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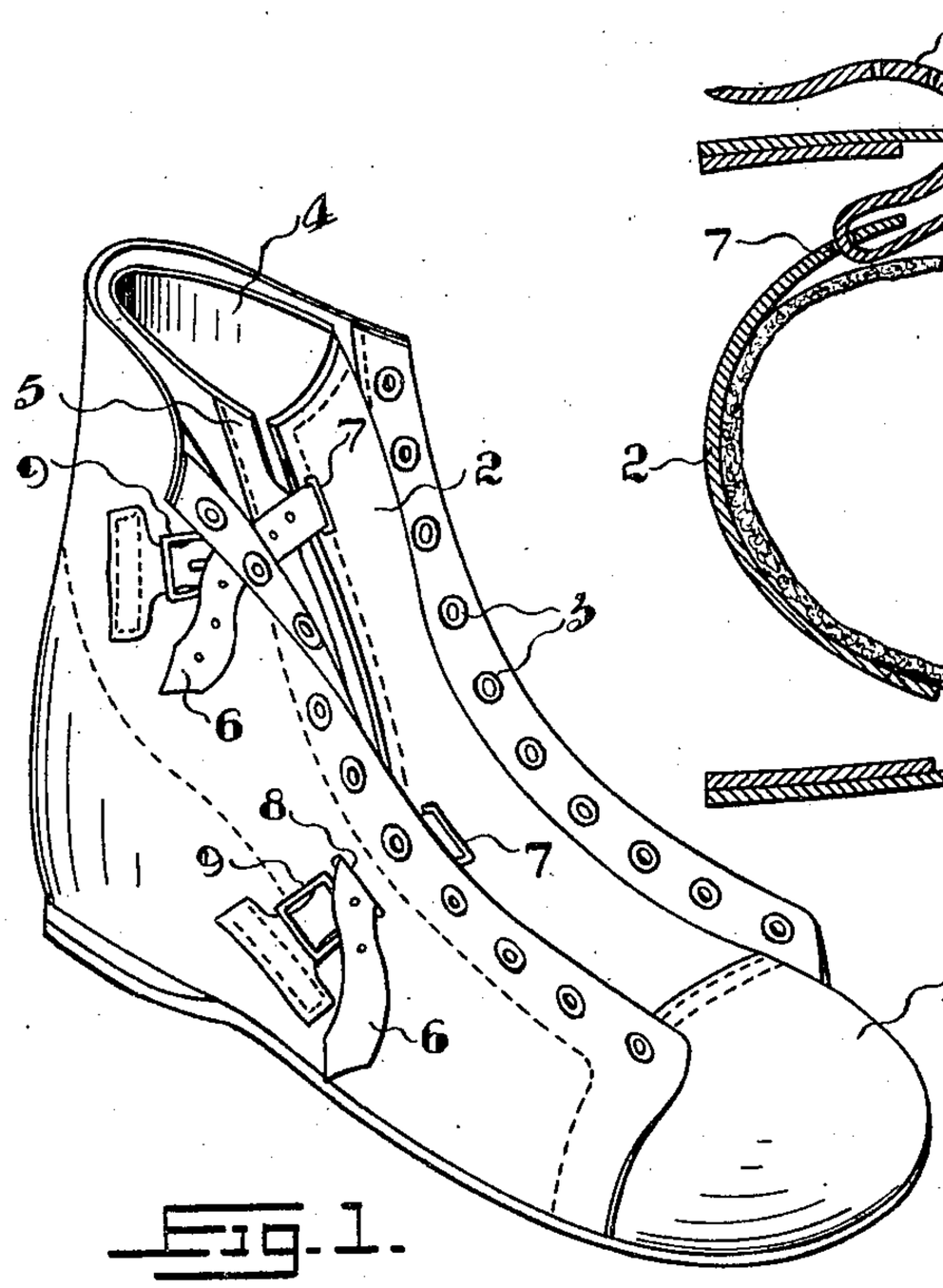
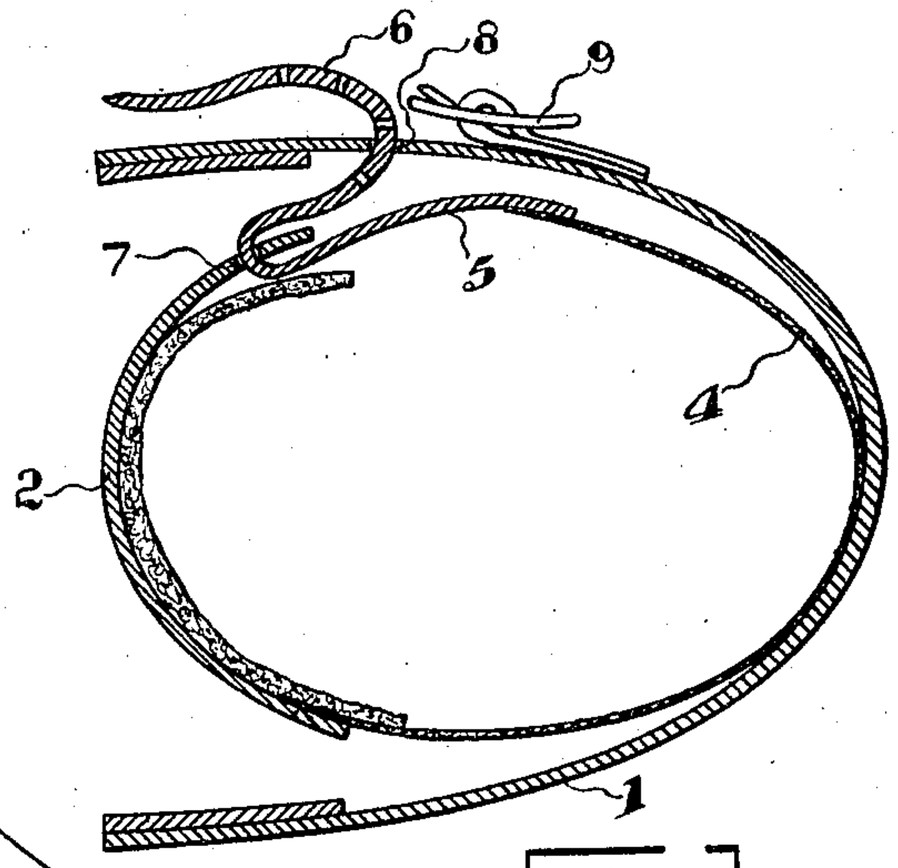


Fig. 1.



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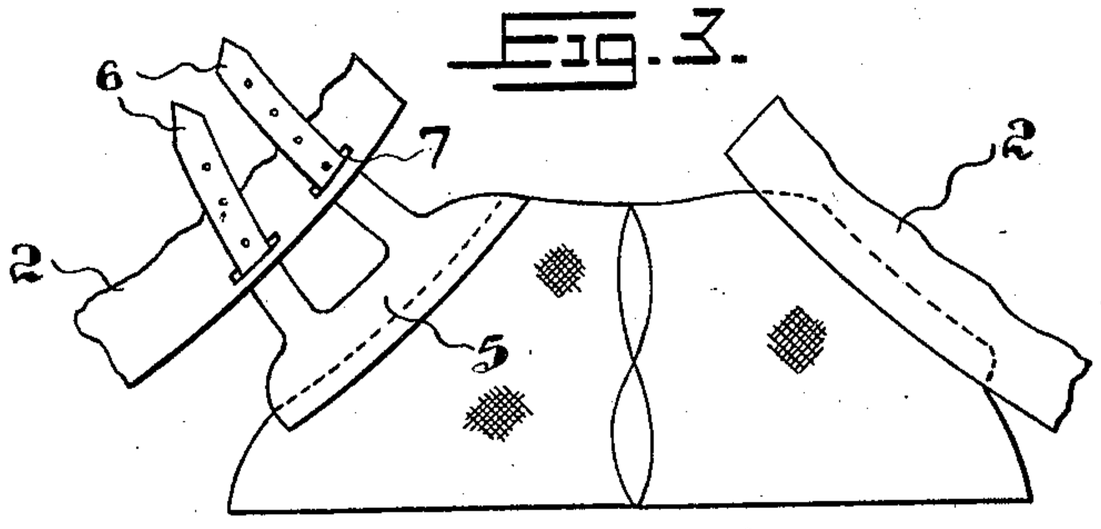

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This invention relates to laced boots used for skating and provided with an ankle support inside the boot adapted to be snugly secured about the ankle of the wearer, as shown in my co-pending application of even date herewith.

In that application straps connected to the front edges of the ankle support passed through slots in the upper and were secured together over the lacing of the boot.

Some users of hockey boots found this objectionable, and to meet the requirements of this section of the trade the present construction is designed.

In the boot, the subject of this application, the tongue is used as part of the ankle support and one or more straps secured to the other edge of the front of the ankle support are passed through slots or loops at the adjacent edge of the tongue, then through slots in the adjacent edge of the front of the upper and are then secured by buckles to the outside of the upper substantially as hereinafter more specifically described and as illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a hockey boot constructed in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 a cross section through the upper and ankle support; and

Fig. 3 a development of the ankle support and tongue of the boot.

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.

The tongue 2 is formed of stout leather, and one edge of it is secured to one forward edge of the ankle support. To the other forward edge of the ankle support is secured a leather re-inforcement 5 provided with one or more straps 6, which are preferably integral with the support. The adjacent edge of the tongue is provided with strap guides 7, preferably formed by slotting the tongue. In the adjacent side of the front of the body, behind the leather holes 3, are formed the slots 8. The straps 6 are passed through the strap guide 7 and through the slots 8. To the outside of the boot are secured the buckles 9, while the ends of the straps 6 are provided with the usual holes. The straps may thus be detachably secured outside the boot. Any other form of detachably fastening than that shown might, of course, be employed.

From the construction described it appears that the tongue forms a part of the ankle support and, as it is of leather and well padded, the pressure of the strap 6 is well distributed. These straps can be readily tightened any time after the boot has been laced and the laces fastened.

What I claim is:

A boot provided with an ankle support secured along its lower edge within the upper; a tongue formed on or secured at its lower end to the upper, secured by one edge to one edge of the front of the ankle support and provided with a strap guide at its opposite edge; a strap secured to the opposite edge of the ankle support and passed through the strap guide on the tongue; and a buckle secured to the outside of the upper whereby the strap may be detachably connected therewith, said upper having an opening therethrough for the passage of the strap.

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

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