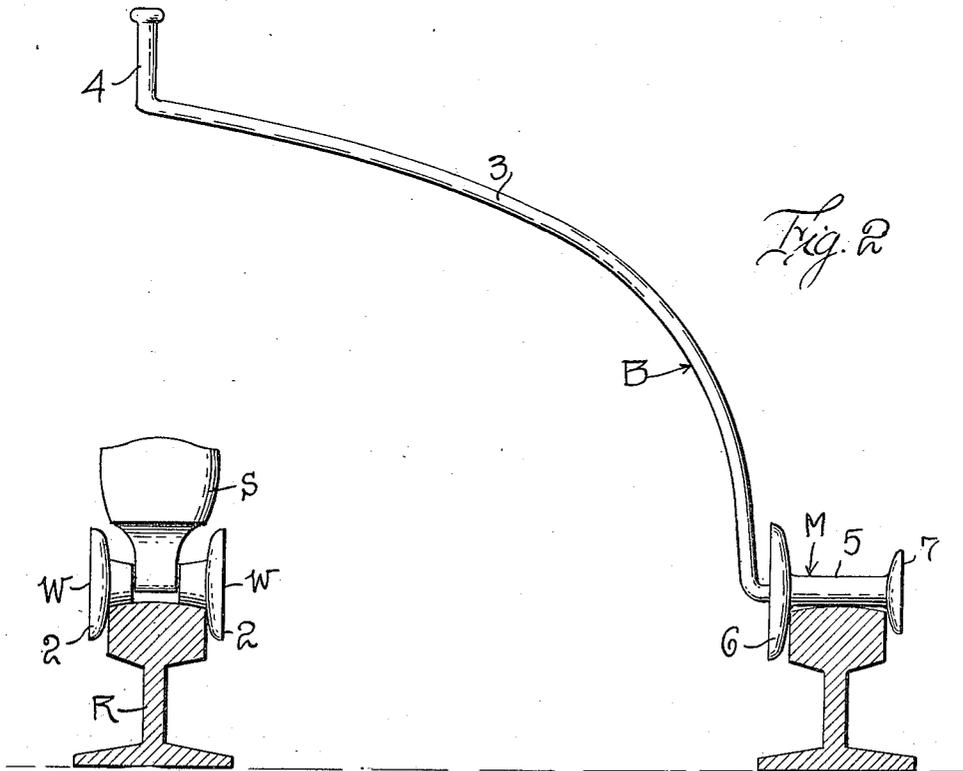
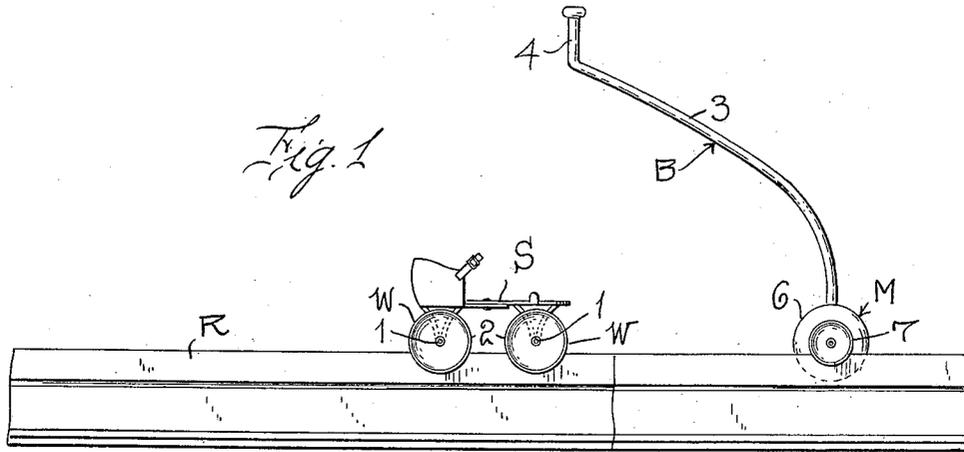


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DWIGHT B. McNAMEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Heman, in the county of Woods and State of Oklahoma, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skates, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to certain improvements in skates and it is an object of the invention to provide a novel and improved skate adapted to be employed in connection with the rail of a trackway.

It is also an object of the invention to provide a novel and improved balancing member whereby the skater may travel over a rail with a maximum of safety and whereby the skater is prevented from falling forward when stroking.

The invention consists in the details of construction and in the combination and arrangement of the several parts of my improved skate whereby certain important advantages are attained and the device is rendered simpler, less expensive and otherwise more convenient and advantageous for use, all as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

The novel features of the invention will hereinafter be definitely claimed.

In order that my invention may be the better understood, I will now proceed to describe the same with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation illustrating a skate and balancing member constructed in accordance with my invention and in applied position, one of the coacting rails being broken away; and

Fig. 2 is an enlarged rear elevational view of my improved skate and balancing member as herein embodied, the coacting rails being shown in section.

As disclosed in the accompanying drawings, S denotes a skate body of any ordinary or preferred construction which is adapted to be secured to the foot of the skater in any manner desired, and 1—1 denote front and rear axles carried by the body S.

Each of said axles have loosely mounted on the end portions thereof the wheels W. Each of said wheels W is adapted to ride upon a marginal portion of a rail R and is provided at its outer end with the annular flange 2 adapted to overlies the side of the rail R, and the inner face of said flange 2 is

substantially convex in order to facilitate the coöperation of the wheel W with the rail R.

B denotes a balancing member adapted to be manipulated by the skater and as herein disclosed said member comprises an elongated rod 3 having one end portion straight, as indicated at 4, and which is adapted to be grasped by the hand of the skater. The remaining portion of the rod 3 is curved longitudinally and also disposed laterally relative to the handle 4. The longitudinal curvature of the rod 3 is substantially sigmoidal and the end portion thereof remote from the handle 4 has rotatably mounted thereon the rail engaging member M. The member M is herein disclosed as comprising a sleeve or hub 5 of a length substantially equal to the width of the head of a rail and provided at its opposite ends with the annular flanges 6 and 7, the outer flange 7 being of a diameter less than the inner flange 6 so that no obstruction will be offered to the engaging member M by any outside rail connections. As is illustrated in the drawings, it will be noted that the flange 7 is of such a diameter as not to extend below the ball of the rail.

In practice the skater makes his strokes so as to travel along one of the rails R of a trackway and employs the balancing member B with the engaging member M thereof in contact with the second rail of the trackway. The curvature of the rod 3 serves to effectively prevent the skater from falling forward when stroking, as the track engaging member is positioned in advance of the skater.

From the foregoing description, it is thought to be obvious that a skate constructed in accordance with my invention is of an extremely simple and comparatively inexpensive nature and is particularly well adapted for use by reason of the convenience and facility with which it may be assembled, and it will also be obvious that my invention is susceptible of some change and modification without material departure from the principles and spirit thereof and for this reason I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the precise arrangement and formation of the several parts herein shown in carrying out my invention in practice, except as hereinafter claimed.

I claim:

1. A skate including a pair of wheels adjacent each end thereof, each of said wheels being provided with a hub and with an annular flange, the hubs of said wheels being adapted to engage with the top of a rail and the flanges of said wheels being adapted to engage with the sides of the rail.

2. A skater's appliance comprising a supporting rod and a roller positioned at one

end of the rod and adapted to engage a trackway, said rod extending laterally and rearwardly to be grasped by the user.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses. 15

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