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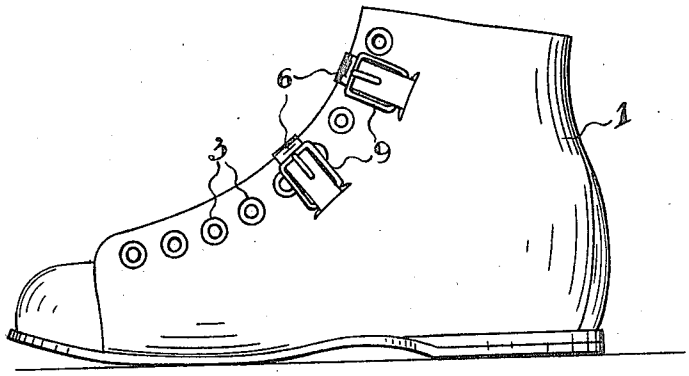


Fig. 1.

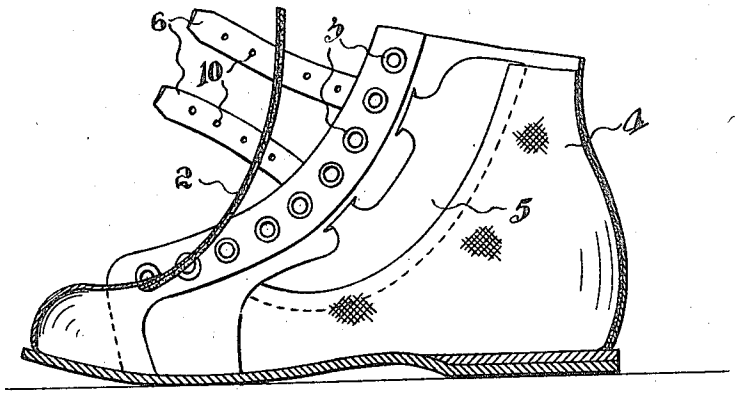


Fig. 2.

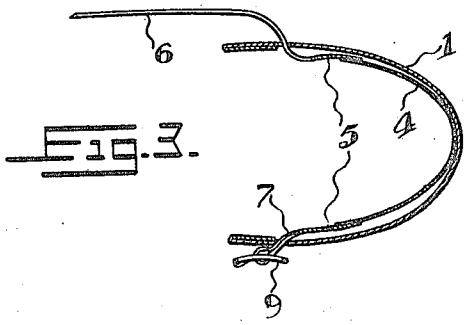


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to laced boots used for skating and provided with an ankle support inside the boot adapted to be snugly secured about the ankle of the wearer, and my object is to devise means for securing the ankle support adjustable after the boot has been laced up and which has also a tightening effect on the upper of boot.

I attain my object by employing a canvas support connected to the shoe at its lower edge and at the middle of its back to the back of the upper of the boot. The forward edges of the support are provided with leather re-inforcements provided with straps extending through slots in the front of the upper adjacent the lace holes. The straps at one side are provided with buckles and at the other side with tongues for engagement with the buckles. The tongue, as usual, underlies the lacing and the ankle support is buckled over the lacing.

The invention is hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of a hockey boot constructed in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 a longitudinal section of the same; and

Fig. 3 a cross section of the upper and ankle support.

In the drawings like numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures.

The boot 1 is in general of ordinary construction and is provided with the padded tongue 2. The opening in the front of the boot is provided with the usual lace holes 3. The ankle support 4 will usually be formed of canvas, and is shaped as usual to follow substantially the contours of the rearward portion of the boot, extending forward substantially to the forward part of the instep. The support is secured to the boot along its lower edge, preferably also down the middle of the back. At each side the forward part of the ankle support is formed by a leather re-inforcement 5. The leather re-inforcements are each provided with one or more straps 6, 7, two at each side being shown in the drawings. These straps will usually be formed integral with the re-inforcements. The upper at each side, behind the lace holes 3, has slots 8 formed therein through which the straps 6, 7 are passed. The straps 7 are provided with the buckles 9, and the straps 6 with the usual holes 10. The straps may thus be secured together over the front of the boot. It will be understood, of course, that any form of detachable fastening means may be provided for the straps.

What I claim is:

A boot formed with a front opening having a slot formed in its upper at each side of and adjacent its front opening; an ankle support of substantially the same shape as the rear part of the upper and secured to the boot around the heel and up the back, its opposite sides being substantially similar and terminating at the front behind the slot; a strap secured to the forward edge of each side of the ankle support and passing through the adjacent slot, the said straps being positioned to draw on lines extending diagonally up from the lower rear part of the support; and means for securing the straps together outside the boot whereby each half of the ankle support may be evenly and simultaneously tensioned without stressing the sides of the upper.

Signed at Galt, Ontario, Canada, this 11th day of May, 1927.

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