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ICE SKATE CARRIER.

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Fig. 1.

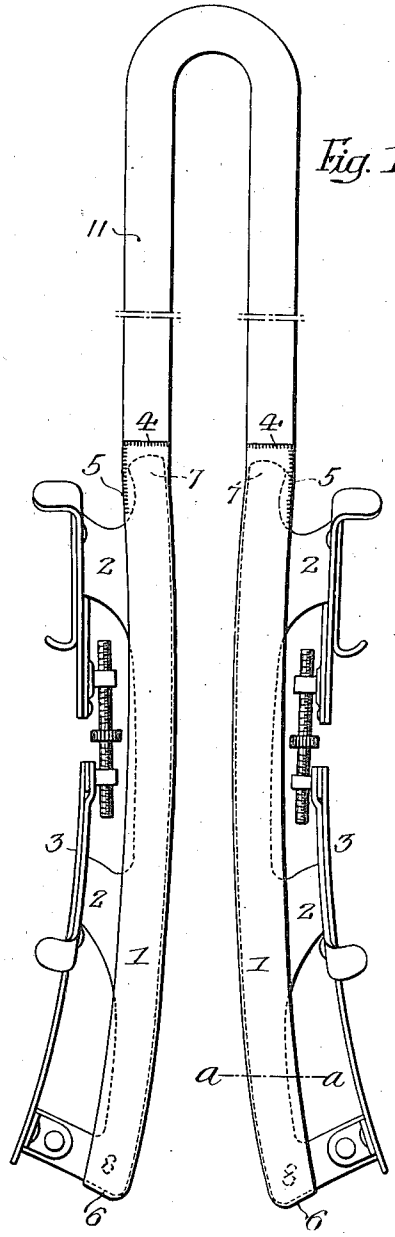


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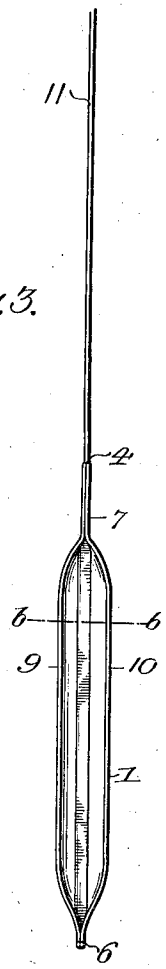


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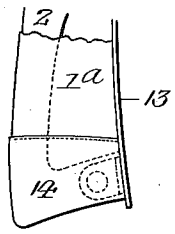


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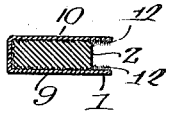
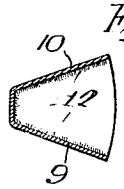


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED F. McCOLLUM, a citizen of the United States, residing in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Ice-Skate Carriers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention consists of a carrier for ice skates which may be suspended from the shoulder or carried in the hand.

One of the objects of my invention is to construct a skate carrier of the above type which will afford protection to the skates and to the person carrying the same and which can be easily and quickly attached and detached.

Another object is that when not in use the carrier will take up little space and can easily be carried in a person's pocket.

Other objects and advantages will be brought out in the following description.

In the following drawings—Figure 1, is a view showing my improved carrier in use; Fig. 2, is an enlarged transverse section taken on the line *a—a*, Fig. 1; Fig. 3, is an edge view of one of the hoods detached; Fig. 4, is an enlarged transverse section taken on the line *b—b*, Fig. 3; and Fig. 5, is a fragmental view showing the hood covering the entire runner or blade of the skate and provided with a reinforcing member.

Referring to the drawings, 1, 1 are hoods made of any tough flexible material such as cloth having rubber interwoven or a knitted fabric and designed to be stretched over the runners or blades 2 of the skates 3, as shown in Fig. 1. These hoods 1, in the present instance are made from a single strip of material and seamed at 4, 5 and 6 to form pockets for the front and rear ends of the skates. The seams 4 and 5 form the pockets for the rear ends 7 while the seams 6 form the pockets for the front ends 8. The pockets thus formed will, when in their contracted or normal state, substantially assume the shape shown in Figs. 3 and 4, in which the sides 9 and 10 flare throughout the greater part of the length of the hood and gradually come together at the ends. This condition makes it especially easy to apply the hoods to the blades because the sides always have a tendency to stand open to allow the insertion of the blade. A tape or strap 11 has its ends connected one to each hood 1 by the seam stitching 4 or in any other manner and provides means whereby the skates may be suspended from the shoulder or carried in the hand. This feature is clearly shown in Fig. 1. For the purpose of absorbing the moisture on the blades, the inner surface 12 may be fleeced or faced with absorbent material to prevent rusting of the skate blades as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 4.

In the modification shown in Fig. 5, I have shown the hood 1^a extending over the entire depth of the blade and abutting the foot plate 13. I have also shown a reinforcing section 14 of leather, or other durable material, for the pockets. These reinforcing sections may be placed at each end or at points within the length of the hood if it is desired to reinforce the latter.

In the use of my invention, one end of a skate is placed within its respective pocket, the hood is then attenuated until the other end of the skate can be placed therein. The hood is then allowed to contract until the latter end is enveloped in its respective pocket. Either end may be pocketed first, although it has been found easier to pocket the end opposite the suspending strap because the latter may be used as a hand hold for attenuating the hood. As the hoods are attenuated the flared sides 9 and 10 gradually move toward each other until the hood is entirely on the blade, then they tend to closely hug the blade, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. To remove the skates from the carrier each hood is attenuated in one direction until one end of the skate contained therein is out of its pocket. The hood is then laterally slipped off said end, by using the opposite end as a pivot fulcrum; then the hood is allowed to contract to its normal state when it can be easily slid from the other end of the skate.

A carrier constructed in accordance with my invention may be manufactured at a small cost and can be carried in a person's pocket when not in use, as it may be folded and is very light in weight.

While I have shown the suspension strap attached to the hoods adjacent the ends 7, it will be understood that they may be attached adjacent the ends 8 without interfering with the carrying qualifications of the hoods.

A carrier as herein shown, protects a per-

son from the sharp blades of the skates and at the same time is more convenient than a hand bag.

I claim:

1. A skate carrier having a hood adapted to be stretched over the skate.

2. A carrier for skates having hoods adapted to be stretched over the blades of the skates.

3. A carrier for skates having elastic hoods adapted to be stretched over certain portions of the skates, and suspension means attached to the hoods.

4. A carrier for skates comprising two hoods normally shorter than the length of the skate blades, said hoods being adapted to be stretched over the blades of the skates, and suspension means attached to the hoods.

5. A carrier for skates comprising two elastic hoods adapted to be stretched over the skates, and suspension means attached to the hoods.

6. A carrier for skates comprising two elastic hoods adapted to be stretched over the blades of the skates, said hoods having pockets at the ends to receive the ends of the skate blades, and a suspension strap connecting the said hoods.

7. A carrier for skates comprising two hoods made of elastic fabric and adapted to be stretched over the blades of the skates, said hoods having pockets at their ends to receive the ends of the skate blades, and a suspension strap connecting the said hoods.

8. A carrier for skates comprising two elastic hoods, reinforcing members for the hoods, and a suspension strap joining the said hoods.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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