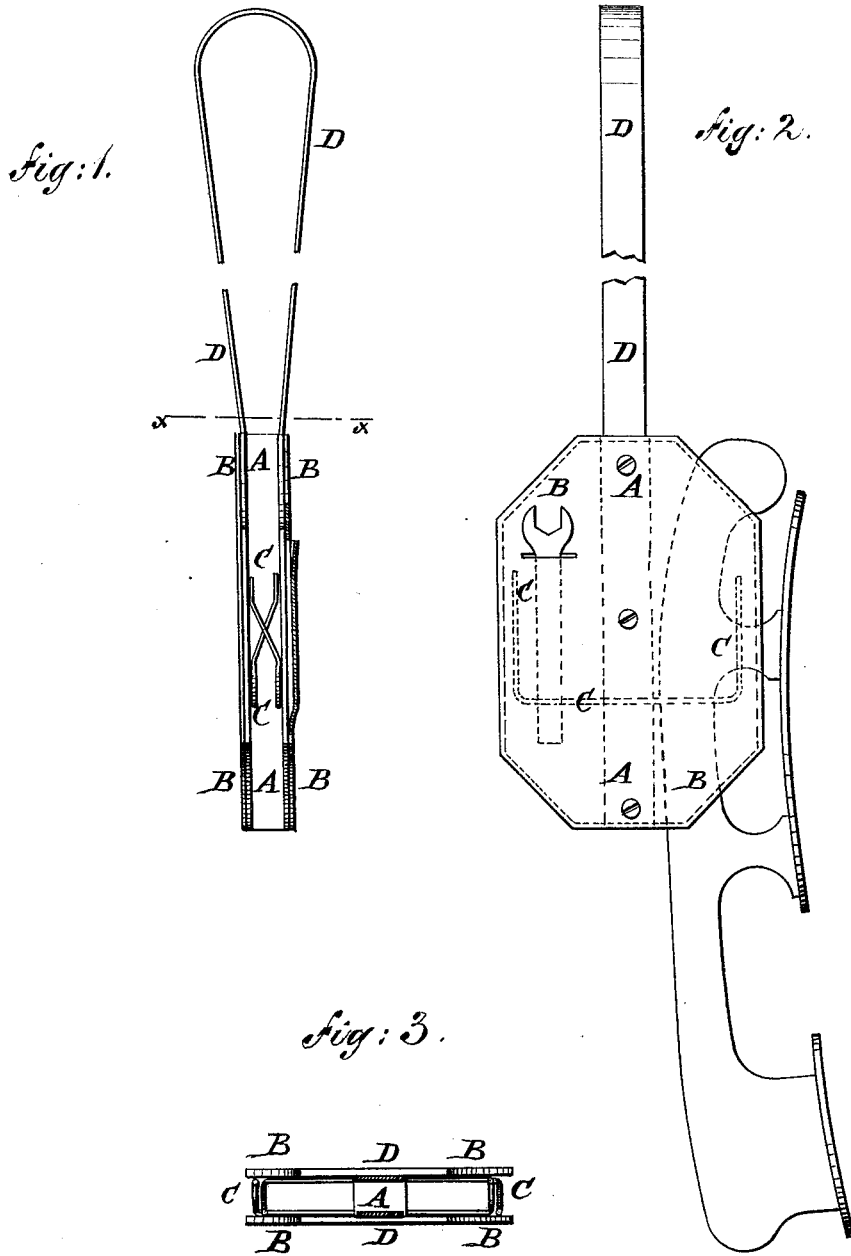


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SKATE-HOLDER.

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IMPROVEMENT IN SKATE-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EWEN C. HENDERSON, of Pictou, in the county of Pictou, Province of Nova Scotia, and Dominion of Canada, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Skate-Holders, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is an edge view of my improved skate-holder. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same, showing in dotted lines the position of the skate when being carried. Fig. 3 is a top view of the same, the carrying-strap being shown in section through the line *x x*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish a simple and convenient device for carrying that kind of skates that are used without straps.

The invention consists in a skate-holder formed of the bar, the two plates, the springs, and the strap, as hereinafter fully described.

A is a light narrow bar, to the opposite side of which are attached two plates, B, the side edges of which project to form grooves to receive the runners of the skates.

The bar A may be made of wood, and the plates B of leather; or the holder may be made wholly of wood, or of metal, or rubber, or any other suitable material.

To the lower part of the bar A, at the inner sides of the plates B, are attached wire springs C, which are bent upward at right angles, are bent inward, then cross each other, and their ends are again bent upward.

The springs C may be made of hard rubber or other suitable material, and when made of metal may be covered or coated with some suitable material to prevent them from scratching the skate-runners.

To the upper end of the bar A are attached the ends of a strap, D, of such a length as to enable the holder and skates to be conveniently carried.

In using the device the toe of the skate-runner is inserted between the lower parts of the plates B, and is then pushed upward between the two springs C. As the springs C reach an opening in the runners their ends spring through it, so that the skate may hang upon the crossed upper parts of said springs. The skates are detached by pushing them upward and out at the upper end of the holder.

When the skates are detached the holder may be readily carried in the pocket.

When the plates B are made of leather, a slit may be formed in it to serve as a pocket for carrying the wrench or key by which the skate-clamps are operated.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A skate-holder formed of the bar A, the plates B, the springs C, and the strap D, substantially as herein shown and described.

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