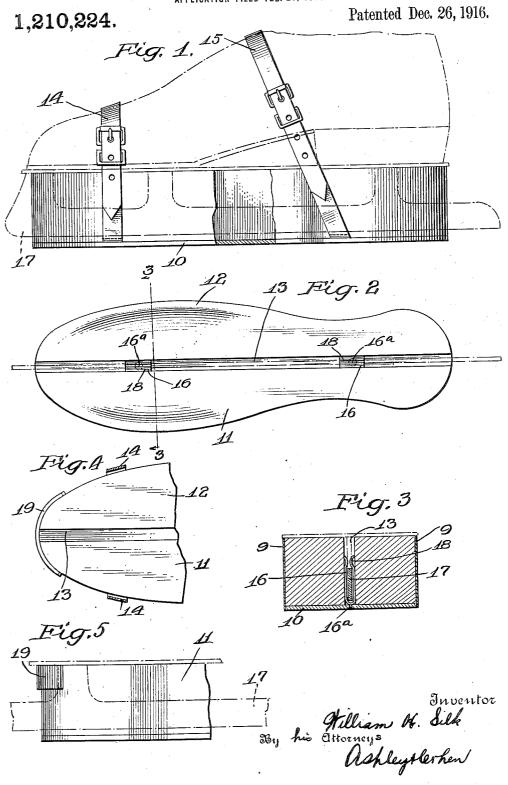
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## SKATER'S SANDAL.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. SILK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Skaters' Sandals, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to skating para-10 phernalia, and is particularly directed to means for enabling the skater to walk about with his skates on to and from the skating

In outdoor skating, it often happens that 15 the skating pond is some distance from the hotel or warming house or other shelter from which the skater starts, and in that case, the skater usually has to put on his skates at the pond. The weather may be very cold 20 and it is quite a difficult matter to change shoes when attached skates are worn or manipulate the straps and levers in the ordinary types of skates. To overcome this difficulty, I provide a special sandal which is 25 constructed to fit over the skate so that the skater may put on his skates at the warming house and then attach the sandals and walk to the skating pond with practically as much comfort as though he were walking with his 30 skates off.

In the drawing illustrating the invention, Figure 1 is an elevation of the improvement as worn over the skate indicated in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the sandal showing a spring clip for attachment to the skate instead of a strap. Fig. 3 is a section taken along line 3—3 of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a fragmental plan view and Fig. 5 is a fragmental elevation illustrating a modification.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the improvement consists of a sandal which may be worn over the skate to permit the wearer to walk with comfort. This sandal comto walk with comfort. prises a sole or base portion 10, on which is 45 formed or attached a bifurcated built-up portion or standard having the sections 11, 12, between which is formed a slot of sufficient depth to accommodate the blade of the skate. The built-up portion or standard 11, 50 12 is formed of some light material such as cork or light composition, or it might also be made of sheet metal, while the sole or base portion is preferably of leather or composition having similar properties. A facing 55 9 (Fig. 3) of leather or similar material may be used to give the cork or other com-

position a finished appearance. The top of the standard 11, 12 is preferably shaped to conform with the general shape of the foot

plate of the skate.

Any suitable means may be used for attaching the sandal to the foot of the skater. In the form illustrated in Fig. 1, I have shown a pair of straps 14 and 15, situated to pass over the toes and arch of the foot. 65 In Figs. 2 and 3, spring clips 16 are illustrated as disposed within the slot 13, and the blade 17 of the skate (Fig. 3) is engaged by shoulders 18 formed on the spring. The by shoulders 18 formed on the spring. clip may be secured in place in any suitable 70 manner as by a rivet 16<sup>a</sup> passing through the sole 10. In this form of construction, the sandal is attached to the skate merely by the operation of inserting the blade in the slot.

In the form illustrated in Figs. 4 and 5, 75 the standards 11, 12 are more securely held together by means of a strap 19 bridging the slot adjacent to the toe of the foot. This construction is particularly adapted for skates such as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 5 80 having a narrow runner which can readily project below the strap 19.

It will thus be seen that I have provided a simple, practical device which enables the skater to walk about on his skates with comfort and without exposing the blade of the skate to injury. The device is readily attached and detached and may be used for practically any style of skate.

Having thus described my invention, I 90 claim as new and desire to secure by Letters

Patent:

1. A skater's sandal comprising a comparatively thin sole portion, and a slotted standard thereon comprising two continuous 95 portions secured side by side on the sole portion to form the slot, said portion of the standard having an upper surface corresponding to the foot plate of a skate and the slot corresponding to the depth of a skate 100 blade, and means for securing the sandal over the skate to the foot of the wearer.

2. A skater's sandal comprising a bifurcated standard of a light material on which the foot is supported, said standard having a slot corresponding in depth to the depth of a skate blade, and spring clips within the slot to snap over the skate blade to secure the sandal thereto so as to enable a person to walk on the sandal with skates on.

3. A skater's sandal comprising a base portion, a slotted standard mounted thereon,

the slot corresponding in depth to the depth of a skate blade, means for uniting the stand-day of February A. D. 1916. of a skate blade, means for uniting the standards adjacent the top thereof to leave the slot open for the passage of the skate blade, and means for attaching the sandal over the skates to the foot of the wearer.

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