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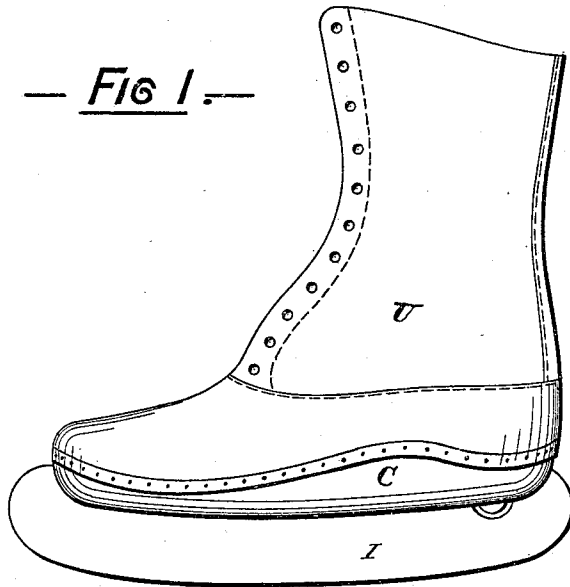
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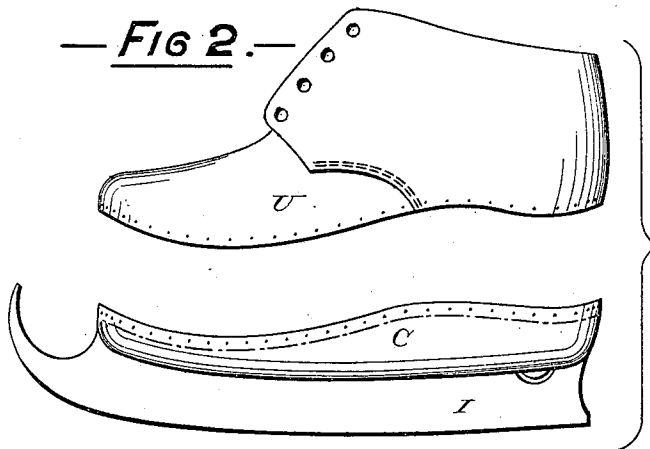
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— FIG 1. —



— FIG 2. —



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY DOBSON, a subject of Great Britain, residing at Hull, in the county of York, England, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Skates, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of ice-skates in which the skate iron or runner is attached to a rigid wooden "clog."

Heretofore skates of this class have been exclusively made for attachment to or against the sole and heel of an ordinary boot or shoe and held in place by means of straps, which pinch or cramp the foot of the wearer, while they lift the foot much higher than is desirable and are affected by the almost universal unevenness of worn boot and shoe heels. More expensive skates have been made for attachment in various ways, including a class of proposed styles in which the skate iron or runner is attached to the ordinary sole and heel of a boot or shoe, which is substituted for the walking boot or shoe.

The present invention consists in a wooden clog-skate, which I term the "sabot-skate," adapted to be worn as a substitute for the walking boot or shoe, the wooden clog being constructed with an upper surface fitted to the sole of the wearer's foot, and provided with the upper only of a boot or shoe, of any suitable shape or fashion, united therewith by nails or screws driven into the edges of the clog, the object being to produce a very cheap skate, comfortable and warm to the foot, and well secured without the use of straps.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of one of my sabot-skates, complete in illustrative form, and Fig. 2 is a like view of the two principal parts of another of my said skates, illustrating more particularly the improved construction of the clog.

Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures, I representing the skate iron or runner, which may be of any approved style; C, the wooden clog, to which said iron is attached in customary manner, the clog itself being constructed, however, with an upper surface, fitted to the sole of a wearer's foot, as clearly shown in Fig. 2; and U, the upper of leather or the like, which may be that of a boot or shoe of any suitable pattern, and provided with customary fastenings, said upper being attached to the edges of the wooden clog by ordinary shoe-nails or like fastenings driven into the clog, as shown in Fig. 1.

The finished article (shown in Fig. 1) is worn as a substitute for the walking boot or shoe, the sole of the foot resting directly upon the low wooden clog and serving to steady the runner in the most effective manner, while the clog serves to keep the foot warm, and the upper need not be fastened more tightly than is comfortable.

I disclaim as old a skate adapted to be worn as a substitute for the walking boot or shoe, broadly considered; but

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

The within-described clog-skate, constructed with a wooden clog having its upper surface fitted to the sole of the wearer's foot, and an upper of leather or the like attached to the edges of said clog by nails or like fastenings, substantially as shown, for the purposes set forth.

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