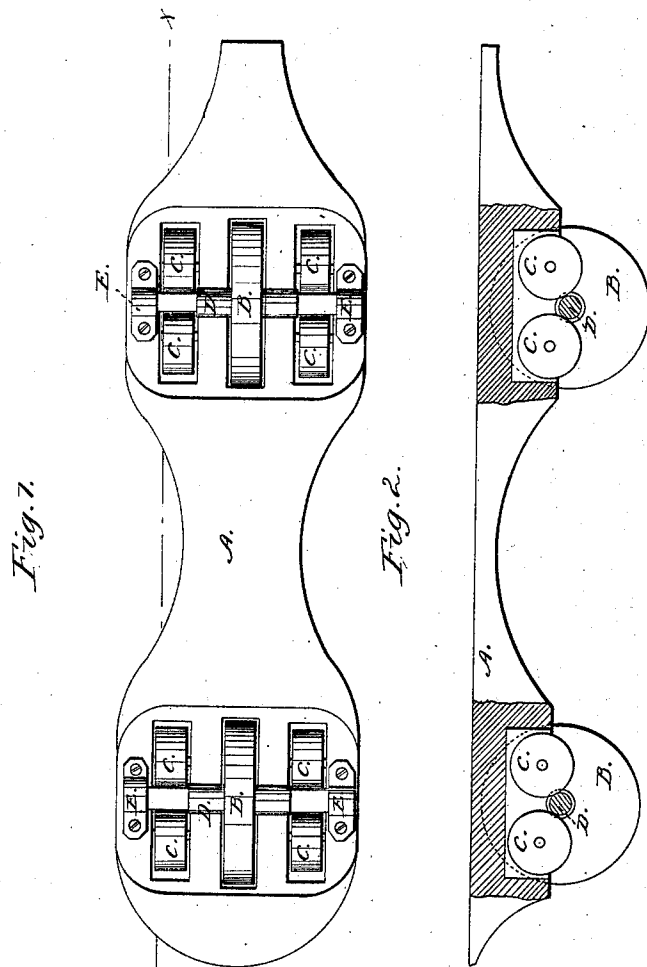


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IMPROVEMENT IN PARLOR-SKATES.

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, ROBERT HEWSON, of the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, have invented an Improved Parlor-Skate; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention or improvements without further invention or experiment.

The object of my invention is to provide an improvement in parlor-skates of that class in which small wheels or rollers are used for moving about on a floor or level surface, and it consists in the use of friction-rollers for supporting the axles of the main wheels upon which the skate moves.

Reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a plan.

Figure 2 is a side sectional elevation taken through X X.

Similar letters of reference in each of the figures indicate like parts.

A is the block or supporting-base for the foot, which may be constructed of wood or iron, as desired, for the requisite lightness and strength.

Two rollers or wheels, B B, are placed, one near each end of the block, in such positions as to support the ball of the foot and the heel. The friction-rollers C C C C are so placed that when a weight is brought to bear on the skate, each end of the axles D will be supported by a pair of the rollers, thus causing the wheels B to move easily and turn freely in any direction.

The axles D are kept in place, and in contact with the rollers, by the straps or boxes E E in which they turn.

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

In a parlor-skate, the use of the wheels B, having their axles D turning upon the friction-rollers C C C, the whole constructed and arranged substantially as herein described.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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