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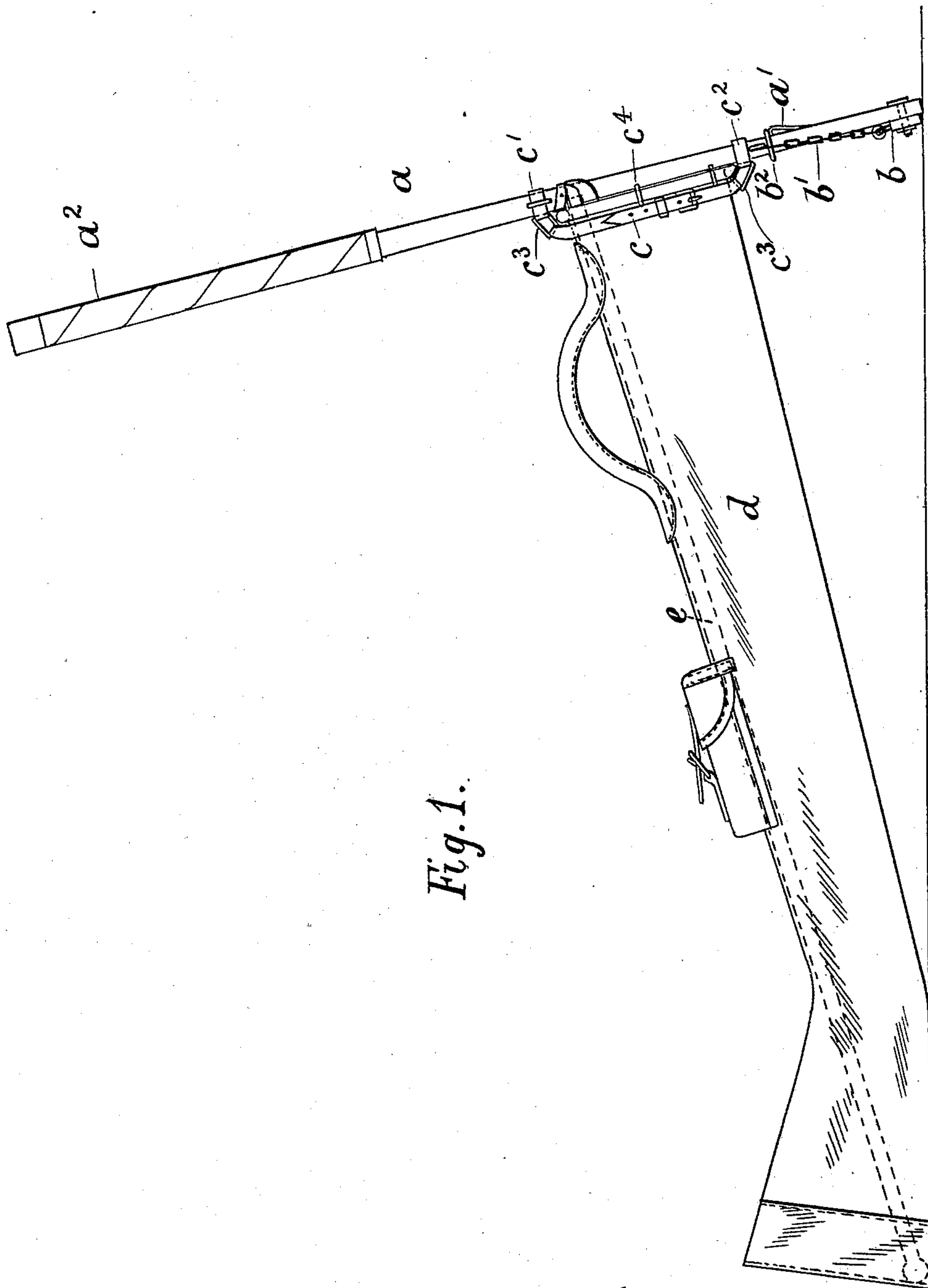
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## GOLF-CLUB-BAG SUPPORT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN PERCY GOODBUN, a subject of the King of Great Britain, formerly residing at Arrarat, in the State of Victoria, Australia, but at present residing in London, England, have invented a new and useful Dumb-Caddie or Golf-Club-Bag Support, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, and for which I have made application for patent in Great Britain, dated the 17th day of July, 1901.

The invention has for its object an improved "dumb-caddie" or golf-club-bag support, by means of which any ordinary golf-club bag can be supported so as to touch the ground only at its bottom end and with its mouth only a short distance from the ground, thereby keeping the club-handles dry and at the same time holding the bag firmly, so that it cannot fall or be blown over. The improved dumb-caddie or golf-club-bag support may also when the golfer is walking from hole to hole be the means by which the golf-club bag is carried, while when not required for use it can have its parts placed parallel with each other and be placed in the bag with the clubs.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a golf-club bag and its support. Fig. 2 is an end elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan of the support separately with all the parts placed parallel to each other; and Fig. 4 is a detail view, partly in section, showing a method of attaching a stiffening-rod to the main support.

According to my invention I use a stick or rod *a*, to one end of which a cross-stick *b* is pivoted, so that it can be turned at right angles with the stick or rod *a* or be placed parallel therewith, as shown in Fig. 3. I also attach to such cross-stick *b* one end of a pair of chains or cords *b'*, which are connected together at their other ends to a ring *b<sup>2</sup>*, capable of sliding on the stick or rod *a*, which latter I also provide with a spring-catch *a'*, so placed as to be capable of holding the ring *b<sup>2</sup>* securely, and thereby securing the cross-stick *b* in position for use—that is, at right angles with the stick or rod *a*—as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The stick or rod *a* is also provided at a certain distance from its end with a strap *c*, of sufficient length to pass around and be

securely fixed to the neck of any ordinary golf-club bag *d*, and in order to enable it to be adjusted to various sizes of bags I attach it to the stick or rod *a* by one fixed loop *c'* and one sliding loop *c<sup>2</sup>*. The strap *c* is connected to the fixed and sliding loops *c'* *c<sup>2</sup>* by means of other loops *c<sup>3</sup>*. Other means may be employed for securing the cross-stick *b* in position for supporting the bag.

In using the improved dumb-caddie or golf-club-bag support the cross-stick *b* is placed crosswise of the stick or rod *a* and the bag *d* is firmly secured to the latter by the before-mentioned strap *c*, with the stick or rod *a* across the mouth of the bag *d*. The cross-piece *b* is placed on the ground and, with the bottom end *d'* of the bag, securely holds the latter in the desired position, the handle end *a<sup>2</sup>* of the stick or rod *a* being raised to a convenient position to be seized by the golfer when required.

To afford additional security, especially when using flexible bags, as represented in the drawings, I employ, in addition to the above, a second rod or stick *e*, of length sufficient to extend from the mouth to the bottom *d'* of the bag, and I connect one end of such second stick or rod *e* to the first stick or rod *a* by means of a strap or other contrivance *e'*, by which they can be readily connected and disconnected, as may be required. I also prefer to groove the end of the second stick or rod *e* to fit against the first, so as to assist in retaining it in correct position, as shown in Fig. 4. This second stick or rod *e* when in use extends from the inside of the upper part of the mouth of the bag *d* to the lower part of the bottom thereof. I may also when using a flexible bag provide the strap *c*, passing around the neck of the bag, with hooks or catches *c<sup>4</sup>* or other suitable means capable of ready connection with the stiff portion of the neck, thereby facilitating the attachment of said strap to the bag.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is—

1. In a support for golf-club bags, the combination of a stick or rod, a cross-piece pivoted to the bottom end thereof, means for securing the cross-piece at right angles to the



stick or rod, and means for attaching the stick or rod to the mouth of a golf-club bag, substantially as set forth.

2. In a support for golf-club bags, the combination of a stick or support, a cross-piece pivoted thereto, means for securing the cross-piece at right angles to the stick, and a strap attached to the stick by means of which the stick may be connected to a golf-club bag, substantially as herein shown and described.

3. In a support for golf-club bags, the combination of a stick or rod, a cross-piece pivoted thereto, chains or cords attached to the cross-piece, a ring to which such chains or cords are connected, a spring-catch to secure the ring in its operative position, and a strap attached to the stick by means of which the stick may be connected to the mouth of a golf-club bag, substantially as herein shown and described.

4. In a support for golf-club bags, the combination of a stick or rod, a cross-piece piv-

oted thereto, means for securing the cross-piece at right angles to the stick or rod, means for attaching the stick or rod to the mouth of a golf-club bag, and a second stick or rod flexibly attached to the main stick, substantially as set forth.

5. In a support for golf-club bags, the combination of a stick or rod, a cross-piece pivoted thereto, means for securing the cross-piece at right angles to the stick or rod, a loop fixed to the stick or rod and a loop sliding on the same, a strap carried by such fixed and sliding loops, and hooks or catches attached to the strap by means of which the support may be attached to a golf-club bag, substantially as herein shown and described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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