mouth thereof to a distance intermediate the bag length, said reinforcing structure comprising a body portion having a pair of branches which extend around the girth of the bag wall, and a carrying handle having an end part and an intermediate part secured to the body portion of said reinforcing structure, said carrying handle having an extending part with a free end which is indirectly secured to the respective branches of said reinforcing structure.

2. A golf bag having longitudinally disposed reinforcing structure secured to the bag wall and extending from the mouth thereof to a distance intermediate the bag length, said reinforcing

structure comprising a body portion having a pair of branches which extend around the girth of the bag wall, and a carrying handle having an end part and an intermediate part secured to the body portion of said reinforcing structure and an extending part with a free end, and a pair of branch straps each being secured at one end to a respective branch of said reinforcing structure and at their other ends to the free end of the extending part of said handle.

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