

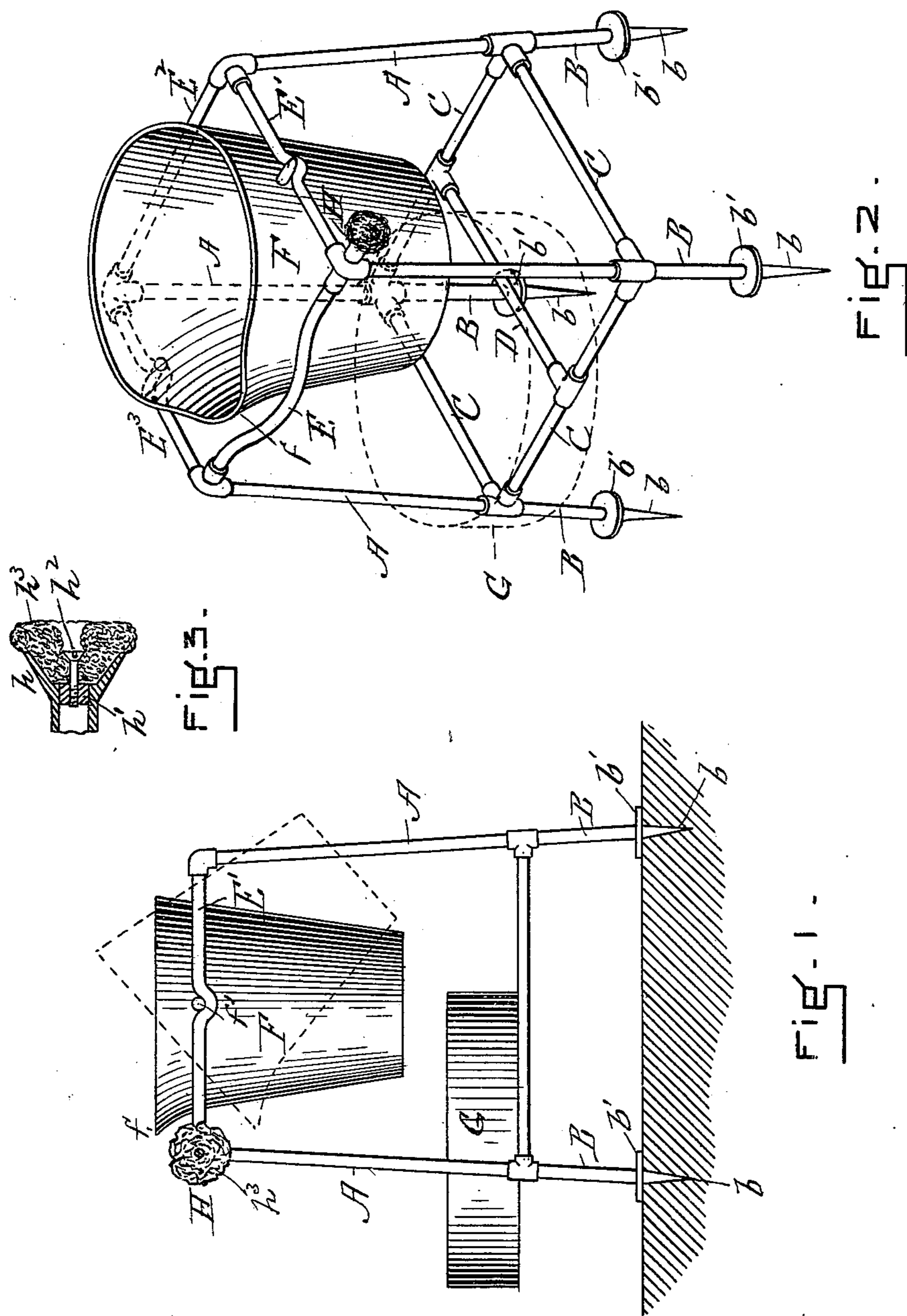
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANZ E. ZERRAHN, of Milton, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stands for Use at Teeing-Grounds on Golf-Links, of which the following is a specification.

In playing the game of golf it is customary to have at each teeing-ground a bucket of water and a box of sand, the sand to be used to make a tee upon which the ball is placed when teeing off, the water being used to moisten the sand slightly, so that it may be molded into the desired shape. This arrangement is inconvenient, as the water-bucket has to be lifted to pour water from it. Moreover, the water-buckets are apt to be removed by the caddies and are not at hand when needed. As a substitute for this primitive arrangement I have invented a stand to be used, preferably, with a water-bucket of peculiar construction and to hold not only the bucket, but also the sand-box in such relation to each other that when it is desired to wet the sand the bucket may be tipped so that the water will fall directly into the sand-box.

My invention also consists in certain details of construction described below.

My invention will be understood by reference to the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of such a stand; Fig. 2, a view in perspective, the sand-box being shown in dotted lines, Fig. 3 being a sectional view of a ball-wiper which is preferably attached to the stand.

A A A A are four uprights supported upon a bottom stand, which consists also of four uprights B, connected by braces C and a cross-brace D. The uprights A support a frame, generally rectangular in shape, consisting of four lengths E, E', E², and E³, of which the lengths E' E³ are bent in the middle, as shown, to form bearings for the trunnions of the water-pail F and the length E² is bent outwardly somewhat in order to allow the mouth *f* of the pail F to pass it when the pail is tipped. On its two opposite sides the pail F is provided with trunnions *f'*, (one of which only is shown,) which rest in the bearings formed in the lengths E' E³.

G is the sand-box, which may be round or of any other convenient shape and which rests

on the braces C D, which form a shelf to receive it.

The uprights B of the bottom frame have preferably pointed extensions *b* of sufficient length to be stuck into the ground and form a firm foundation for the stand, a collar *b'* being preferably provided at the upper end of each pointed extension to limit the depth to which it settles into the ground.

H is a ball-wiper which consists, preferably, of a conical holder *h*, in the small end of which is a plug *h'*, to which is attached, by means of the screw *h²*, a sponge or cloth *h³*, this whole device being of such diameter that a ball may be wiped off against it. This holder is threaded about its small end and screwed into one of the corner-couplings, as shown.

To use my stand, the pail and sand-box being filled, the pail is tipped sufficiently to allow a little water to fall into the sand-box to moisten the sand. From the sand thus moistened a proper tee can be molded. If the ball is dirty, it is dipped into the water in the pail F and then is wiped off on the wiper H.

I prefer to make the stand of ordinary gas-piping connected by gas-couplings, all of the shape shown, as such a construction is economical. The material can be easily procured and easily put together and when red-leaded and painted may be left in place for an entire season without material deterioration. It is evident, however, that it may be otherwise made, if thought best, its novelty lying in supporting the bucket and sand-box in such relation to each other that they may be conveniently used, and although the wiper may be supported independently its addition to the stand places it in its most convenient position.

It is of course well known that various kinds of washbasin and ice-pitcher contrivances have been used; but none of them are of value for the purpose for which my invention is made. My device is intended to be used upon the golf-field to be continually subjected to the roughest weather and is so constructed by reason of its skeleton form as to withstand the heaviest gales. This of course increases its value in the places where the golf-links are located on land exposed to severe gales, as is quite often the case.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. The teeing-stand above described consisting of four uprights suitably connected by cross-bars at the top and near the bottom, two of the upper cross-bars being provided with bearings to receive the trunnions of a water-pail or the like and the lower cross-bars being arranged as shown to form a shelf for the receipt of a sand-box or the like, as and for the purposes set forth.

2. A teeing-stand above described consisting of four uprights suitably connected by cross-bars at the top and near the bottom, two of the upper cross-bars being provided with bearings to receive the trunnions of a water-pail, in combination with a water-pail having suitable trunnions arranged to coact with said bearings, as and for the purposes described.

3. The teeing-stand above described consisting of four uprights suitably connected

by cross-bars at the top and near the bottom, one of the upper cross-bars projecting beyond the frame at one end and carrying a sponge or the like, as and for the purposes set forth.

4. The teeing-stand above described consisting of a frame having uprights and two sets of cross-bars, an upper set and a lower set, the upper set being provided with bearings to receive the trunnions of a pail or the like, the lower set being arranged to serve as a shelf and each lower end of each upright being provided with a collar whereby the distance it will sink into the ground is limited, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name this 6th day of July, 1899.

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