

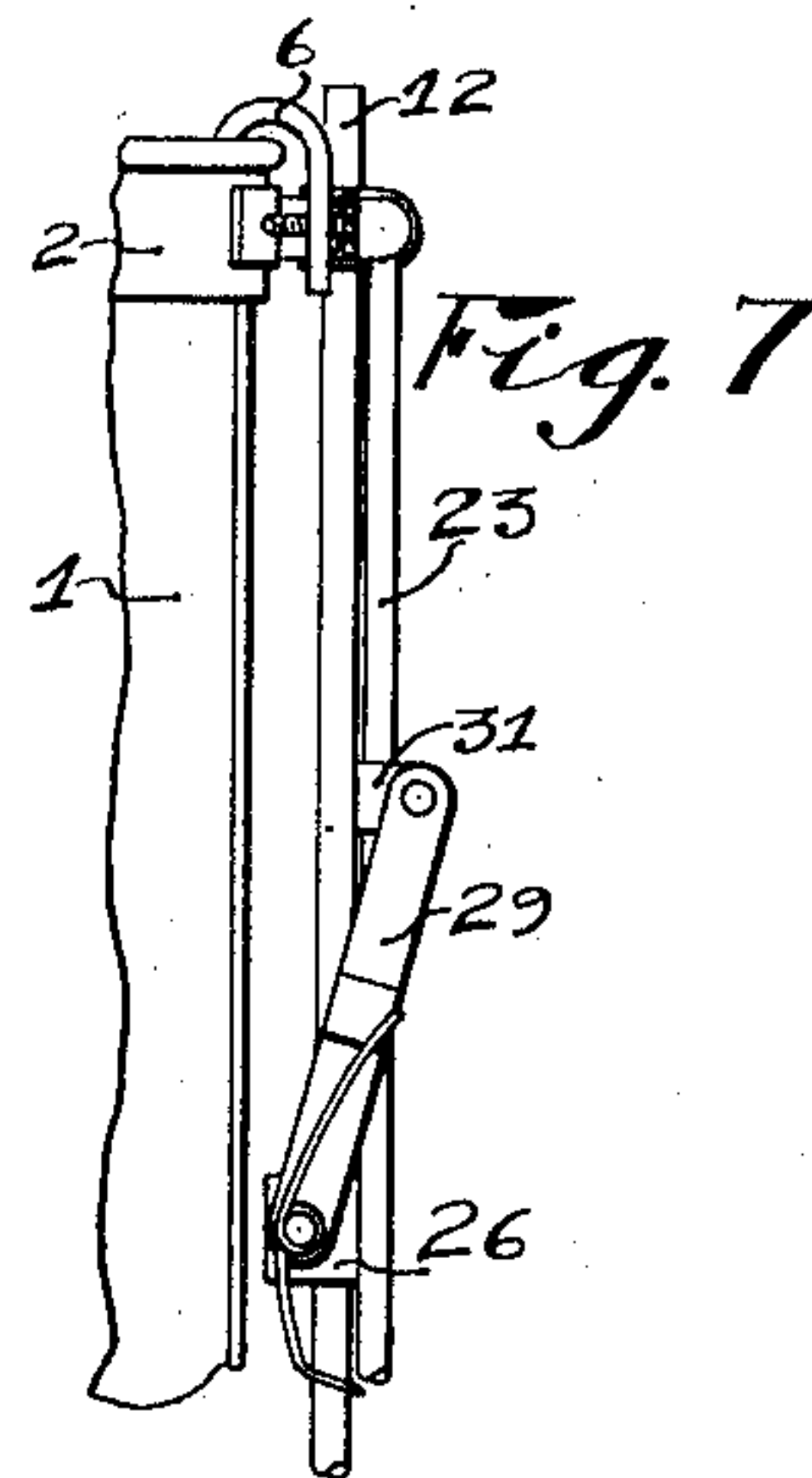
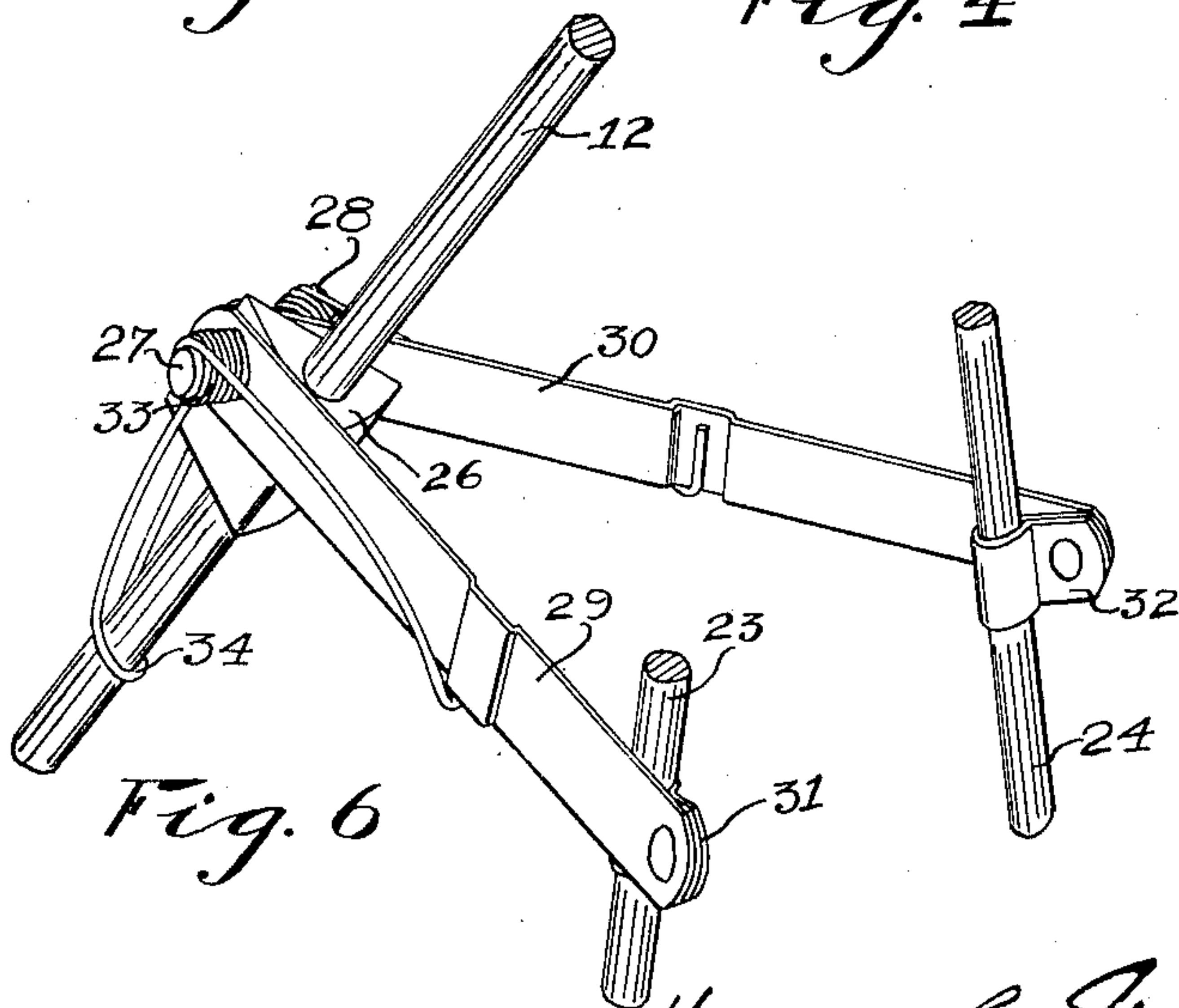
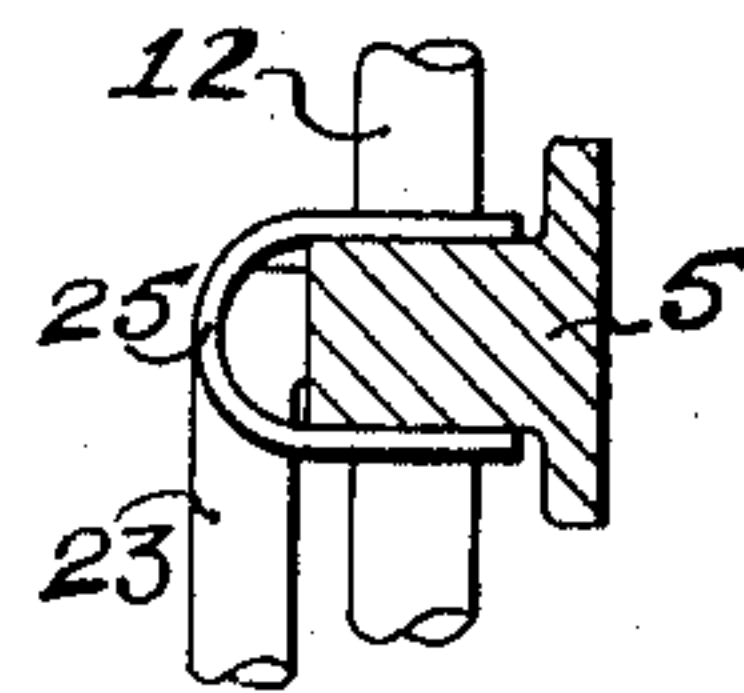
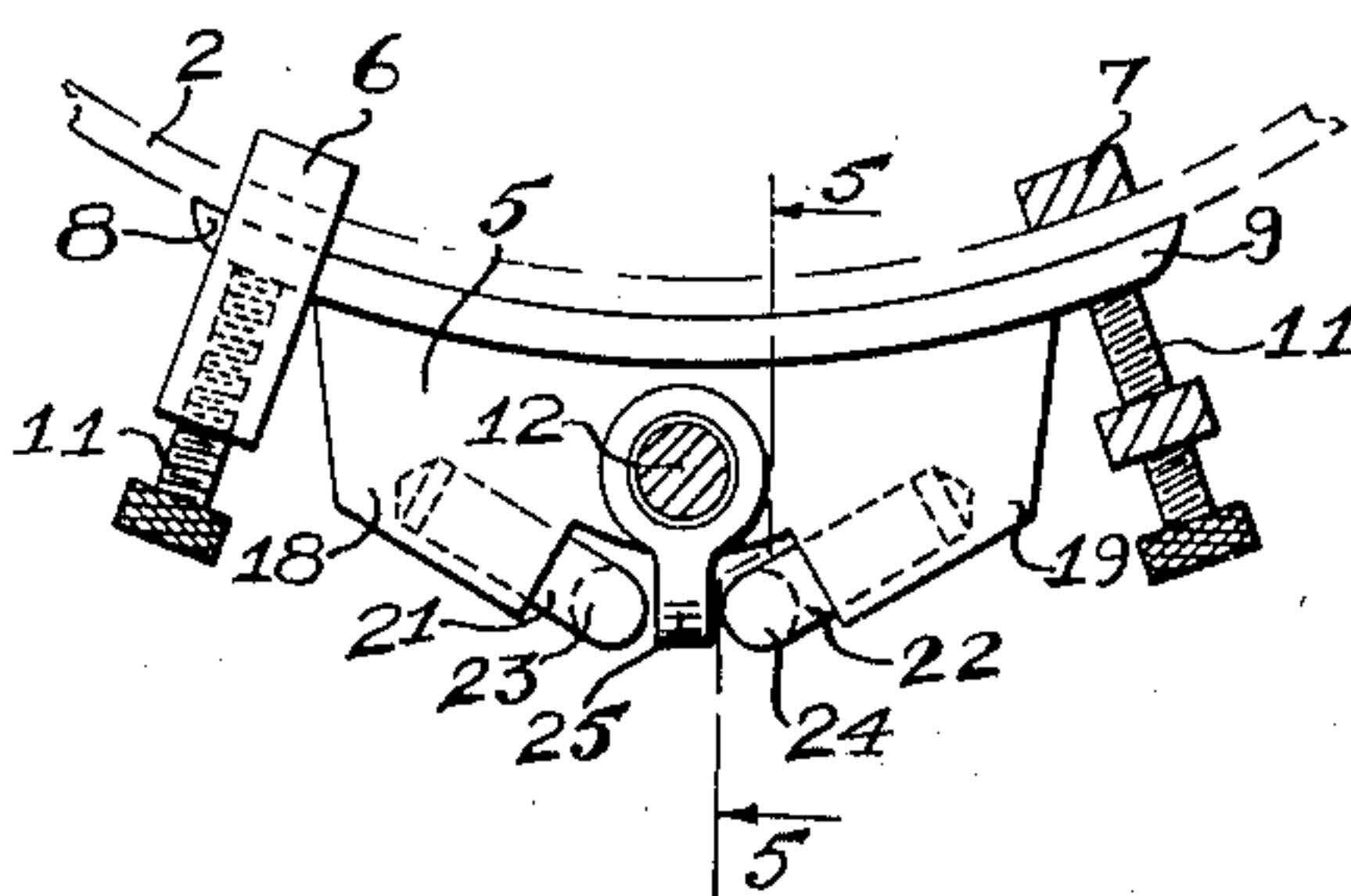
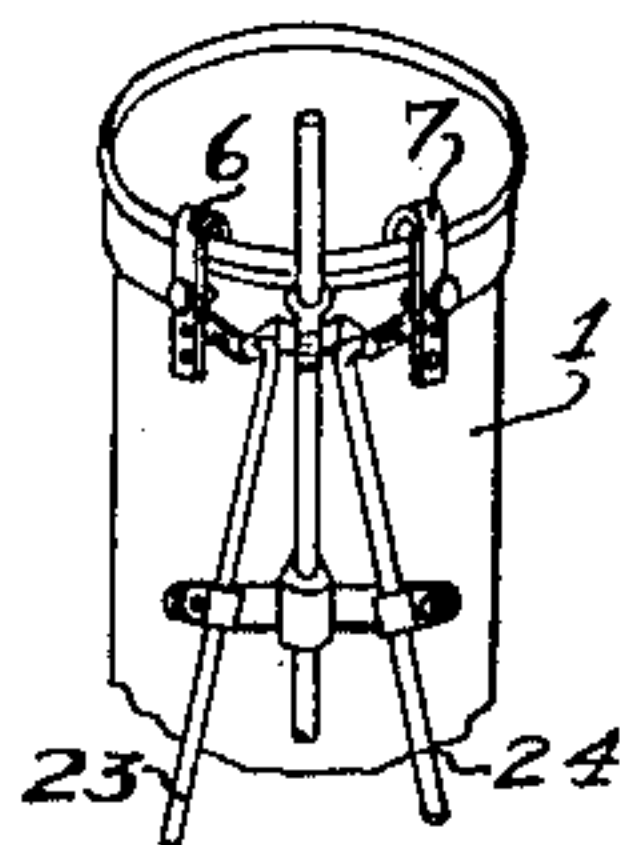
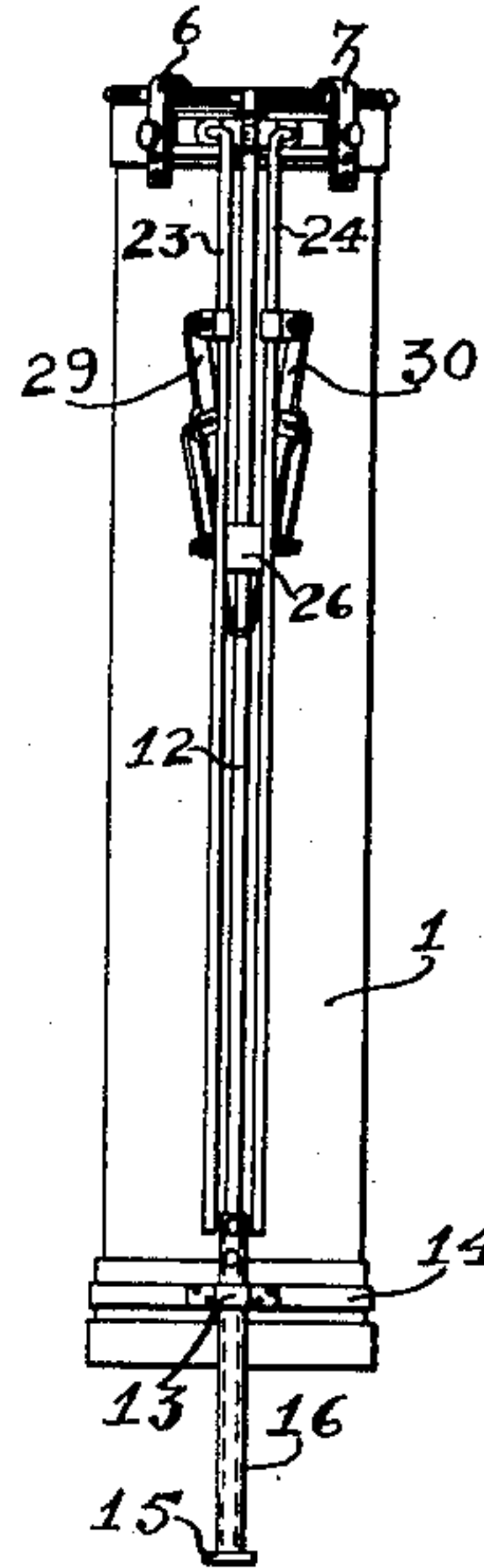
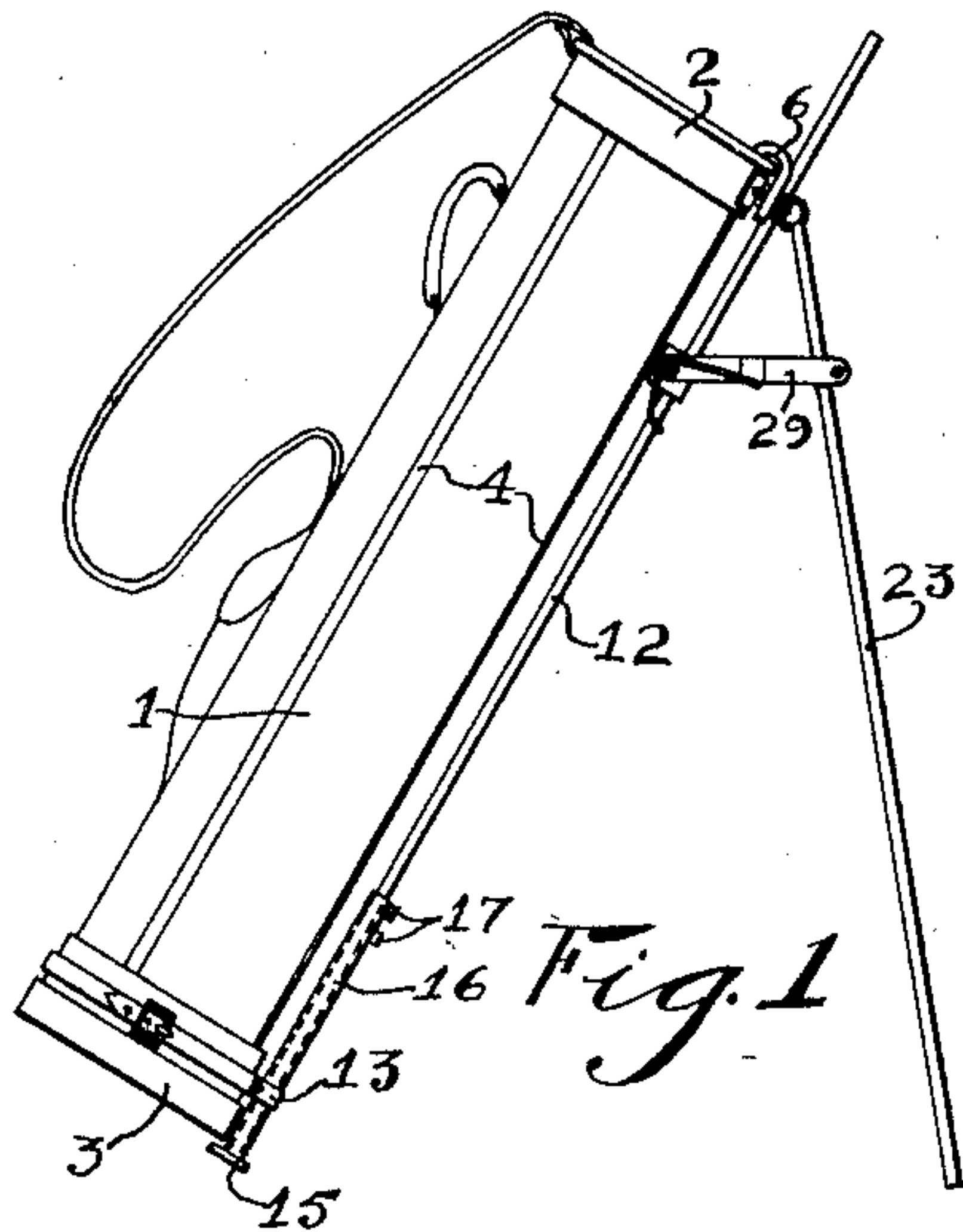
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This invention relates to improvements in golf bags, and its principal object is the provision of simple and inexpensive means for supporting a golf bag in an upright position.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a device for supporting a golf bag in an upright position which comprises a pair of legs which are foldable from an operative position extended from the bag to a position adjacent its outer wall.

Still another object of the invention is the provision of a device of this kind which is readily attachable to or detachable from a golf bag.

To these and other ends, the invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts that will appear from the following description when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, the novel features being pointed out in the claims at the end of the specification.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a golf bag illustrating one possible application of the invention and showing the supporting device in operative position;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same showing the supporting device in folded position;

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the same showing the parts in the Fig. 1 position, parts being broken away to conserve space;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged plan view, parts being shown in section and others broken away;

Fig. 5 is a detail sectional view taken substantially on line 5—5 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is an enlarged fragmentary view showing devices for operating the folding parts, and

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary side elevation showing the parts in folded position.

Referring particularly to the drawing, 1 is a golf bag of usual or preferred construction having rings 2 and 3 of iron or other suitable material at its top and bottom ends, spaced from each other by means of rods 4 and between which the bag of canvas or other suitable material is stretched.

The improved supporting devices comprise a bracket 5, best seen in Fig. 4, adapted to be secured to the top ring 2 of the bag by means of U-shaped clips 6 and 7. The bracket 5 has laterally projecting lugs or flanges 8 and 9 which are received between the arms of the clips 6 and 7. The clips are arranged on the ring with one arm projecting into the open end of the bag and the other arms are arranged over the lugs 8 and 9 on the bracket so that the ring 2 and lugs 8 and 9 are arranged between the outer and inner arms

of the clips. The outer arm of each of the clips is provided with a threaded opening for the reception of a thumb screw 11 which may be threaded therein to clamp the bracket against the outer wall of the bag.

The bracket 5 is provided with a central opening which is engaged by the upper end of a vertically slidable rod 12. At its lower end the rod 12 slidably engages an opening in a clip 13 secured on the outer side of the ring 3 by means of a detachable band 14. It will be noted that by this construction, the clip 13 and bracket 5 are attachable and detachable from a golf bag of ordinary construction. The rod 12 is of a length greater than the depth of the bag so that it projects above the bag when in the Fig. 1 position, and from the lower end of the bag when in the Fig. 2 position. A shoe 15 may be adjustably mounted on the lower end of the rod 12 by means of a sleeve 16 slidably mounted on the rod and secured in adjusted position by means of one or more set screws 17. By loosening the set screws 17, the sleeve may be raised vertically until its lower end or its shoe 15 is flush with the lower end of the bag and again secured to the rod when the bag is not in use.

The bracket 5 is provided with a pair of opposing forwardly projecting ears 18 and 19 which are provided with outwardly extending openings in which the upper bent ends 21 and 22 of a pair of legs 23 and 24 are pivotally engaged. It will be noted that the bearings for the parts 21 and 22 are inclined relatively to each other so that the legs swing in converging paths from the Fig. 1 to the Fig. 2 position.

Means are provided for retaining the ends 21 and 22 of the legs in engagement with their bearings. Said means comprises a U-shaped clip 25 having openings in the ends of its arms. In assembling, the clip 25 is arranged on the bracket 5 with the openings in its arms registering with opposite ends of the opening through the brackets and the rod 12 passed therethrough. By this arrangement, the clip has a swinging movement on the rod 12 between the upper ends of the legs 23 and 24 and retains them in engagement with their bearings in the brackets.

Means operatively connected with the vertically slidable rod 12 are provided for swinging the legs 23 and 24 to and from the position shown in Fig. 1. To this end, a wedge-shaped block or bracket 26, see Fig. 6, is secured to the rod 12 and has pins or studs 27 and 28 projecting from its faces on which one end of each of a pair of links 29 and 30 are pivotally



mounted. The other ends of the links are pivotally connected with the legs 23 and 24 respectively by means of clips or brackets 31 and 32 secured to the legs. When the rod 12 is depressed from the position shown in Fig. 1, the inner ends of the links 29 and 30 move downwardly to swing the lower ends of the legs 23 and 24 inwardly toward the outer wall of the bag. Resilient means in the form of a spring 33 is provided for swinging the legs to the retracted position shown in Fig. 2. Said spring has a loop 34 passing around and engaging the rod 12 and is coiled on the studs 27 and 28 and its ends project outwardly therefrom and engage under the links 29 and 30, as seen in Fig. 6. The extent of swinging movement of the legs 23 and 24 is determined by the length of the links 29 and 30, and the tension of the spring tends to slide the rod 12 downwardly to retract the legs.

If the bag be held in the Fig. 2 position and pressed downwardly, the rod 12 moves vertically in its bearings and carries the block 26 therewith and causes the links 29 and 30 to swing outwardly to swing the lower ends of the legs 23 and 24 outwardly from the bag against the tension of the spring 33. If the lower ends of the legs be now engaged with the support, they are retained in the extended position against the tension of the spring 33 by frictional engagement with the support. The bag is now supported in the upright position shown in Fig. 1 on the three legs 12, 23 and 24. When the bag is raised from its support, the spring 33 reacts to slide the rod 12 downwardly and swing the legs to the folded position shown in Fig. 2.

Although only one embodiment of the invention is shown and described herein, it will be understood that this application is intended to

cover such changes or modifications as come within the spirit of the invention or scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. A detachable golf bag support comprising a bracket having an opening therethrough, a rod slidable in said opening, a pair of ears having opposed openings therein on said bracket, a pair of legs pivoted in said openings, and means loosely mounted on said rod and arranged between said legs for retaining them in engagement with said openings.

2. A detachable golf bag support comprising a bracket having an opening therethrough, a rod slidable in said opening, a pair of ears having opposed openings therein on said bracket, a pair of legs pivoted in said openings, a U-shaped clip arranged between said legs and engaging opposite faces of the bracket, said clip having openings in which said rod is slidable for retaining said clip on the bracket, the clip acting to retain the legs in said openings.

3. A detachable golf bag support comprising a bracket having a vertical opening extending through its central portion, a rod slidable in said opening, the bracket being cut away in front of said opening to afford a pair of oppositely disposed ears, said ears having horizontal openings therein on their adjacent faces, a pair of legs having angled portions at their upper ends projecting away from each other and positioned in said openings in the ears, means located between the legs at their upper portions for retaining them in said openings in the ears, and connections between said rod and legs acting automatically to spread the legs when the rod is elevated.

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