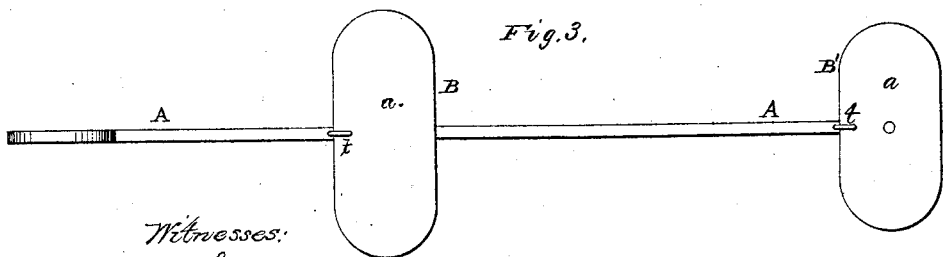
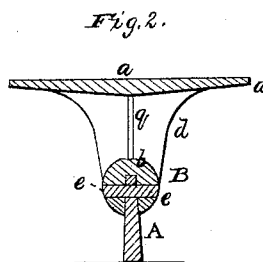
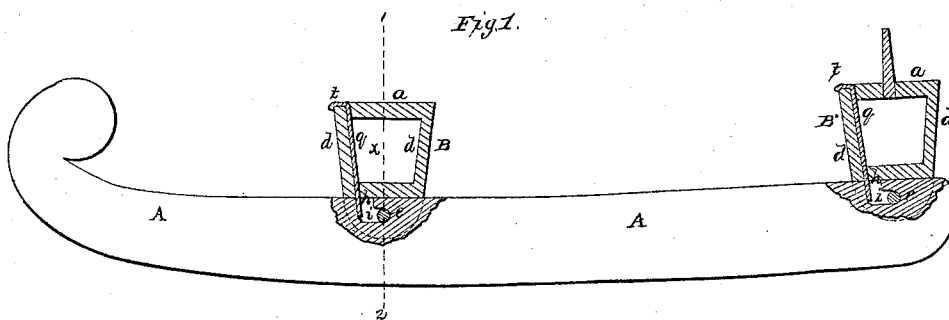


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IMPROVED SKATE.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 50,096, dated September 26, 1865.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SELAH H. CLARK, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Skate; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My improved skate consists of a blade or runner and certain foot-pieces which can be readily attached to and detached from the said runner, substantially as described hereinafter, so that the skate may be carried in detached pieces in the coat-pocket without inconvenience, and readily adjusted so as to form an available skate when required for use.

In order to enable others to make my invention, I will now proceed to describe the manner of constructing the same.

On reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side view, partly in section, of my improved skate; Fig. 2, a transverse section on the line 1 2, Fig. 1; and Fig. 3, a plan view.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents the blade or runner of the skate, to which are secured the two detachable foot-pieces B and B'. Each of the latter consists of a plate *a* and hub *b*, connected together by the portions *d d*, the whole being cast in one piece. The hub *b* is slotted so as to embrace the runner, a pin, *e*, passing through the hub and through an opening in the said runner. This opening is of the peculiar form illustrated in the drawings, and consists of a vertical portion, *h*, and horizontal portion *i*, communicating with each other, a pin, *g*, passing through each foot-piece, projecting into the vertical portion *h* of the opening, and bearing against one side of the same, as seen in Fig. 1, and the upper end of the pin terminating in a projection or lip, *t*,

which fits into a recess in the top of the foot-piece.

In order to detach the foot-piece, all that is necessary is to raise the pin *g* free from the opening in the runner and then push the foot-piece forward until the pin *e* coincides with the vertical portion *h* of the opening, when the foot-piece can be detached. It can be reattached to the runner in a manner which can be readily understood without explanation, and locked there by the pin *g*. After the skate has been attached to the foot by suitable straps passing through the openings *x* of the foot-pieces B and B', the latter cannot become detached, as the sole of the boot or shoe rests on the lip *t* of the pin *g* and prevents the withdrawal of the same.

It will be evident without further description that when the several parts are detached from each other the skate can be carried in the coat-pocket without inconvenience.

I do not desire to confine myself to the precise construction and arrangement of the pin *g*, as other locking devices equally efficient will readily suggest themselves; nor do I confine myself to the precise form illustrated of the foot-pieces, as these may be modified in shape without departing from the main features of my invention; but

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

The within-described skate, composed of the runner A and detachable foot-pieces B and B', the whole being constructed and arranged substantially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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