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Fig. 1.

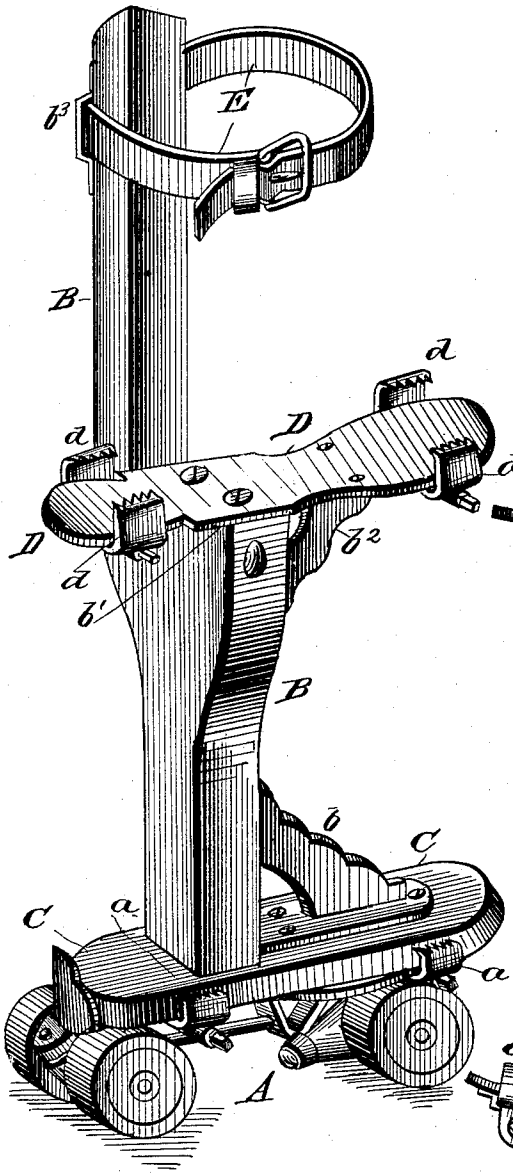
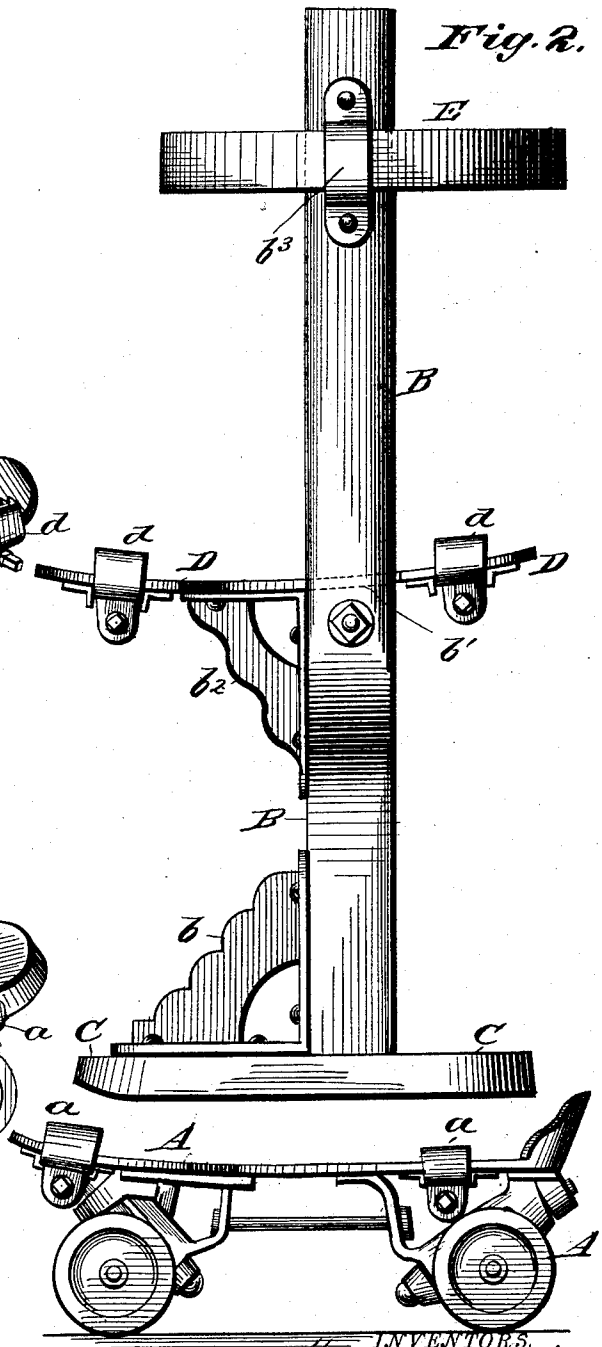


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MARSHALL ZACK and FRANK GERAGHTY, both citizens of the United States, and residents of Streator, in the county of La Salle and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Roller-Skate and Stilt; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

Our invention has relation to roller-skates; and it consists in the combination, with a roller-skate, of a stilt adapted to be secured at its base or lower end upon the skate, and provided with a foot-plate, upon which the foot of the skater rests, the upper end of the stilt, which rises above this foot-plate, being provided with a strap, which is buckled around the leg of the skater, and serves to hold the stilt more firmly in position.

Referring to the annexed drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of our combined roller-skate and stilt, and Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, showing the skate detached from the stilt.

The same letters indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Referring to the several parts by letter, A represents the roller-skate, which is of the usual construction, and has the clamps *a*, which ordinarily serve to secure the skate to the shoe of the skater.

We do not confine ourselves to any particular form of roller-skate, as it is obvious that any roller-skate of ordinary construction may be used in combination with the stilt.

B represents the stilt, which may be of any desired length, and has the base-piece C rigidly secured at its lower end, a triangular brace, *b*, serving to strengthen the stilt, and hold it more firmly in its vertical position with relation to the base C. This base C is of a form to adapt it to fit closely upon the skate A, and be firmly secured thereto by the clamps *a*.

At a suitable distance above the base-piece the stilt is cut away to form a step or shoulder, *b'*, upon which is rigidly secured, by means of suitable screws or otherwise, a foot-plate, D, which receives additional support from a triangular brace, b^2, and is provided with the adjustable clamps *d*, adapted to firmly secure the foot of the skater upon the said foot-plate. That portion of the stilt which extends above the foot-plate D, on the outer side of the skater's leg, is provided near its upper end with a bail, b^3, through which passes a strap, E, adapted to buckle around the skater's leg, and thereby more firmly hold the stilt in its operative position.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction of our combined stilt and roller-skate will be readily understood without requiring further explanation.

The skates are first firmly clamped upon the base-pieces C of the stilts. The skater then places his feet upon the foot-plates of the stilts, when the clamps attached to the foot-plates are tightened to the requisite degree, and the straps are buckled around the legs of the skater, thus holding the stilts firmly in position.

It is obvious that we do not confine ourselves to the form of fastening shown as used on the foot-plate and skate, as straps or any other suitable fastening may be used in place of the clamps.

We are aware that it is not new to construct stilts for ice-skates having parallel support from the foot-piece to the skate, and we do not claim such construction, broadly; but

We claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

In a stilt for roller-skates, an upright piece having a notch or shoulder at the desired height, a foot-piece rigidly secured thereto and means for securing the foot thereon, a bottom piece rigidly secured to the lower end of said stilt and means for securing the skate thereto, and a strap at the upper end of said stilt for securing the same to the leg of the skater, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereunto affixed our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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