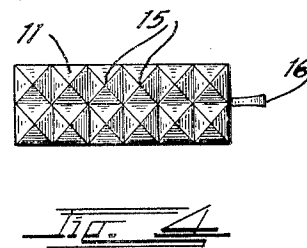
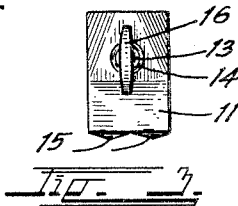
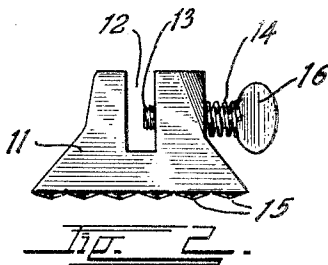
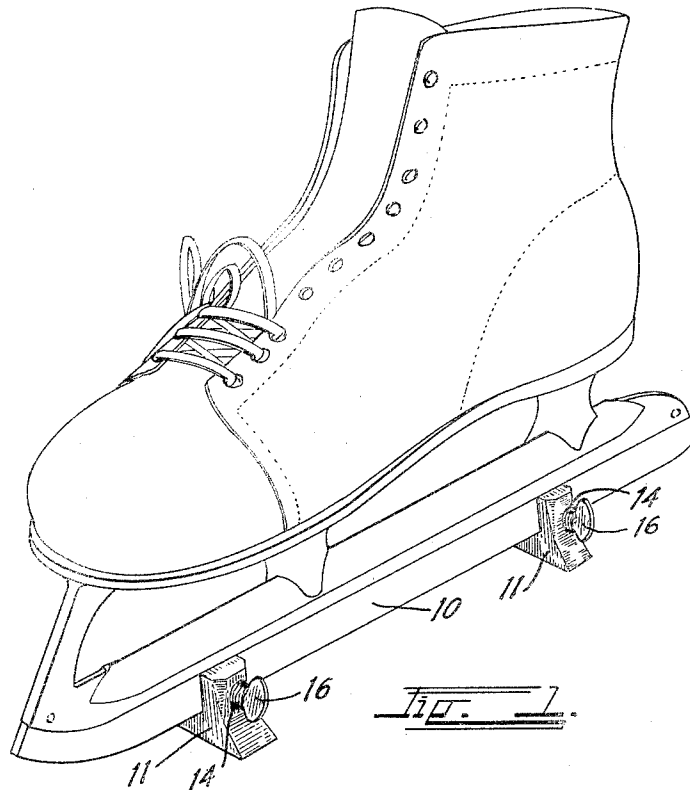


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This invention relates to a skate protector.

It is often necessary for skaters to walk a considerable distance before reaching the ice after they have put on their skates. If the ground contains sand or gravel, it will result in quickly dulling the skate blades.

The principal object of this invention is to provide a light, inexpensive, easily attached device which can be quickly and easily placed upon the skate runner or blade to allow the skater to freely walk upon the ground without damage to the blades.

Another object of the invention is to make the device sufficiently small and light so that it may be conveniently carried in the pocket when not in use.

Other objects and advantages reside in the detail construction of the invention, which is designed for simplicity, economy, and efficiency. These will become more apparent from the following description.

In the following detailed description of the invention reference is had to the accompanying drawing which forms a part hereof. Like numerals refer to like parts in all views of the drawing and throughout the description.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 illustrates the invention in place upon a typical skate.

Fig. 2 is a front view of the improved skate protector.

Fig. 3 is a side view thereof.

Fig. 4 is a bottom view thereof.

In Fig. 1 a typical skate runner or blade is indicated at 10.

The invention comprises a metallic protecting member 11, two of which are attached to each runner 10. Each of the members 11 contains a vertical slot 12 in its upper portion for receiving the skate blade and each slot is provided with a thumb screw 13 which is threaded into the member 11 to lock the blade in the slot.

The thumb screws are formed with convenient thumb and finger gripping heads 16 and each carries a compression spring 14 compressed between the head 16 and the member 11 to lock the screw in its threads and to prevent accidental unscrewing and loss.

The bottom of the member 11 is widened to present a broad lateral support for the skate. The bottom is roughened by providing a series of pyramidal-shaped points 15 which prevent slipping upon icy surfaces. It is preferable, though not necessary, to form the members 11 of cast aluminum so that they would be very light in weight.

It can be readily seen that it will require but a moment for the user to attach the members to his skate runners by a simple turn of the screw 13. A simple reverse turn thereof immediately removes the protectors.

While more particularly designed for use by skaters in protecting their skates, the device is also useful for supporting skates and skate shoes for display purposes in sporting goods shops and the like.

While a specific form of the improvement has been described and illustrated herein, it is desired to be understood that the same may be varied, within the scope of the appended claim, without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed and desired secured by Letters Patent is:

An ice skate runner protector comprising: a pair of independent, solid, metallic blocks spaced apart along said runner, said blocks being of greater width than length, the front and rear faces of said blocks being perpendicular, the sides thereof being inclined inwardly to a narrower top portion, the sides of said top portion being perpendicular; a vertical slot across each top portion for receiving said runner, said slots being positioned in alignment and at right angles to the greatest width of said blocks; a set screw threaded into one side of the upper portion of each block at the bottom of the said perpendicular side of said upper portion, said side being wider than the other, the extremities of said screws entering said slots to engage said runner, the bottoms of said blocks being roughened by a series of pyramidal-shaped points and lying in a common plane and a compression spring to lock said screw in said block.

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