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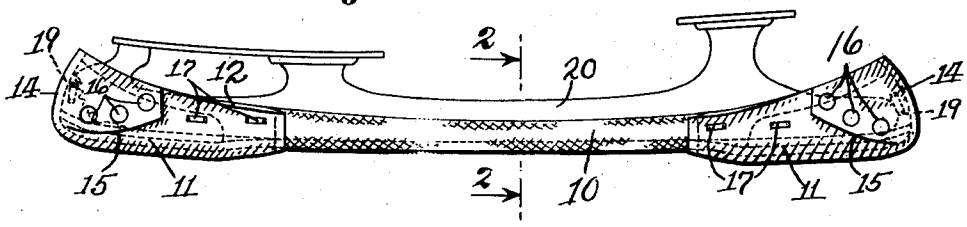
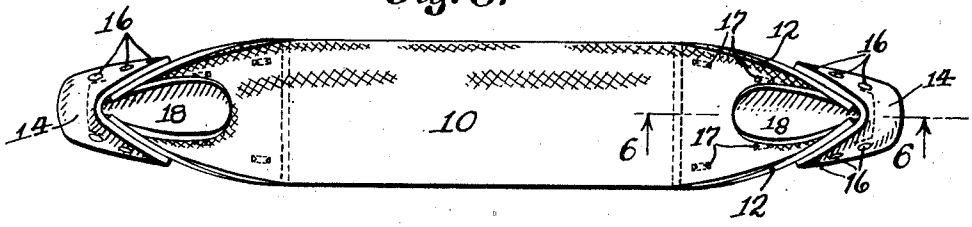


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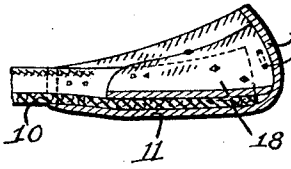
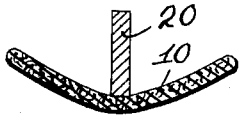


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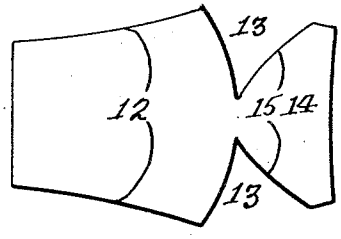


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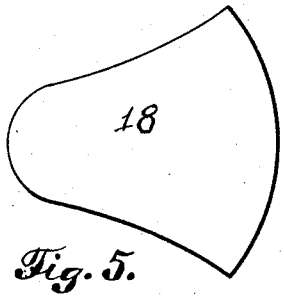


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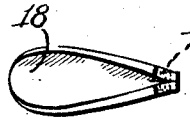


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SKATE SCABBARD

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The invention relates to improvements in skate scabbards and has for its primary object the provision of an improved skate scabbard which is capable of economical production and highly efficient in use.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists of the combinations and arrangements of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawing forming a part of this specification and in which

Fig. 1 is a side view of a skate scabbard embodying the invention and shown in position of use;

Fig. 2 a section taken substantially on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 a top plan view of the scabbard removed from the skate;

Fig. 4 a plan view of a blank from which one of two end pockets are made;

Fig. 5 a plan view of a blank from which one of two guards is made;

Fig. 6 a section taken substantially on line 6—6 of Fig. 3; and

Fig. 7 a top plan view of a guard made from the blank shown in Fig. 5.

The embodiment of the invention illustrated in the drawing comprises a flat flexible strip 10 of heavy elastic webbing and having pockets 11 at its ends adapted and arranged to fit over the toe and heel of a skate runner as indicated in Fig. 1. Each of the pockets 11 is preferably formed from a strip of leather having slightly divergent sides 12, side recesses 13 adjacent one end forming an end flap 14 having sharply divergent sides 15 as shown in Fig. 4. In forming each pocket the sides 12 of the strip are doubled or folded upwardly, and the sides of flap 14 folded around the ends and secured to the sides thereof by means of rivets 16 as best shown in Figs. 1 and 3. Each pocket thus formed is secured to the underside of an end of the strip 10 by means of staples 17. Insert pocket guard members 18 also preferably made of a single strip of leather which is substantially bell-shaped are removably inserted in the pockets 11 as indicated. Each guard member is formed by folding or doubling upwardly the sides of the strip 18 and securing the ends thereof together by means of a staple 19, thus forming a guard which may be readily inserted in or removed from the pockets 11 and which will serve to protect said pockets from injury from the toe or heel of a skate runner.

In use insert pocket guards 18 are inserted in the pockets 11 as best indicated in Fig. 3 and said guards and pockets then placed over the toe and heel of the runner 20 of a skate as shown in Fig. 1. The strip 10 is made of such a length that the same will have to be stretched somewhat in order to thus place the pockets and inserted guards over the ends of the skate runner so that the same will interlock with said skate runner ends and thereby releasably lock the scabbard in position on the skate runner. By this arrangement a scabbard is provided which may be readily attached to a skate runner for which it is designed and which will protect the edges of said runner when desired during use. By employing a flat elastic strip for the body portion of the scabbard the same may be readily folded when not in use and also will leave the sides of the skate runner comparatively free for adequate ventilation thus permitting quick drying thereof and consequently thus preventing or minimizing rust. As will be noted by making the end pockets from a single piece or strip of material shaped, folded and secured as stated, said pockets are provided with snub or flat ends which facilitate walking without turning and by securing the sides of flap 14 down from the edges of the body of the pocket a secure and flexible fastening is provided which will permit of the pocket readily adapting itself to the shape of the skate end received therein.

While the preferred form of construction has been illustrated and described this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. It is therefore not desired to limit the patent to the precise details disclosed, but to include also such variations and modifications as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A skate scabbard comprising a flat flexible elastic strip having pockets at its ends adapted and arranged to receive and interlock with the point and heel of a skate runner, made from a single piece of flexible material different from that of the elastic strip and recessed at opposite sides near one end to form an end flap, said piece being doubled upwardly and said end flap being folded around the adjacent ends and secured to the sides thereof to form a snub end to facilitate walking without lateral turning of the skate on its point.

2. A skate scabbard comprising a flat flexible elastic strip adapted and arranged to fit against and fold upwardly around the edge of a skate runner, and having pockets at its ends, adapted and arranged to receive and interlock with the point and heel of a skate runner, each of said pockets being made from a single strip of flexible material different from that of the elastic strip and recessed at opposite sides near one end to form an end flap, said strip being doubled upwardly and said end flap being folded around the adjacent ends and secured to the sides thereof to form a snub end to facilitate walking without lateral turning of the skate on its point.

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