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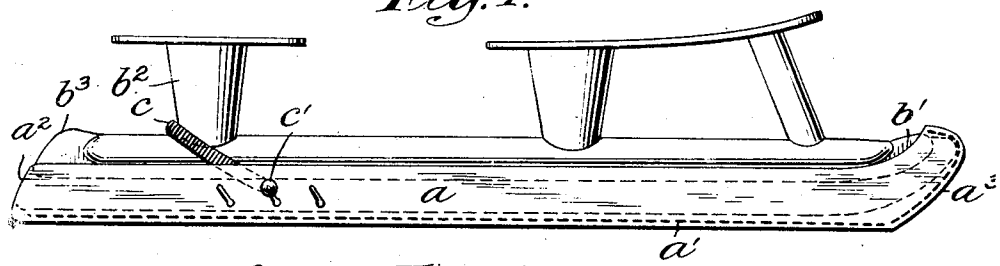


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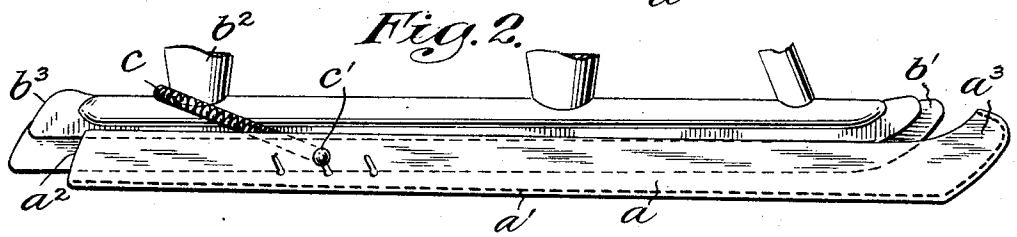


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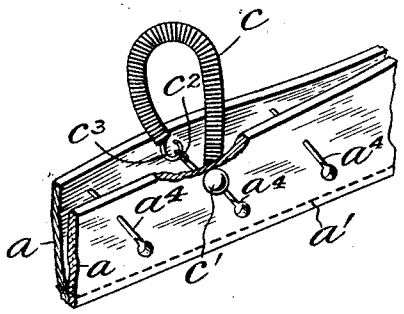


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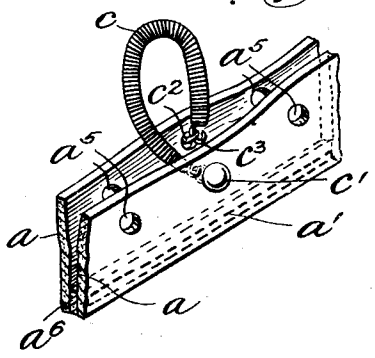
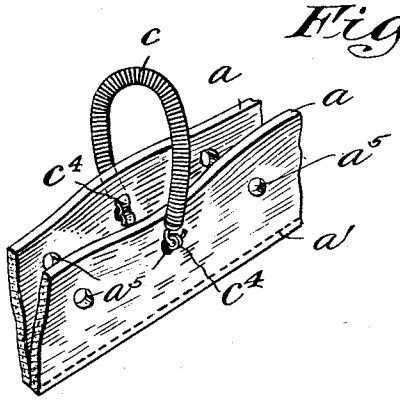


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This invention relates to scabbards for ice skates and has for its principal object the provision of a scabbard which may be readily adjustable for use with skates of different sizes and which will not be subject to the disadvantages inherent in ice skate scabbards of known constructions.

Known skate scabbards have generally been of fixed length and have been formed with a strap whereby the scabbard was maintained in position upon the skate. In order to adapt the scabbard for use with various sizes of skates means have been provided on the scabbard to position the strap at different points along its length. In addition such strap has been made of elastic material so as to ensure its proper co-operation with the skate post or standard. But such straps have usually been subject to injury and wear by contact with the skate post and also subject to internal deterioration. To overcome this objection to the use of known types of scabbards it is proposed, according to this invention, to provide a strap in the form of a metallic spring which will not be subject to wear and deterioration.

In the past it has usually been necessary to provide the strap with a snap fastener or similar means so that the strap might be opened in order to get the scabbard upon the skate. This was a disadvantage since it required time and trouble in adjusting the scabbard to the skate. It is, therefore, an object of this invention to form the scabbard of such material and to so position it upon the scabbard that the scabbard may be put on and removed from the skate without opening the strap.

It is a further object of the invention to provide adjustable means for initially attaching the strap or spring to the scabbard such that its position may be readily varied to accommodate skates of various sizes.

These and other objects will appear more fully in the following detailed description of a preferred embodiment of the invention. The description should be read in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a view of an ice skate with a scabbard according to the invention in place;

Figure 2 is a view showing the manner of putting on and removing the scabbard according to the invention;

Figure 3 is a view showing the manner of attaching the strap or spring to the scabbard; and

Figures 4 and 5 are views showing alternate manners of attaching the spring to the scabbard whereby the spring may be more readily removed for adjustment.

The scabbard, as shown, is formed of two strips of leather a, a, stitched together as at a'. One end a^2 of the scabbard is left open while the other end a^3 is closed and is formed with a toe for co-operation with toe b' of a skate. The scabbard has attached thereto a spring c which co-operates with one of the posts or standards b^2 of the skate. The tension of the spring pulls the toe a^3 of the scabbard over the toe b' of the skate and holds the scabbard in position.

In order to put the scabbard on the skate it is merely necessary to place the spring c over the end b^3 of the skate until it stops against the post b^2. The scabbard may then be pulled forward against the tension of the spring until the toe a^3 of the scabbard is ahead of the toe b' of the skate, as shown in Figure 2. The tension of the spring will then pull the scabbard rearwardly until the toe of the scabbard is over the toe of the skate, as shown in Figure 1. To remove the scabbard it need merely be pulled forward to disengage the toe of the scabbard from the toe of the skate, after which the spring may be readily slipped over the end b^3 of the skate.

The spring c is attached to the scabbard, as shown in Figure 3, by means of buttons having eyes c^2 which project through the slots a^4 in the scabbard. The spring is formed at its ends with hooks c^3 which hook into the eyes c^2 of the buttons on the inside of the scabbard. In order to adjust the position of the spring upon the scabbard the hooks c^3 at the ends of the spring are removed from the eyes c^2 of the buttons c', whereupon the buttons may be removed and inserted in other slots as desired and the hooks on the ends of the spring again inserted in the eyes of the buttons.

Since the scabbard is usually made of stiff leather it may be found desirable to provide means to more easily remove the spring for adjustment. Thus, instead of the slots a^4, the scabbard may be formed with holes a^5, as shown in Figure 4, so that the spring can be drawn through to the outside of the scabbard, whereupon the button may be easily

removed. Or instead, the spring may be fastened on the outside of the scabbard by the means c^4, as shown in Figure 5.

In the form shown in Figure 4 the scabbard is provided with a spacer strip a^6 which is stitched between the two side strips a, a. It will be obvious that the other forms of the scabbard may be provided with similar strips without in any way modifying the remaining structure.

Thus there has been provided a scabbard for ice skates wherein the strap or spring constituting the means to hold the scabbard in position upon the skate may be adjusted so as to adapt the scabbard for use with skates of various sizes. These means are of such a nature as not to be subject to deterioration or wear. Once the scabbard has been adjusted for use with a skate of any given size it can readily be put on and removed from the skate without recourse to snap fasteners or other such means on the strap or spring.

The scabbard may be modified in various ways and nothing that has been said in the foregoing description is intended as a limitation upon the scope of the invention except as indicated in the claim.

What I claim is:

In a scabbard for ice skates, said scabbard being formed with an open end and a closed end for co-operation with the toe of a skate, a series of apertures formed in the scabbard adjacent the open end thereof, a plurality of buttons having eyes adapted to extend through said apertures, a coil spring, means on the ends of the spring for co-operation with the eyes of the buttons, whereby the spring may be adjustably positioned at different points along the length of the scabbard, the tension of the spring and the closed end of the scabbard co-operating to removably hold the scabbard in position upon the skate.

This specification signed this 19th day of April, A. D. 1927.

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