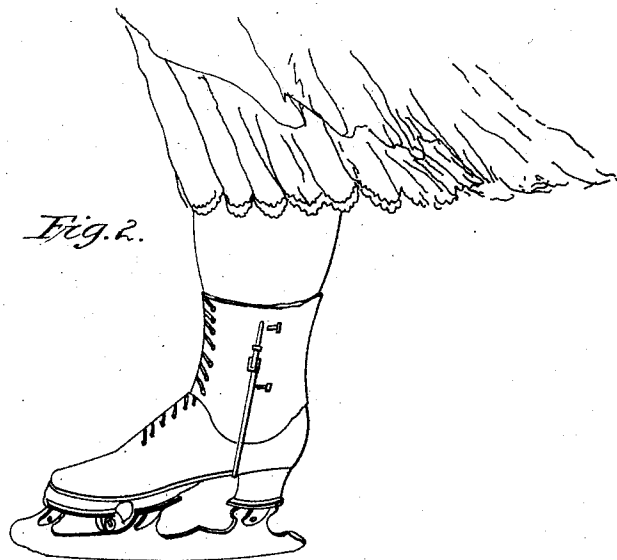
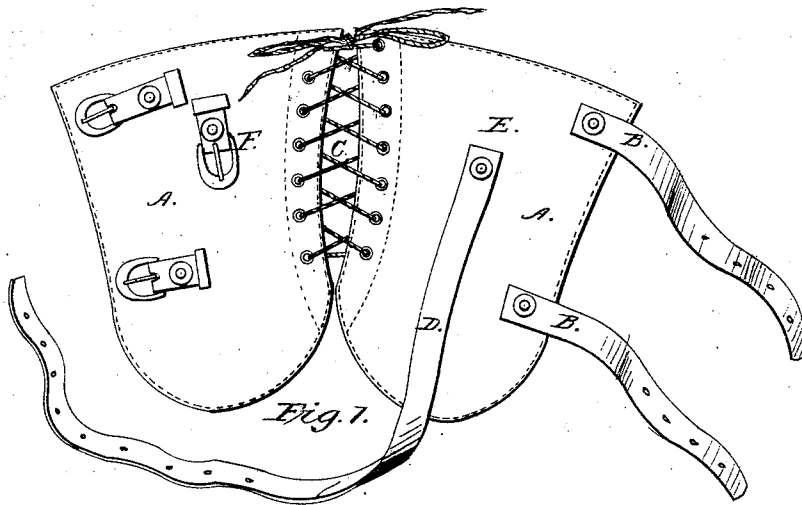


S. B. Sherer,
Skaters' Appliance,
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ANKLE-BRACE.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, SAMUEL B. SHERER, of Aurora, in the county of Kane, and in the State of Illinois, have invented an Improved Support for the Ankle while skating or playing base-ball; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents the supporter unstrapped and spread out.

Figure 2 represents the supporter fastened to the ankle.

The nature of this invention consists in a support for the ankle, designed more especially for the use of skaters, although it can be used with equal advantage by base-ball players, which, while it strengthens and supports the ankle, does not confine the foot.

A A represent the supporter, made of leather or other flexible material, provided with straps B B and lacing C, for adjusting and fastening it to the ankle. D represents a strap fastened to one side of the supporter, at E, passing under the hollow of the foot, and buckled to the other side at F, for the purpose of holding it in place.

The supporter is worn with points drawn down nearly to the sole of the boot, and fastened by the strap D, and adjusted to the ankle by the lacing C in front, and straps B B behind.

The advantages claimed for this improvement over all others in use are, that while furnishing a perfect support to the ankle, it leaves the foot free to act in a natural manner, and, being complete in itself, can be adjusted at home, and worn to and from the ice without inconvenience, and can be used with any skates.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The supporter A, in combination with the straps B and D, and lacing C, or their equivalent, for the purpose and substantially as herein specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 29th day of February, 1868.

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