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GOLF CLUB HANDLE

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FIG. 1.

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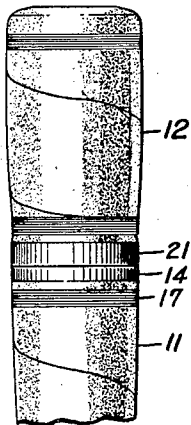


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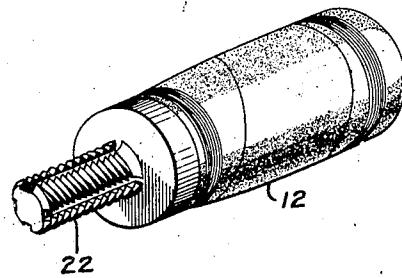
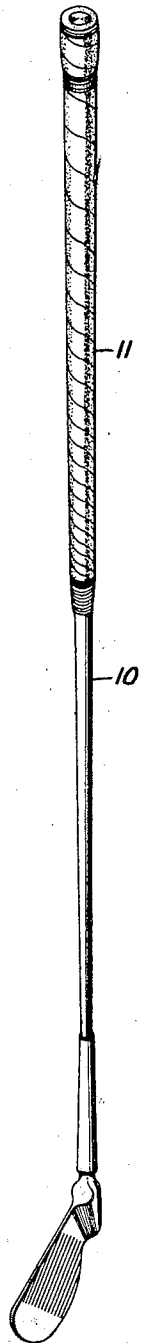
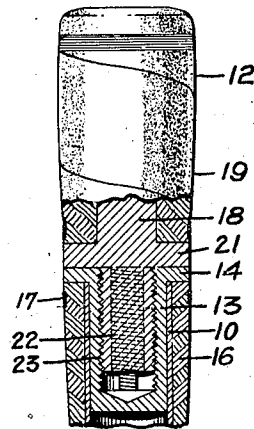


FIG. 4.

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GOLF-CLUB HANDLE.

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This invention relates generally to the construction of handles or grips for golf clubs.

It is an object of this invention to devise novel means which will permit the lengthening or shortening of the shaft of a golf club.

Further objects of this invention will appear from the following description in which I have set forth the preferred embodiment of my invention. It is to be understood that the appended claim is to be accorded a range of equivalents consistent with the state of the prior art.

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of a golf club incorporating my invention.

Fig. 2 is a detail showing a portion of my extensible grip in side elevation.

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but showing a portion of the grip in cross section.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing the detachable portion of my grip.

The invention consists generally of an extension to the grip of an ordinary golf club which may readily be attached or detached to change the effective length of the club shaft. For example referring to the drawing there is shown a golf club of the adjustable type which includes the usual shaft 10, to the upper end of which is applied the resilient covering 11, this cover usually consisting of a leather wrapping as shown. The upper end of the shaft, instead of being plugged off as is usual with golf clubs, is provided with means whereby an extension 12 may be detachably secured thereto.

While it is to be understood that my invention is broadly applicable to any type of extension which may be applied to the grip of a golf club, the particular grip shown is considered desirable from a manufacturing standpoint and comprises a plug 13 which is fitted into and secured to the upper end of the ordinary steel

golf shaft 10. This plug is formed with a flanged portion 14 in order to finish off the end of the grip when the extension is not in use. The wrapping 16 of leather or other suitable material is brought up flush with flange 14 and secured to the shaft by glue or by cord wrapping 17. The extension 12 may be constructed of a body member 18 upon which is applied the wrapping 19, which preferably corresponds to the wrapping 16 upon the principal part of the grip. A flange 21 upon body member 18 finishes off the lower end of extension 12 and normally is intended to abut the flange 14 upon plug 13. For securing the extension in position, body member 18 is also provided with an extension 22 which is preferably provided with a left handed thread adapted to engage internal threads 23 provided in plug 13. For convenience these threads are preferably of a quick detachable variety which require only a portion of a turn to securely lock the members together.

A quick extension of this kind is particularly desirable when used with an adjustable golf club such as shown. Not only does the extension permit the lengthening or shortening of the shaft to suit the individual tastes of different players, but makes it possible to vary the length of the shaft when using the adjustable club for relatively long shots. When the extension is in place the grip appears practically the same as the grip of a standard club and the left handed threaded engagement precludes loosening when in use.

I claim:

A golf club comprising a shaft, wrapping applied to the end portion of the shaft to form a usable grip, an extension having a detachable connection with the end of said shaft, said extension having wrapping adapted to continue the grip on the shaft.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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