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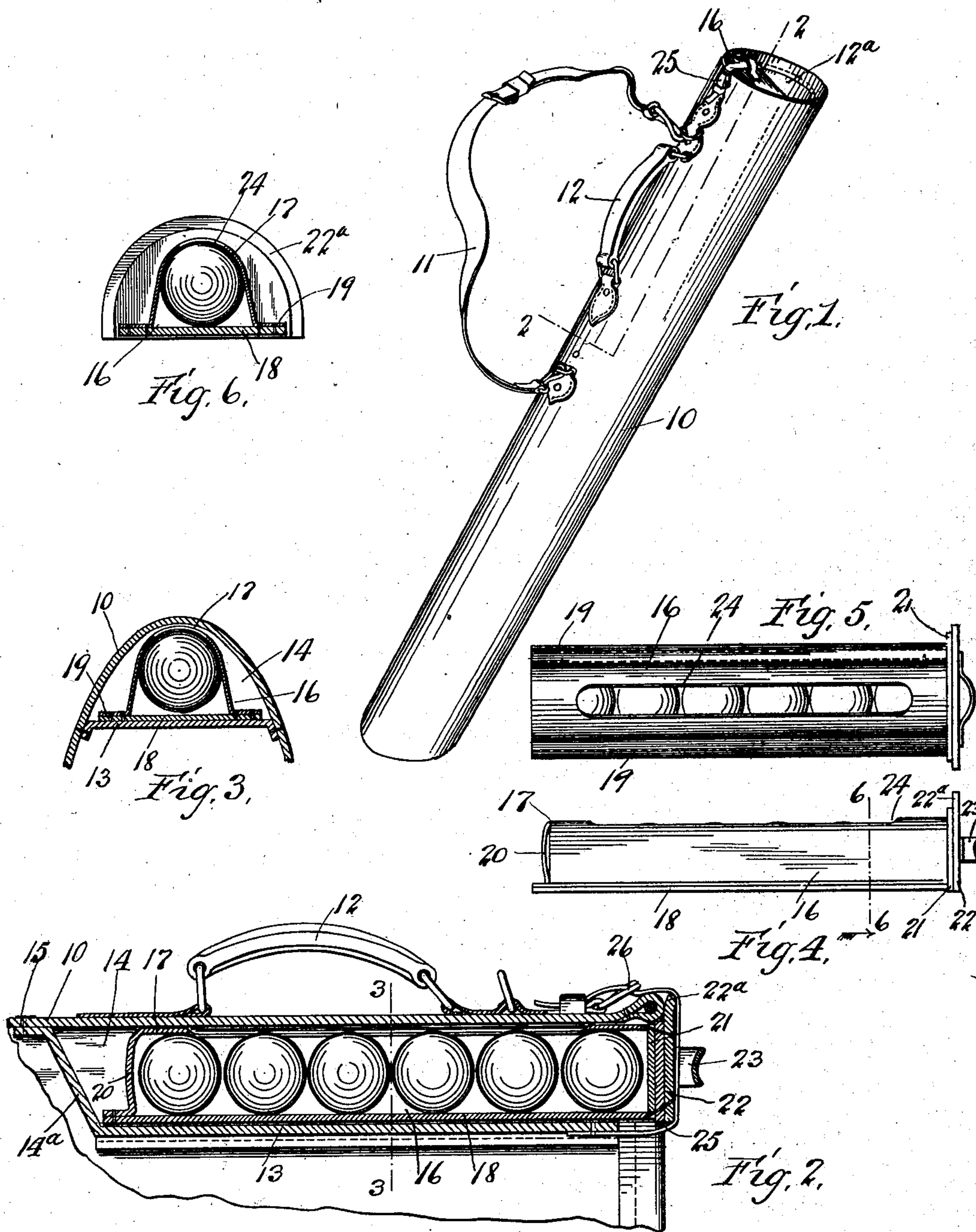
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RICHARD W. OWEN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Golf-Bags, of which the following is a specification and which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

My invention relates to golf-bags—that is to say, the bags or sacks employed for carrying the clubs and sometimes the balls used in playing the game of golf.

Golf-bags as heretofore made have usually been provided with a pouch or pocket on the exterior thereof to hold the balls; but that construction is objectionable for the reason that the pouch or pocket detracts from the appearance of the bag and is in its usual location inconvenient, as it necessitates the shifting of the bag from its normal position across the shoulder of the “caddy” or one who carries the bag or the removal of the same altogether in order to secure access to the ball-pouch. Another objection is that as the pouch projects from the body of the bag it is apt to catch in the clothing of the one who carries it.

The present invention consists in locating the ball-receptacle within the bag, thereby avoiding the objectionable features of the old style of golf-bags, and in providing a simple and convenient form of receptacle or drawer for holding the balls.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will hereinafter appear, the novelty residing in the special features specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

The invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which, with the numerals of reference marked thereon, form a part of the specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a golf-bag having my invention applied thereto, the ball-receptacle being shown seated in the pocket. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a view in elevation of the ball-receptacle removed from the pocket. Fig. 5 is a plan of the same, and Fig. 6 is a section on the line 6 6 of Fig. 4.

10 designates a golf-bag which is of conven-

tional size and shape and provided with the usual sling 11 and hand-strap 12. Such bags are designed to be supported by the sling 11 from the shoulder of the bearer, the open end extending upwardly and the mouth 12^a within easy reach for the removal of the golf-clubs contained within the bag.

Located at the open end and extending longitudinally and transversely of the bag is a partition 13, forming, with the wall of the bag, the pocket 14, the mouth of which opens through the mouth of the bag. The partition 13 is preferably of the same material as the bag—that is to say, leather—and is secured in place by sewing or other means, an extension or flap 14^a being passed across the lower end of the pocket and riveted to the wall of the bag, as at 15, to form the bottom of the pocket. The pocket 14 is adapted to house a ball receptacle or drawer 16, which is in cross-section of approximately the same shape as the pocket, the rounded top or body 17 of the receptacle in the present instance conforming to the contour of the wall of the bag adjacent thereto.

The ball receptacle or drawer 16 consists of a base or bottom 18, to which is secured, through the right-angle flanges or edges 19, the preferably rounded top or body 17, an extension or flap 20 of which closes one end of the receptacle, the other end being closed by a stiffened cap 21. The pull-strap 23 for sliding the ball-receptacle into and out of the pocket may be secured to the cap 21 and the extension 14, forming the bottom of the pocket, depended upon for supporting the receptacle therein; but preferably and as illustrated in the drawings I secure to the cap 21 an additional piece 22, which stiffens that end of the receptacle subjected to strain in removing it from the pocket and in addition provides a marginal flange 22^a for the cap 21, which flange is adapted to rest upon the edge at the open end of the bag to support the ball-receptacle seated in the pocket. In this latter construction the pull-strap 23 is secured to the piece 22.

The ball-receptacle is preferably made of flexible material, such as leather, and is provided with a longitudinal opening 24 of slightly less length than that of the receptacle itself and of less width than that of the diam-

eter of the balls adapted to be contained in the receptacle. This contraction of the opening 24 prevents the balls falling from the receptacle when it is handled carelessly or
5 thrown about, and yet the side walls of the top or body 17 surrounding the opening being flexible permits of the ready removal of the balls from and insertion into the receptacle.

A strap 25, fastened to the partition 13, is
10 adapted to be passed under the hand-pull 23 and engaged with a buckle 26 for securing the ball receptacle or drawer in the pocket.

In use the golf-bag is slung over the shoulder, and the mouth thereof, within which is
15 located the ball receptacle or drawer 16, being within easy reach of the hands of the person carrying the bag the receptacle may be readily removed and as readily returned to its pocket without shifting the position of the
20 bag on the shoulder, or the receptacle may be withdrawn from its pocket and tendered to another for the removal or insertion of a ball without tendering the golf-bag, as is necessary when the ball-pouch is secured to the exterior of the bag.

I claim as my invention—

1. A bag for holding golf-clubs having an internal pocket, the mouth of which opens through the mouth of the bag, and a removable ball-receptacle housed within the pocket.
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2. In a bag for holding golf-clubs, in combination, a bag, a pocket located within the bag, the mouth of which opens through the mouth of the bag, and a removable ball-receptacle housed within the pocket.
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3. In a bag for holding golf-clubs, in combination, a bag, a pocket located within the bag, and a removable ball-receptacle housed within the pocket, the receptacle having a
40 contracted opening the wall of which is flexible.

4. In a bag for holding golf-clubs, in combination, a bag, a pocket located within the bag, and a removable ball-receptacle adapted

to slide and be housed within the pocket, the
45 receptacle having a contracted opening the wall of which is flexible.

5. In a bag for holding golf-clubs, in combination, a bag, a pocket located within the bag, and a removable ball-receptacle adapted
50 to slide and be housed within the pocket, the receptacle having a longitudinal contracted opening provided with flexible side walls.

6. In a bag for holding golf-balls, in combination, a bag, a pocket located within the
55 bag and the mouth of which opens through the mouth of the bag, and a ball-receptacle adapted to slide and be housed within the pocket and being provided with a pull-strap and a strap adapted to be passed under the
60 pull-strap for securing the receptacle in the pocket.

7. In a bag for holding golf-clubs, in combination, a bag, a pocket located within the bag and the mouth of which opens through
65 the mouth of the bag, an elongated ball-receptacle adapted to slide and be housed within the pocket and being provided with a pull-strap, the receptacle having a longitudinal contracted opening, the side walls of which
70 are flexible, and a strap adapted to be passed under the pull-strap for securing the receptacle in the pocket.

8. A receptacle for golf-balls, having an opening of less width than the diameter of the
75 balls to be contained therein, and the wall of which is flexible to permit of the passage of the balls.

9. A receptacle adapted to hold a plurality of golf-balls, and having an elongated opening of less width than the diameter of the balls
80 to be contained therein, the walls of the opening being flexible to permit of the passage of the balls.

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