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Fig. 1

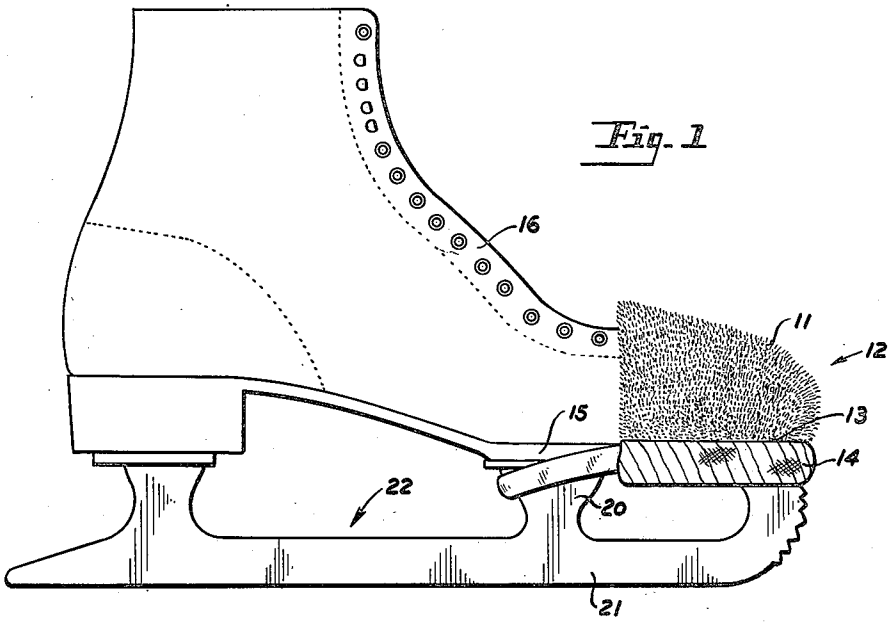
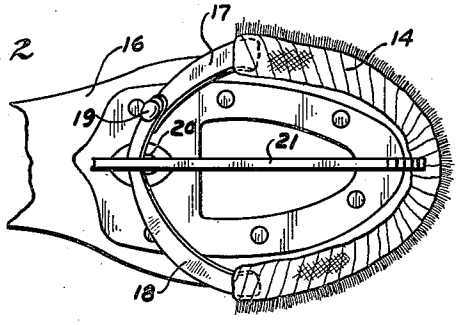


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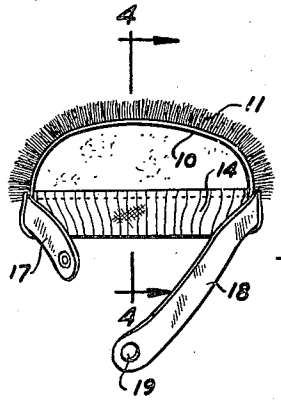


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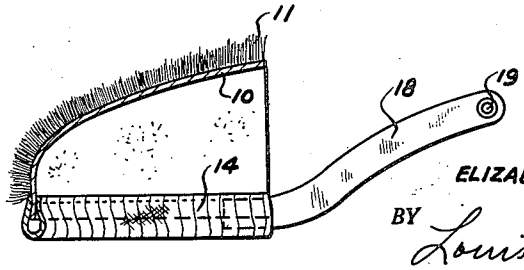


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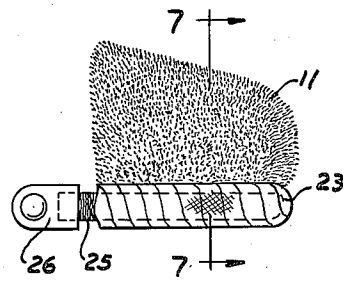
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Fig. 5



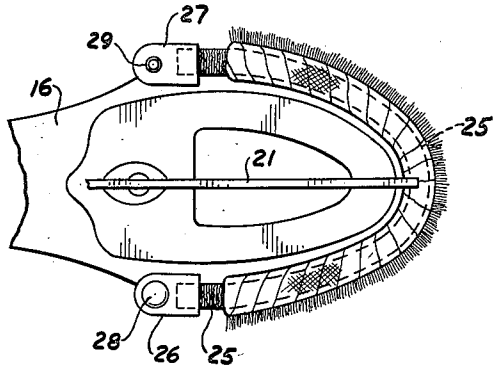


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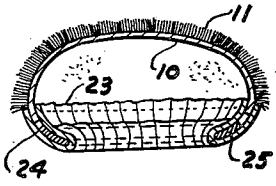


Fig. 7

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My muff pertains to shoes equipped with skates, and is designed to fit over the tip of a shoe upon which it may be kept by suitable means, such as a strap. The purpose of my invention is to reduce heat radiation from the front portion of the shoe, keeping the toes within comfortably warm. It also protects the tip of the shoe from being exposed to moisture, from the resulting evaporation thereof, and from the accompanying lowering of the temperature of the shoe.

Another purpose of my invention is to provide a muff which may be produced cheaply out of waste pieces of fur with the addition of a suitable trimming and means to fasten the muff upon a shoe. Another object of my invention is to provide a muff which may be quickly secured to the tip of a shoe and which in addition to being utilitarian is also attractive in appearance.

I shall now describe my invention with reference to the accompanying drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view of a skating shoe and my muff attached to the tip thereof so as to enclose said tip;

Fig. 2 is a view of the underside of the shoe and the muff affixed thereto;

Fig. 3 is an end view of my muff, looking from the open to the closed end thereof;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on line 4—4 of Fig. 3;

Fig. 5 is a side elevational view of a modified species of my muff;

Fig. 6 is a view of the underside of a shoe and skate, both being shown in fragment, and of my modified muff seated upon said shoe;

Fig. 7 is a sectional view on line 7—7 of Fig. 5.

Similar numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

The muff is made of a piece of fur, including the leather part 10 thereof and the wool 11 on its surface. The fur is shaped to form a cap, indicated generally by numeral 12, the cap as seen from above having the shape of one-half of an ellipse, said half being based upon the minor axis of said ellipse. Affixed to the bottom rim 13 of said cap is a trimming or edging 14, preferably made of a tough textile material, which fits under the sole 15 of a skating shoe 16, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Attached to the trimming 14 at each end thereof, preferably by being sewed thereto, are two straps 17 and 18. The straps are adapted to reach behind the upright member 20 rising from the blade 21 of the skate, generally indicated by numeral 22, and to be connected to each other at their respective ends by means of a snap 19, a buckle, or similar means. Thus secured to the skate, the muff is drawn rearwardly to fit over the tip of shoe 16, as best shown

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in Fig. 1, the trimming 14 fitting snugly over the edge of the sole 15 and curving under, as best shown in Fig. 2.

The muff as shown in Figs. 5, 6, and 7 has a textile trimming 23 affixed to the bottom rim 13 of cap 12, said trimming being folded upon itself crosswise so as to form a loop 24 enclosing a length of elastic tape 25. The tape is provided at each end with a tab, preferably made of leather and marked 26 and 27, respectively. The tabs may be fastened to each other by means of a conventional snap button 28 in tab 26 and a complementary member 29 in tab 27. The tabs, it will be noted, are considerably wider than the width of loop 24 so that they cannot be withdrawn into said loop.

The elastic tape serves as a drawstring to shrink said textile trimming. When the ends of the tape are pulled outwardly in order that they may be secured to each other and to the skate in the manner analogous to that shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the textile trimming will be drawn to fit over the edge of the sole of the shoe on the underside thereof, as shown in Fig. 6. This feature is quite important, as it serves as a means of preventing the muff from being withdrawn off the tip of the shoe.

After having described my invention, what I wish to claim is as follows:

A muff for enclosing the forward toe portion of a skate shoe, the lower edge of said muff having a hem extending around the same to engage the under side of the sole, an elastic draw member in said hem, the ends of said draw member terminating in separable fastener means, said draw member forming means whereby the hem is contracted into close engagement with the under side of the shoe sole when the draw member is stretched at both ends and the separable fastener attached around a portion of the skate.

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