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 SKATE FASTENING OVERSHOE.
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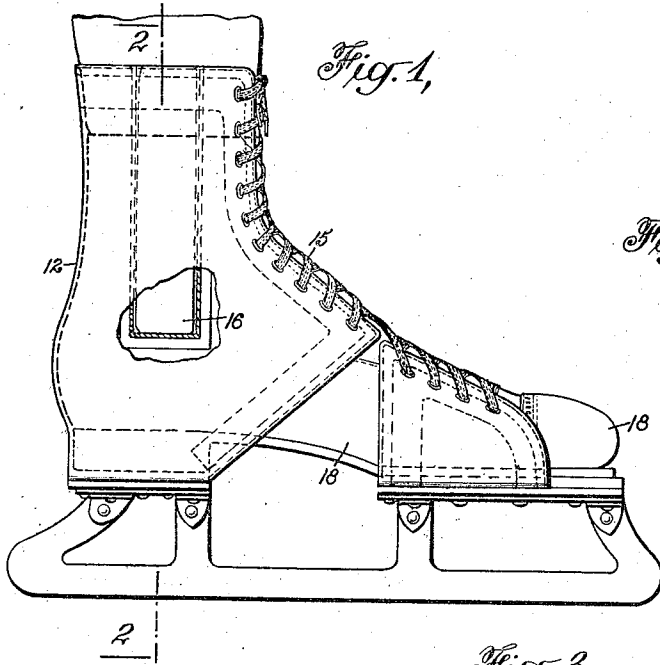


Fig. 2,

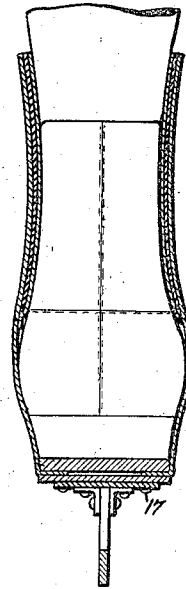


Fig. 3

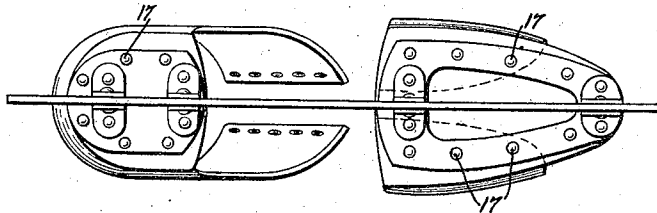
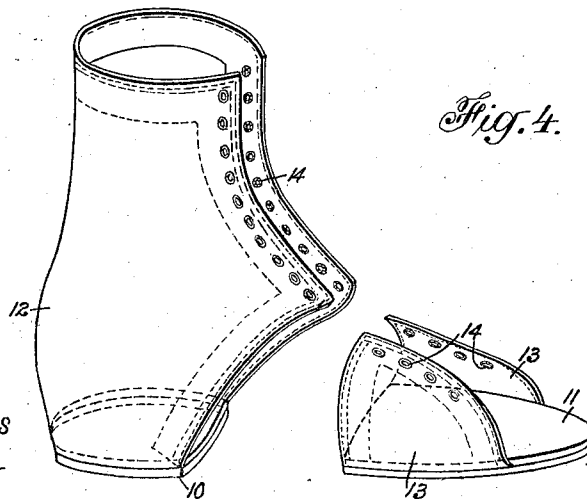


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BARNETT EPSTEIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Skate-Fastening Overshoe, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Among the principal objects which the present invention has in view are: To provide shoe-like means for securing skates to the human foot; to provide means of the character mentioned adapted to fit feet of various sizes; to provide overshoe sections for skates for affording protection for the wearing shoe, but firm attachment of the skate to the foot; to provide sectional overshoes having continuous entrance openings; and to provide a shoe-like ankle support for fastening a skate to the human foot.

Drawings.

Figure 1 is a side view of an ice-skate provided with a skate-fastening overshoe constructed and arranged in accordance with the present invention, and showing in conjunction therewith a view of the human foot as applied thereto;

Fig. 2 is a cross section of said skate and overshoe, the section being taken as on the line 2—2 in Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view of a skate having an overshoe attached thereto and as seen from beneath the skate;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the overshoe, the sections thereof being shown in spaced relation and as detached from the skate.

Description.

As seen in the drawings, the overshoe is constructed in two parts and employs a heel-pad 10 and a sole-pad 11. Said pads, as shown best in Fig. 4 of the drawings, are independently arranged, and each is provided with upper sections peculiar to the portion of a shoe usually related thereto. The pads 10 and 11 are preferably constructed of wood and of two layers, between which layers are secured the lower edges of the upper 12 and the foxing 13. The upper 12 conforms in design to that portion of the conventional shoe or gaiter which enfolds

the ankle and the instep of the foot. The gap edges of the upper are furnished with lacing eyelets 14, through which in service, as seen best in Fig. 1 of the drawings, a shoe lacing 15 is passed. Where desired, steel ankle braces 16 are inserted in the sides of the upper 12.

The laminations of the sole-pad 11 hold the lower edges of the separate sections of the foxing 13. The foxing 13 does not cover the toe ends of said pad, it being intended that the toe of the shoe shall extend forward of the foxing 13. The gap edges of the sections forming the foxing 13, like the gap edges of the upper 12, are provided with lacing eyelets 14 to receive in service the lacing 15.

It is obvious that the sections of the overshoe being independent and separate, they may be attached to skates of any length. This is an advantage in that the purchaser is not required to be fitted to the shoe that is to be attached to the skate. Therefore, skates when provided with shoe sections of the character herein described may be worn by different people having different sized feet.

The pads 10 and 11 and parts connected therewith are attached to skates independently by means of fasteners, such as rivets 17.

The herein-described overshoe having been attached to a skate, it is worn over the shoe of usual wear, such as is indicated by the numeral 18 in the drawings. When applying the overshoe and skate attached therein in service, the stocking foot is not exposed to the cold and damp incident to locations where skates are usually applied.

Claims.

1. An overshoe as characterized comprising a plurality of rigid, correlated separate pads; flexible shoe structures permanently and rigidly connected one with each of said pads, said structures having each a full front opening; and means for drawing the edges of said openings into service relation, said means embodying a single member operatively engaging the edges of all of said structures to form a unit fastening therefor.
2. An overshoe as characterized comprising a plurality of rigid correlated separate

pads; a skate runner rigidly connecting said pads; flexible shoe structures permanently connected with each of said pads, said structures having each a full front opening; a plurality of relatively stiff brace members mounted in said shoe structures for holding the ankle of the wearer of the shoe; and means for lacing said shoe structures to close the front openings, said means embodying a single member operatively engaging the edges of all of said shoe structures to form a unit fastening therefor. 10

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