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THE PATENT

AUSTRIA



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The Patent "Austria" Skates,

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Latest improvement
in skates.
Fastens itself by stepping into it.
Cannot possibly unfasten.
Only one screw in the whole skate.

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The Patent "Austria" Skate.

PRICE,
15s. PER PAIR.



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FASTENS ITSELF BY STEPPING INTO IT.

No other Skate fastens itself as firmly and quickly.

THERE IS ONLY ONE SCREW IN THE SKATE, AND ANY WIDTH OF SOLE OR SIZE OF HEEL IS ADJUSTED BY IT.

It is the best for Skaters of any age, as no other Skates can be put on or taken off as quickly.

The Patent "Austria" Skate is made in one quality only, the blade of welded iron and steel, hardened. It is of best workmanship, elegant shape, and best finish.

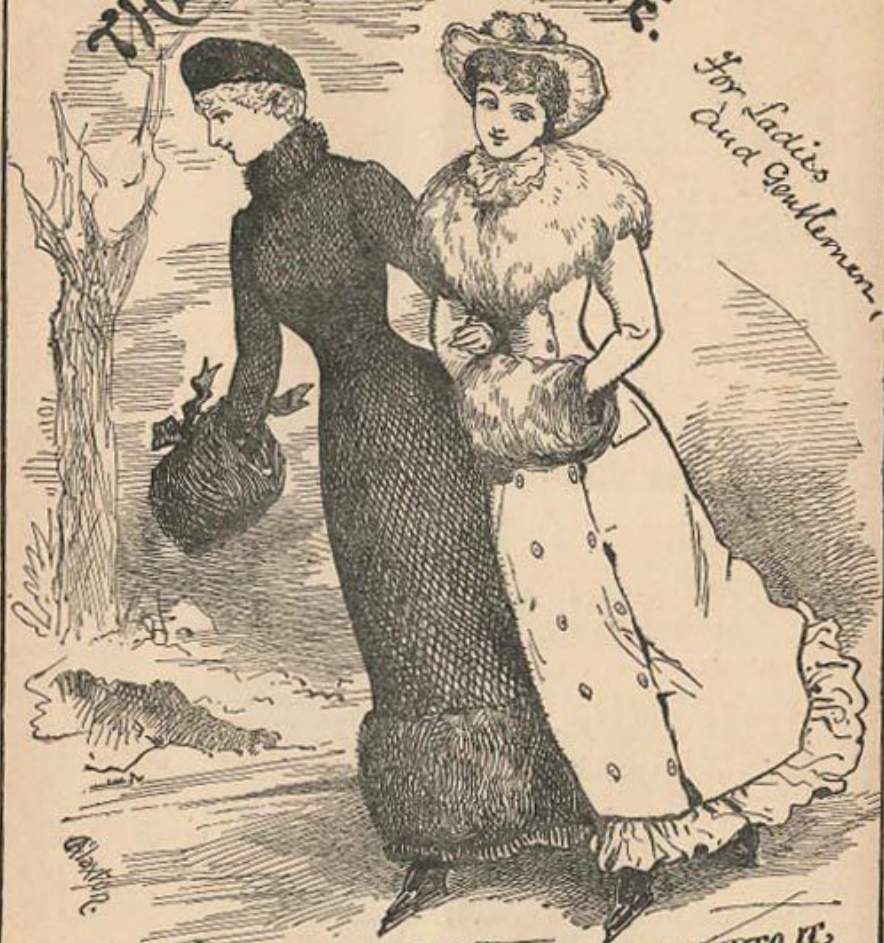
Sizes 8 8½ 9 9½ 10 10½ 10¾ 11 11½ and 12 inch.

To avoid disappointment Orders should be booked at once.

DIRECTIONS.—Press the spring attached between frame and blade, open the Skate (as per sketch), loosen the heel screw with key, and adjust the heel and sole clamps to size of boot, and fix the screw tight (this being done when Skate is full open); do this at home, and on reaching the ice open the Skates, step into them, and start at once.

THE "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

For Ladies
And Gentlemen.



FASTENS ITSELF BY STEPPING INTO IT,
only one screw in the whole skate, cannot
possibly unfasten itself.
Sold by patentees - 85, Queen Victoria-street,
and all the leading Ironmongers.

Testimonials.

From W. HARBER, Esq., Chessam Terrace, Avenue Road, Acton.

Dear Sirs,—Have found your "Austria" Skate to excel any other in rapidity and firmness of attachment. The idea of having the blade form as a lever is, I think, very good. Can safely recommend it to anyone.

Yours truly,

W. HARBER.

Acton.

From Miss HOULDSWORTH, Mount Charles, Ayr, N.B.

February 8th, 1881.

Miss HOULDSWORTH writes to say that she thinks the "Austria" Skates most excellent in every way. They have been constantly in use during the late frost, and have given her every satisfaction, and have never got the least out of order.

Ayr.

From H. BARRIE-BERESFORD, Esq., Ashbrook.

February 9th, 1881.

Dear Sirs,—I have used a pair of your "Austria" Skates during the last frost, and like them very much. They are easily fitted to the boot, can be quickly put on or off, and the mechanism is so simple that they are not likely to get out of order.

Yours truly,

H. BARRIE-BERESFORD.

Ashbrook.

From Colonel W. H. C. WELLESLEY, North Camp, Aldershot.

8th February, 1881.

Gentlemen,—The "Austria" Skates I purchased from you have given me great satisfaction, combining, as they do, simplicity and strength and good workmanship. It is the opinion however of accomplished performers on the ice that to make them quite perfect the blade should project beyond the heel, the same as in the "Acme." This may be considered worthy of adoption in future manufacture.

Yours,

W. H. C. WELLESLEY.

Aldershot.

From Mr. H. WALSH, General Furnishing Ironmonger, Aberavon.

February 9th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—The "Austria" Skates I had from you have given my customers every satisfaction, they consider them very safe and easily fitted to the boot; the quality of the blade also, they speak highly of.

Yours, &c.,

H. WALSH.

Aberavon.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From Messrs. CAMPBELL & Co., Hardware Merchants, Belfast.

February 8th, 1881.

Belfast.

Gentlemen,—Referring to your patent "Austria" Skate, we have no hesitation in saying in our opinion, it is far in advance of any other patent skate yet introduced. We hope to have a large supply from you for end of present year and beginning of 1882.

Signed,

CAMPBELL & COMPANY.

From JNO. THEUIS, Esq., The Furnaces, Blaina.

February 9th, 1881.

Blaina.

Dear Sirs,—I have much pleasure in being able to testify to the splendid finish and quality of the "Austria" Skates. They are, for convenience and elegance, the best I have seen or tried, and in every way worthy of the recommendation they bear. I shall have much pleasure in recommending them to my friends.

I am, yours truly,

JNO. THEUIS.

From W. T. HALSTEAD, Esq., Bath.

February 14th, 1881.

Bath.

Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in recommending the splendid Patent "Austria" Skates I bought from your establishment; they have been lately used by me and I entirely approve of them, and have greatly found the benefit of them by the short time they take in putting on; when on are most comfortable. I think the plan upon which they work is splendid. They are a great improvement on the "Acme" Skates, because you have only to push a small spring and the skates fly open and you just step in them and skate away.

Yours faithfully,

W. T. HALSTEAD.

From the Rev. C. J. WILDING, Arley Vicarage, Bewdley.

February 9th, 1881.

Bewdley.

Sir,—My son and daughter speak very highly of the "Austria" Skate, which they have used the whole of this long winter on the ice.

Yours truly,

C. J. WILDING.

From Mr. W. BARRETT, Wholesale Ironmonger, Barrow-in-Furness.

Barrow-in-Furness.

Gentlemen,—I can say they are the simplest kind of skate I have seen and should take well with the public. Yours truly,

WM. BARRETT.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From A. C. JONES, Esq., Brockley Court, near Bristol.

February 10th, 1881.

Bristol.

Gentlemen,—Having given your patent "Austria" Skates a fair trial, I write to tell you how much pleased I am with them, I find them very comfortable, secure, and easier to fix and remove than any other. The material also seems good and stands wear well.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. JONES.

From M. E. HOLDSWORTH, Esq., 8, Brown Street, Swains Street, Bradford.

February 14th, 1881.

Bradford.

Gentlemen,—I have pleasure in informing you that I am very well pleased with the "Austria" Skates. The principle is first rate, and the adjustment much simpler than the "Acme."

Yours faithfully,

M. E. HOLDSWORTH.

From Messrs. WALMSLEY & FISHER, Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers, Oxford Street, Bolton.

Gentlemen,—We have sold most of the "Austria" Skates we had from you. They must have given satisfaction or we should have heard some complaints.

Bolton.

From Messrs. W. H. FRENCH & SONS, Buckingham.

February 8th, 1881.

Buckingham'm

Gentlemen,—The "Austria" Skates we have sold have given satisfaction.

W. H. FRENCH & SONS.

From Mr. WILLIAM WALTON, Furnishing Ironmonger, 75, St. James's Street, Burnley.

February 8th, 1881.

Burnley.

Gentlemen,—The patent "Austria" Skates you supplied me with have given every satisfaction, and, there is no doubt another season will witness a great demand for them.

Yours very respectfully,

WM. WALTON.

From E. J. JOHNSTON, Esq., Hyde End, Brimpton.

February 8th, 1881.

Brimpton.

Sir,—Having used your "Austria" Skates this season, I consider them very satisfactory, easy to put on, and quite firm.

Yours, &c.,

E. J. JOHNSTON.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From Miss EVA BROWNE, Burnchurch House, Bennet's Bridge,
co. Kilkenny.

Bennet's
Bridge.

Sir,—The patent "Austria" is much the best made Skate I have seen, and I strongly recommend it for the ease in putting it on, and superior finish to any other.
EVA BROWNE.

From Mr. J. POWELL, Ironmonger, Builth.

Builth.

February 9th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—I was very pleased with your patent "Austria" Skates. I think the principle is very good, and also very easily adjusted to the foot, as there is but one screw, and when locked, very secure.
I am, Gentlemen, yours respectfully,
J. POWELL.

From S. S. J. W. BRITAIN, Esq., Fairfield, Buxton.

Buxton.

February 8th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—I had two pairs of the patent "Austria" Skates from you. I consider them a great improvement on the "Acme." It is pleasant to go on the ice, even on the coldest day, with these Skates, as the fastening could not be done in less time than to put your foot on the Skate, and you can go to work at once.
Yours truly,
S. S. J. W. BRITAIN.

From L. L. GROVES, Esq., Sturminster, Newton, Blandford.

Blandford.

February 22nd, 1881.
Sir,—I feel sure that no one having once used the patent "Austria" Skate, would ever return to the old ones with straps.
I am, Sir, yours truly,
L. L. GROVES.

From JOHN BROOKE, Esq., Ash Villas, Bradley.

Bradley.

February 10th, 1881.
Dear Sirs,—I have great pleasure in testifying to your "Austria" Skate. They are very good indeed both in make and workmanship, in fact they are the best skate that ever I had the pleasure of putting on, and shall be most happy to recommend them to the skating community, which is very large at present.
Yours truly,
JOHN BROOKE.

From Messrs. TARDREW & Sons, Wholesale and Furnishing
Ironmongers, Bideford, Devon.

Bideford.

February 8th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—We like the "Austria" Skate very much. It is a great improvement on the "Acme."
We are, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,
TARDREW & SONS.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From Mr. EDGAR W. NICHOLL, Ironmonger, Bridgwater.

Bridgwater

The report of my customers of your "Austria" Skates, as far as I have enquired, has been very satisfactory.
EDGAR W. NICHOLL.

From Messrs. MURCH & CULVERWELL, Bridgwater Iron Foundry,
Bridgwater.

Bridgwater

February 8th, 1881.
DEAR SIRS,—We have carefully examined the principles of the "Austria" Skates supplied to us. We consider them most efficient and most simple in all their details, and our friends who have used them testify to their adaptability, firmness, and ease of putting on and taking off, being as it were on at once and off as soon as the ice is reached, the time for both operations not occupying barely one minute.
We are, Dear Sirs, yours truly,
MURCH & CULVERWELL.

From G. BETHENJM, Esq., Hoo Meavy, Bournemouth.

Bournemouth

February 8th, 1881.
Sirs,—I consider the "Austria" Skates you supplied me with are quite the best I have seen in nearly every respect, they are very firm when on, can be fitted to almost any boot, and when fitted can be put on or taken off in a very few seconds. The workmanship appears good, and I consider the price very low.
Yours truly,
G. BETHENJM.

From Mr. WM. WILLIAMS, Furnishing Ironmonger, Dunraven Place,
Bridgend.

Bridgend.

March 8th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in testifying to the satisfaction which your "Austria" Skate has given during the past season; for my own part, I consider it the most perfect and simple skate yet introduced.
Yours obediently,
WM. WILLIAMS.

From E. CHESHIRE, Esq., 2, Birchwood Road, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

Birmingham

January 15th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—I think it a great deficiency in the pleasure and healthy recreation of skating that the excellent qualities of the "Austria" Skate are not more universally known; many severe and sometimes fatal colds have been the results of sitting too long, putting on the old-fashioned skate. I have used the "Austria" myself, putting them on and also removing them without even so much as removing my gloves. I had no less than 20 minutes' skating whilst my friend was having his skates put on. This quality, combined with many others, including that of freedom and ease in skating, should cause the "Austria" Skate to recommend itself.
E. CHESHIRE.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

Birmingham

From Mr. JOHN C. GRAY, Cutler, 51, High Street, Birmingham.

February 8th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—In reply to yours the principle is good, and I have no doubt it will ultimately surpass the "Acme." I have shown it to many, and all express the same opinion.

Yours truly,
JOHN C. GRAY.

Birmingham

From EDWARD NETTLEFOLD, Esq., Birmingham.

January 9th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I like the principle of the "Austria" Skate.

Yours truly,
EDWARD NETTLEFOLD.

Birmingham

From Messrs. HAYMAN & Co., Export Merchants, New Edmund Street, Birmingham.

February 8th, 1881.

Dear Sirs,—One of the members of our firm has given your patent "Austria" Skate a fair trial, and he considers the principle a most excellent one, and can fully endorse what you have stated in its favor.

Yours truly,
HAYMAN & CO.

Coventry.

From Messrs. HILLMAN, HERBERT & COOPER, Premier Works, Coventry.

February 8th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—We cannot speak too highly of your "Austria" Skate. We have sold a great quantity of them this winter, and they have given complete satisfaction to our customers. We shall no doubt sell a much greater quantity another season.

Yours truly,
HILLMAN, HERBERT & COOPER.

Cheltenham

From Mr. JAMES LILLYWHITE, Queen's Circus, Cheltenham.

February 10th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I have very much pleasure in testifying to the general satisfaction expressed by my customers of the "Austria" Skate. I myself think it is the simplest, strongest, and cheapest skate in the market, and have no doubt it will be much used next season, when better known to the public.

I am, Gentlemen, yours truly,
JAMES LILLYWHITE.

Christchurch.

From Messrs. CLARKE & LAWRENCE, Bicycle and General Agents, High Street, and Millham Street, Christchurch, Hants.

February 11th, 1881.

Dear Sirs,—The "Austria" Skates supplied by you to us have given perfect satisfaction in every instance. For ease and quickness in fixing, and comfort when on, they cannot be surpassed. For ladies' use they are especially good. We expect they will be greatly in demand next season.

We are, Dear Sirs,
Yours truly,
CLARKE & LAWRENCE.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From the Secretary of the

NATIONAL SKATING ASSOCIATION, CAMBRIDGE.

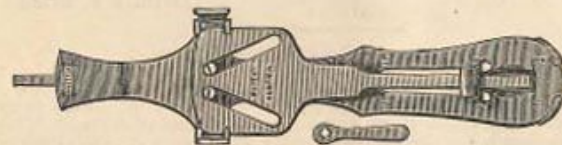
Cambridge.

THE "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

This is one of the most ingenious inventions which we have seen, and we shall be happy to show it to any one who may call at our Office. For simplicity of action it



cannot be excelled, and it will be sure to be an immense favourite. The sketch above shows the skate when open. Whilst in that state the heel and toe fasteners are adjusted, only one screw to each skate being requisite for that purpose, and this is turned by means of a small key,



shown by the side of the sectional sketch given below. So soon as the upper portion has been fastened to the boot it is only necessary for it to be pressed down to the blade, and by means of a spring it is fastened, and the wearer is ready for skating. The saving of time is as great as with any invention we have yet seen.

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THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From Mr. WALTER JENKINS, 6, Guildhall Square, Carmarthen.

Carmarthen

February 19th, 1881.

Dear Sirs,—I am glad to inform you that I met during the skating season with much success in the sale of your "Austria" Skates, more especially after their principle was noticed, and the facility with which they were put on and taken off by myself and several of my customer friends. We are all of opinion that they are superior to any other kind of skate we have seen, and are especially adapted for ladies, their hold being so firm and safe, and also lower than other "all-metal" skates, which is an advantage. I am sure their use will become more extensive the more their working and principle is seen and known.

I remain, yours faithfully,

WALTER JENKINS.

From JNO. J. WATKINS, Esq., Llanfettock Wharf, Crickhowell.

Crickhowell

February 12th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I am exceedingly pleased with the patent "Austria" Skates which I had of you a short time ago. I cannot possibly speak too highly of them.

Believe me, yours sincerely,

JNO. J. WATKINS.

From Mr. GEORGE F. ROSE, Waterside Iron Works, Chesham, Bucks.

Chesham.

February 8th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—After seven years' experience in skating in the United States of America, I feel bound to admit that the patent "Austria" Skate sold by you is by far the easiest in adjustment, the least liable to get out of repair, and the most comfortable skate I ever got into. I was late this year in going in for the sale of them, but am confident that next year I shall require a much larger quantity, should the weather be propitious.

I remain, Gentlemen, yours truly,

GEORGE F. ROSE.

From ED. BEARD, Esq., Coggeshall, Essex.

Coggeshall.

February 8th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I used a pair of your patent "Austria" Skates every day during the late frost, and was much pleased with them. They are elegant in appearance, remarkably easy to put on, and perfectly firm in use. Worn on a good firm boot, they are all that can be desired.

I am, Gentlemen, yours truly,

ED. BEARD.

From JOHN COWIE, Esq., Cronberry.

Cronberry.

February 11th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I have had a trial of your patent "Austria" Skates, and I can confidently state, without the least exaggeration, that they are a perfect and a well-finished article.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN COWIE.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From Mr. E. W. PARKER, Old Charlton.

Old Charlton.

February 10th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I have great pleasure in testifying to the general approval of your "Austria" Skate by all to whom I have sold it, and in three cases have had repeat orders from the same customers. I think it very simple and good in principle.

I remain, yours truly,

E. W. PARKER.

From G. ARTHUR EVANS, Esq., Penguin House, near Cardiff.

Cardiff.

9th February, 1881.

Dear Sirs,—I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the especial qualifications of the "Austria" Patent Skate sold by you. The principle is really an excellent one; the skate can be fastened so that it is impossible to leave the boot, the spring fastens in such a manner that it cannot come undone, and the skate is so constructed that there is no pressure upon the spring, which I think such a drawback with the "Acme." I have used both the "Acme" and "New York Club" Skate, which are noted for the despatch with which they can be adjusted, but I think the "Austria" can be fastened much more readily and with greater ease than either of the above.

Yours truly,

G. ARTHUR EVANS.

From WM. BURT WRIGHT, Esq., Auchinvoile Castle, Croy, Dumbartonshire, N.B.

Croy.

February 11th, 1881.

Sirs,—I have been much pleased with your "Austria" Skates. Their mechanism is very simple, and they are readily adjusted firmly to the boot, and with equal ease unfastened.

I am, &c.,

WM. BURT WRIGHT.

From Miss M. FELL, Kettle, Carlisle.

Carlisle.

February, 1881.

The "Austria" Skates which you supplied me with have answered very well. They are quickly and easily put on, and keep so tight and firm to the foot that there is no danger of them coming off.

From Mr. J. W. WALTON, Bookseller, 65, Hope Street, Crook, near Darlington.

Crook.

February 8th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I highly approve of your patent "Austria" Skates, and I have found them to give me every satisfaction. I can safely recommend them to anyone who is fond of skating, both for safety and ease.

I remain, Gentlemen, yours truly,

J. W. WALTON.

From J. F. WITZ, Esq., *Physician and Surgeon, Coswold, Easingwold, Yorks.*

7th March, 1881.

Coxwold.

Gentlemen,—I feel constrained to allow you to make public my experience of your "Austria" Skates. Having had unusual facilities during the late severe weather for giving them a fair trial, both as to inherent strength and value of improvements, I can testify to the excellent qualities of your patent, allowing perfect freedom, ease, and security of skating, with the least possible delay in adapting them to the feet.

I am, yours truly,
J. F. WITZ.

From EDWARD S. FISHER, Esq., *Dudley.*

February, 8th 1881.

Dudley.

Gentlemen,—For simplicity and completeness of action (the two things absolutely necessary to the formation of a good skate), the "Austria" is unequalled. I should strongly recommend them to all lovers of skating, as being perfect in every respect.

Faithfully yours,
EDWARD S. FISHER.

From T. M. HUTTON, Esq., *238, Market Place, Dudley.*

March 4th, 1881.

Dudley.

Gentlemen,—I consider your patent "Austria" Skate the best spring skate now before the public.

T. M. HUTTON.

From Messrs. FANNIN & Co., *41, Grafton Street, Dublin.*

February 8th, 1881.

Dublin.

Gentlemen,—We have much pleasure in stating that we have had most favourable reports from those who have used the patent "Austria" Skate, and we believe they will prove a great success.

Yours faithfully,
FANNIN & CO.

From Mr. G. BENNETT, *Ironmonger, Derby.*

February 8th, 1881.

Derby.

Dear Sirs,—The skates seem to have created a favourable impression, and some young ladies have expressed considerable satisfaction with them.

Yours faithfully,
G. BENNETT.

From Mr. M. W. ROSSITER, *Dorking.*

February 8th, 1881.

Dorking.

Dear Sir,—You ask my opinion of your skate, the "Austria," to one fact I can speak with certainty, viz., the tenacity with which they hold to the boot. All those to whom I have sold them speak in their favour.

Yours faithfully,
M. W. ROSSITER.

From PHILIP WILSON, Jun., Esq., *The Knoll, Dunse.*

11th February, 1881.

Dunse.

Dear Sirs,—I have much pleasure in testifying to the excellence of your "Austria" Skates (as supplied to me by you) over any others I have tried. They are certainly much superior to the "Acme," and although they have been used on very rough and also very smooth ice, they have always pleased me much.

Yours truly,
PHILIP WILSON, JUN.

From F. W. SOUTH, Esq., *Dunlop, Ayrshire, N.B.*

February, 1881.

Dunlop.

Dear Sirs,—The "Austria" Skates I had of you this season have given great satisfaction, they surpass all I have yet seen, and are acknowledged by all who have seen them as perfection.

Yours, &c.,
F. W. SOUTH.

From W. J. STUCKEY, Esq., *Worton, Devises.*

February 10th, 1881.

Devises.

Gentlemen,—I beg to say your patent "Austria" Skate has given me great satisfaction, as it is easily adjusted to the boot, and can be put on or taken off quickly, whilst the workmanship, quality and finish, are excellent. I may add your skate has been recommended to my friends, who also are much pleased with it.

I am, Gentlemen yours faithfully,
W. J. STUCKEY.

From Mr. T. BOYD, *Ironmonger, 81, Claypath, Durham.*

February 18th, 1881.

Durham.

Dear Sirs,—During the recent frosts I have sold your "Austria" Skates, and in every instance my customers have been well pleased with them. The ease in adjusting them is a decided improvement on the "Acme" Skate.

Yours obediently,
T. BOYD.

From Miss FIELDER, *Thorn School, Ealing.*

Ealing.

Dear Sirs,—I have much pleasure in informing you that I purchased a pair of your "Austria" Skates of your agent, and I must say that their simplicity and ease, combined with the saving of time, is wonderful.

From T. BRYANT, Esq., *Albion House, Ealing, W.*

Ealing.

I have much pleasure in testifying that I find the "Austria" Skates I purchased of you a perfect success, they not only save time and money, but prevent one from catching cold, as you can put them on in a second, without sitting down. I have tried all other kinds of skates, but consider the "Austria" by far the best.

T. BRYANT.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From A. B. SMITH, Esq., Elgin.

Elgin.

February 9th, 1881.
I have used your patent "Austria" Skates during the last skating season, and have great pleasure in stating that they are the best and most convenient I have ever had or seen.

Yours truly,
A. B. SMITH.

From Messrs. FRENCH & BROMHEAD, Gas Engineers and Foreign Agents, Earlstown, near Warrington.

Earlstown.

February 8th, 1881.
Dear Sirs,—The sample pair of skates we had from you have given every satisfaction, they were used by the champion skater of this district, and he has pronounced them to be the best principle he ever saw. In conclusion, we feel sure that next year they will be extensively used.

Yours faithfully,
FRENCH & BROMHEAD.

From Mrs. TAYLOR, Newport House, Eardisley, R.S.O.

Eardisley.

February 9th, 1881.
Mrs. Taylor has worn a pair of "Austria" Skates all the season, and finds them light, very easy to adjust and put on, and they do not get out of gear at all.

From Mr. J. GARDNER, Surgical Instrument Maker, 45, South Bridge, and 19, Teviot Place, Edinburgh.

Edinburgh.

8th February, 1881.
The "Austria" Skates I had from you sold very rapidly, and give great satisfaction.

Yours faithfully,
J. GARDNER.

From Mr. JOHN GEO. PIMM, High Street, Eynsham, Oxon.

Eynsham.

February 8th, 1881.
Dear Sirs,—Having sold the "Austria" Skates supplied by you, I am pleased to say they have given the greatest satisfaction to all my customers as being the best, safest, and easiest ever yet introduced.

I am, Dear Sirs, yours truly,
JOHN GEO. PIMM.

From W. TUPPIN, Esq., 15, Upperton Road, Eastbourne.

Eastbourne.

February 9th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in testifying to the good qualities of your patent skate, the "Austria." I have given it a good trial, and found it as good a skate as you would wish for. The principle is perfection, and is unsurpassed for its strength in holding on to the boot and for the great ease with which it can be put on and taken off, and I shall certainly recommend it to all my friends as the skate of the day.

I remain, yours truly,
W. TUPPIN.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From H. T. WICKHAM, Esq., Star Brewery, Eastbourne.

Eastbourne.

February 8th, 1881.
I have used your patent "Austria" Skate this winter, and they have approved to my utmost satisfaction. They far surpass all other skates, both in strength and in putting on.

I am, yours truly,
H. T. WICKHAM.

From J. HAWKINS, Esq., Fordingbridge.

Fording-
bridge.

February 14th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—The patent "Austria" Skates I purchased of you have given great satisfaction, the simple and perfect way in which they are adjusted should recommend them to all who wish to skate with comfort. I can only add they are the best I have ever used.

Yours truly,
J. HAWKINS.

From A. G. CAMPBELL, Esq., Knipton Rectory, Grantham.

Grantham.

February 7th, 1881.
Sir,—My experience of the "Austria" Skate is very short, but it is extremely simple, being put on and taken off in a moment, very strong, has a firm hold on the boot, and does not seem likely to get out of order.

I am, yours faithfully,
A. G. CAMPBELL.

From J. H. GILLOTT, Esq., Great Stanmore, Middlesex.

Great
Stanmore.

Dear Sirs,—I think that the principle is one of the best, if not the best, I have yet seen, and they certainly are adjusted quicker than any other skate.

Yours,
J. H. GILLOTT.

From Messrs. A. YELLOWLESS & SON, Galashiels.

Galashiels.

7th February, 1881.
Gentlemen,—We consider the patent "Austria" Skate the best we have seen, and have no hesitation in recommending them to the trade.

Yours truly,
A. YELLOWLESS & SON.

From OLIVER GOODALL, Esq., Market Street, Heckmondwike.

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wike.

February 10th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—I have great pleasure in testifying to the practical efficiency of your patent "Austria" Skate. I consider it by far the best in the market, and is in every respect what it purports to be. I think that during the next season it will be more extensively used by every class of skaters, as it can be fastened on far quicker than any skate that I have yet seen.

I am, Gentlemen, yours respectfully,
OLIVER GOODALL.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From ARTHUR C. HORNSTEDT, Esq., Hull.

February 8th, 1881.

Hull.

Dear Sirs,—I am very much pleased with the "Austria" Skates I got from you. On my recommendation several of my friends have also been supplied with them, and now strongly express their approval of their merits. The principle of the skate appears in every way excellent.

Yours truly,

ARTHUR C. HORNSTEDT.

From Mr. RALPH HELLIWELL, Furnishing Ironmonger, 18, Swine Market, Halifax.

February 8th, 1881.

Halifax.

Gentlemen,—The "Austria" Skates supplied by you have given the greatest satisfaction, and my customers have been highly delighted with them—so easy to fix and so very firm when attached to the boot. I have used them myself, and consider them the best skates in the market.

Your respectfully,

R. HELLIWELL.

From Mr. WILLIAM KEEN, Furnishing Ironmonger, 23, Robertson Street, Hastings.

February 11th, 1881.

Hastings.

Gentlemen,—I consider the patent "Austria" Skate a great improvement upon the "Acme," both for simplicity, expedition, and durability. They have given great satisfaction to my customers.

WILLIAM KEEN.

From Messrs. HATTON, BROS & Co., the Hereford Boot Manufactory, 15, St. Peter Street, Hereford.

February 9th, 1881.

Hereford.

Gentlemen,—We have pleasure in saying the patent "Austria" Skates we have sold have given every satisfaction, the easy way of fastening being highly approved of.

We are, Gentlemen, yours obediently,

HATTON BROS. & CO.

From Mr. J. FURSE, Dealer in Agricultural Implements, &c., Victoria Works, Holsworthy.

February 17th, 1881.

Holsworthy

Gentlemen,—Having tried your patent "Austria" Skate, I think it far exceeds any others I have used. The facility with which they can be put on and taken off is a great convenience. The way in which they keep up to the foot is much better than the old wooden ones.

J. FURSE, JUN.

From ARTHUR W. MASSY, Esq., Cottesmore, Haverfordwest.

Haverfordwest.

Gentlemen,—I have tried a pair of your patent "Austria" Skates, and have found them easily adjusted, and when so adjusted firm to the boot, and easy to skate on.

Yours, &c.,

ARTHUR W. MASSY.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From JNO. WHITAKER, Esq., Head Master Teiford School, Horncastle.

February 8th, 1881.

Horncastle.

Dear Sirs,—Have been skating with your patent "Austria" Skates all this season and like them very much. They are quickly put on and taken off, and what is better still, they are very safe from loosening when on. They are of a superior manufacture and finish altogether, and must command a large sale as they become more popular. In short I think they are about the best skates now offered to the public.

JNO. WHITAKER.

From F. KINDRED, Esq., Suffolk House, Ipswich.

9th February, 1881.

Ipswich.

Sir,—The "Austria" Skates supplied by you are everything that could be desired, and far surpass any I have yet seen or tried.

I remain, Sir, yours truly,

F. KINDRED.

From Mrs. H. READER LACK, Fairlight, Kingston Hill.

February 10th, 1881.

Kingston Hill.

Mrs. H. Reader Lack begs to inform you that during the late frost her daughter used a pair of your "Austria" Skates and was extremely pleased with them.

From Messrs. SAUL & HIDDEN, Ironmongers, 90, High Street, Lynton, Hants.

8th January, 1881.

Lynton.

Gentlemen,—It is with much pleasure that we give an opinion in favour of the "Austria" Skate. Having sold them this season, we find they give great satisfaction, from their simplicity and firmness on the foot, and beyond that the reasonable price at which they are sold will no doubt make them the most popular skate of the day.

Your obedient Servants,

SAUL & HIDDEN.

From Mr. S. A. HANSON, Ironmonger, 29, Market Street, Longton.

February 18th, 1881.

Longton.

Gentlemen,—I may say that your skates were sold to a first class skater, and they were very much liked.

Yours truly,

S. A. HANSON.

From Messrs. J. WESTBY & SON, Manufacturing Outlets, 18, Humberstone Gate, Leicester.

February 10th, 1881.

Leicester.

Gentlemen,—We think the new "Austria" Skate is the best principle and the most comfortable skate that has ever been made, and think they should be generally in use next season.

Yours respectfully,

J. WESTBY & SON.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From THOS. A. CARPENTER, Esq., *Lewes*.

8th February, 1881.

Lewes.

Gentlemen,—Skates satisfactory.

Yours obediently,
THOS. A. CARPENTER.

From Rev. G. T. THOMPSON, *Hetcham Vicarage, Lynn, Norfolk*.

February 8th, 1881.

Lynn.

Sirs,—I can speak very well of your patent "Austria" Skates, having used them all through the late frost. They gave me every satisfaction. I found they were capital skates, and superior to any I have yet used.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,
G. T. THOMPSON.

From Messrs. G. M. FOX & SON, *Ironmongers, High Bridge, Lincoln*.

February 8th, 1881.

Lincoln.

Dear Sirs,—The principle of the "Austria" Skate is certainly far better than the "Acme" and perhaps the best testimonial we can give you is that the writer has worn a pair this season, and certainly prefers them to any skate he has ever tried. They never once came off, which is a great fault with other self-fastening skates.

We are, yours truly,
G. M. FOX & SON.

From Mr. W. M. RICHARDSON, *Stamp End Works, Lincoln*.

February 11th, 1881.

Lincoln.

Dear Sirs,—With reference to the "Austria" Skates, the party to whom I sold them gives the following report, viz.:—"I have used the patent 'Austria' Skate during the last fortnight of the late severe frost, and have found them superior to any I have yet tried. The arrangement of the clamps, although simple in construction, far exceeds any other spring skate I have yet seen, both in appearance, ease of adjustment and security. Skating on the roughest ice, and doing the most difficult toe and heel tricks, they have never once come off nor loosened their hold in the slightest degree." The person to whom I sold them, viz., Mr. Jno. Strawson, High Street, Lincoln, is perhaps, the best skater in Lincoln.

I am, Dear Sirs, yours faithfully,
W. M. RICHARDSON.

From Mr. W. RAMSBOTTOM, *Fishing Rod and Tackle Manufacturer, 24, South John Street, Liverpool*.

February 9th, 1881.

Liverpool.

Gentlemen,—I am pleased to inform you after having tried your "Austria" Skate, that I am very much in love with it. I find it is much more easy of adjustment, much lighter, and not so liable to get out of order as the "Acme;" they supersede all others yet in the market, and I have no doubt but they will be the skate of the future.

I remain, yours truly,
W. RAMSBOTTOM.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From D. D. EVANS, Esq., *Dresden House, Lampeter*,

February 14th, 1881.

Lampeter.

Gentlemen,—I am very much pleased with your "Austria" Skate; it will recommend itself as it effects a great saving of time in fastening, in fact it fastens itself by pressing on it.—Yours truly,
D. D. EVANS.

From Messrs. OCKENDEN BROS., *Ironmongers, 14, High Street and River Road, Littlehampton*.

February 11th, 1881.

Littlehampton.

Gentlemen,—The patent "Austria" Skates have given our customers every satisfaction, and we consider them very superior in simplicity and lightness to any "all-metal" skates we have seen hitherto.

Gentlemen, yours truly,
OCKENDEN BROS.

From Messrs. HILLMAN, HERBERT & COOPER, *97, Cheapside, London*.

February 8th, 1881.

London.

Gentlemen,—We cannot speak too highly of your "Austria" Skate. We have sold a great quantity of them this winter, and they have given complete satisfaction to our customers. We shall no doubt sell a much greater quantity another season.—Yours truly,
HILLMAN, HERBERT & COOPER.

From Messrs. ALFRED BILLING & Co., *Wholesale Ironmongers, 169, High Holborn*.

February 8th, 1881.

London.

Gentlemen,—The "Austria" Skates we had of you our customers appeared pleased with.

Yours truly,
A. BILLING & CO.

From Messrs. E. P. BASTIN & Co., *Engineers, Moorgate Station Buildings, 49, Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C.*

February 22nd, 1881.

London.

Gentlemen,—The patent "Austria" Skates purchased of you give complete satisfaction.

Yours truly,
E. P. BASTIN & CO.

From Mr. D. H. BIGWOOD, *Army and Navy Toilet Club, 24, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.*

February 8th, 1881.

London.

Gentlemen,—During the late frost I only sold skates to my subscribers, all of whom seemed well pleased with them.

I remain, Gentlemen, yours obediently,
D. H. BIGWOOD.

From Messrs. BAZLEY & Co., *Ironmongers, 2, Avenue Place, Old Pavement, Lewisham, S.E.*

February 9th, 1881.

London.

Gentlemen,—We found the "Austria" Skate well made, secure fastening, and remarkably easy to put on. We think if we had had more of them during the late frost we should have sold them.

BAZLEY & CO.

From Messrs. TOWNSEND & SPEARING, *Ship and Insurance Agents, 101, Leadenhall Street, E.C.*

London.

February 8th, 1881.
Dear Sirs,—We have much pleasure in informing you that the "Austria" Skates supplied by you gave our friends every satisfaction, and from personal observation of the same, we consider they are a great improvement upon any skates yet offered to the public.

Yours obediently,
TOWNSEND & SPEARING.

From Mr. JOHN BUTLER, *General Ironmonger, 63, Queen's Road, St. John's Wood.*

London.

February 8th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—Your "Austria" Skates will always recommend themselves to all who see them, not only on account of the surprisingly easy mode of fitting on and removal from the feet, to say nothing of their firmness whilst in use, but also because of the very high finish and excellent workmanship. In conclusion, I may add that not one single expression of disapproval has reached me from my mass of skate customers.

Believe me, yours faithfully,
JNO. BUTLER.

From Messrs. IREDELL & Co., *General Exporters, 29, Great St. Helen's, London.*

London.

8th February, 1881.
Dear Sirs,—We have much pleasure in being able to say that, in our opinion, your new "Austria" Skate is by far the best pattern of the many adjustable skates that are now before the public, and we hope to see it widely adopted.

Yours faithfully,
IREDELL & CO.

From A. Z. GAHILL, Esq., *8, Victoria Chambers, Westminster.*

London.

February 8th, 1881.
Dear Sirs,—As far as I was able to judge, the patent "Austria" Skate suited me most admirably, and I should recommend those that are enthusiasts of that pastime to certainly give them a trial. I should not wish to go back to my old skates after using yours.

I am, dear Sirs, yours very truly,
A. Z. GAHILL.

From Mr. R. J. EDWARDS, *20, Mildmay Grove, Canonbury.*

London.

February 10th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—I have great pleasure in stating that my friends for whom I procured the "Austria" Skates are highly delighted with them. The principle of fixing to the boot by the one action of the skate blade is so simple and efficient that my friends all agree that the "Austria" Skate is destined to become the skate of the future.

Yours truly,
R. J. EDWARDS.

From B. RHODES, Esq., *240, Bow Road, London, E.*

February 10th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—We are quite satisfied with your patent "Austria" Skate, and think the principle both simple and effective.

Yours truly,
B. RHODES.

London.

From HENRY DODDS, Esq., *35, East Street, Manchester Square.*

February 10th, 1881.
Sirs,—I have pleasure in being able to speak most favourably of the pair of "Austria" Skates I had from you in December last. I have used them very hard during the whole of the late frost, and they are not strained or deteriorated in the least. I have had many patterns of skates, but know none to equal the "Austria" for ease and firmness when on, and for rapidity of fixing. I have recommended the "Austria" to all my friends. Trusting the patent meets with the popularity it certainly deserves.

I am, Sirs, faithfully yours,
HENRY DODDS.

London.

From Mr. HERBERT SHRIMPTON, *Ironmonger, 52, New North Road, Hoxton.*

February 9th, 1881.
Sirs,—The patent "Austria" Skates I bought of you have in every case given the utmost satisfaction where sales have been effected.

Yours, &c.,
H. SHRIMPTON.

London.

From W. PATON, Esq., *23, Leadenhall Street, London.*

February 18th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—The patent "Austria" Skates which I purchased from you last December I used all through the skating season. They are superior to any other make I have heretofore tried, and are a decided comfort as regards firmness of grip to the boot and simplicity of fastening and unfastening.

Yours faithfully,
W. PATON.

London.

From HENRY O'BRIEN, Esq., *Crown Wharf, 7, Upper Thames Street.*

February 18th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—The skates I purchased from you this winter have given entire satisfaction. I consider the principle as simple and yet as reliable as could be desired, far better than the "Acme" or any similar kind.

Yours truly,
HENRY O'BRIEN.

London.

From Messrs. DOWNS, HORSEY & Co., *Coppersmiths, 93, Southwark Bridge Road, London.*

February 7th, 1881.
Gentlemen,—We have great pleasure in speaking to the excellence of your patent "Austria" Skates. Not only have our customers spoken favourably of them, but the writer has himself thoroughly tested them with great success.

Yours truly,
CHAS. DOWNS.

London.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From Mr. ALFRED RIDGWAY, *London Road Mill, Macclesfield.*

February 12th, 1881.

Macclesfield

Gentlemen,—I beg to enclose a testimonial, as below, from the purchaser of the "Austria" Skates. He authorizes me to give you his full permission to publish it or add it to your prospectus.

Yours truly,

ALFRED RIDGWAY.

From GEORGE CHALLINOR, Esq., *Moss House, Macclesfield.*

February 12th, 1881.

Macclesfield

Gentlemen,—I have pleasure in testifying to the great value of your patent "Austria" Skates. I have given them a thorough trial this winter, and I find that they hold more firmly to the boot and are more easily put on and taken off than any other skates. The principle of their construction is simple but efficient, and I wish you the success with them which they deserve.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

GEORGE CHALLINOR.

From G. H. WHITE, Esq., *Mountain Ash.*

February 12th, 1881.

Mountain
Ash.

Gentlemen,—I have no hesitation in saying that the "Austria" Skate is the best skate I have ever worn, and all who have had them in this neighbourhood say the same. They are so easily adjusted, hence saving the time cut to waste in screwing and strapping, &c., and when on and locked are so secure that perfect confidence is assured, and the risk and discomfort of the skate getting loose, and the natural consequence that follows, is entirely obviated.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

G. H. WHITE.

From J. G. O'NEILL, Esq., *Bank of Ireland, Mitchelstown.*

9th February, 1881.

Mitchelstown

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellence of the "Austria" Skates I got from you a short time ago. I am very much pleased with them, as they have given me entire satisfaction. I found that having once adjusted them to the size of my boots, I had no further trouble.

J. G. O'NEILL.

From Mr. GILBERT HUNTER, E.S., *Newyards, Maybole, N.B.*

1st March, 1881.

Maybole.

Gentlemen,—Having sold a pair of your new patent "Austria" Skates, it gives me very much pleasure in recording my satisfaction therewith, as also my client, who is exceedingly well pleased with their skating qualities, their finish, and principle. In short, they are a novelty. Having practically examined them, I found them to be of first-class material, good principle, and very neat workmanship.

Yours faithfully,

GILBERT HUNTER, E.S.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From M. MILLER, Esq., *Manningtree.*

February 9th, 1881.

Manning-
tree.

Gentlemen,—I am much pleased with the principle of your patent "Austria" Skate in that it may be put on and taken off quickly.

Yours truly,

M. MILLER.

From Mr. CHARLES BRIDGE, *Ironmonger, Newmarket.*

February 17th, 1881.

Newmarket.

Gentlemen,—I have received from one of my customers who bought a pair of "Austria" Skates what I consider a most flattering testimonial.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES BRIDGE.

[COPY.]

The skates you kindly sent me did admirably. I was never in such an easy and comfortable pair, in fact it is quite a pleasure merely putting them on.

From Mrs. STEWART, *Cairnmore, Newton Stewart, N.B.*

February 14th, 1881.

Newton
Stewart.

I have found the "Austria" Skates I purchased from you very satisfactory the times I have used them, and very quickly put on and off.

From ERNEST H. MOODY, Esq., *40, Shelton New Road, Newcastle.*

February 8th, 1881.

Newcastle.

Sirs,—Having purchased a pair of your "Austria" Skates, I feel it my duty to tell you that you have bestowed upon the skating public a boon that they will never be able to thank you sufficiently for. The principle upon which your skate is made is most admirable; it far surpasses any other skate that I have seen. The design of it is beautiful, and for simplicity of working and neatness of fit, it cannot be equalled by any other skate of the present day.

I am, &c.,

ERNEST H. MOODY.

From Mr. J. R. PEARSON, *Manufacturing Cutler, St. Andrew's Hill, Norwich.*

February 9th, 1881.

Norwich.

Gentlemen,—I feel great pleasure in testifying to the beautiful and valuable improvement of the "Austria" Skates, several of my customers having called in to express their satisfaction of those purchased from me, after having the pleasure of using them.

Yours truly,

J. R. PEARSON.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From Messrs. STEVENS, SON & CLARKE, *Ironmongers, Norwich.*

February 8th, 1881.

Norwich.

Gentlemen,—The "Austria" Skates we have sold have given every satisfaction, and we anticipate a very heavy sale for them in the future. We are sure they are a good article, and their simpleness will commend them to the public. Wishing you every success with the same,—We remain, Gentlemen, yours respectfully,
STEVENS, SON & CLARKE.

From GEORGE WILKINSON, Esq., *Hon. Sec. Nottingham Amateur Skating Club, Nottingham.*

February 8th, 1881.

Nottingham

Gentlemen,—I am pleased to say the "Austria" Skates I had from you some time since have given every satisfaction. After trying a variety of makes, I am of opinion that the "Austria" is by far the best, both for figure skating and long runs, while the arrangements for fastening on the skate are not equalled by anything I have yet seen. I may add that the quality of the material and workmanship is above the average; this, considering the extremely low price at which they are charged, makes the "Austria," in my opinion, the best and cheapest skate in the market.

I am, Gentlemen, faithfully yours,
GEORGE WILKINSON.

From HARRY E. COX, Esq., *Sandfield Villas, Walter Street, Nottingham.*

Nottingham

Dear Sirs,—I am pleased to be able to recommend the "Austria" Skate as follows:—I have given the "Austria" Skate a fair trial, and I consider it to be the skate *sans* equal. Its chief merit is the ease and rapidity with which it may be put on. A practised skater can both don and doff them while skating, and I have had twenty minutes' exercise before a friend with the old clog skate was ready to start. Nor is advantage at the expense of security, for it clings to the boot without ever slipping out of position.—Yours truly,

HARRY E. COX.

From Mr. G. PAGGETT, *Engineer, Olney.*

February 9th, 1881.

Olney.

Sirs,—I have sold a large quantity of the "Austria" Skates, to the great satisfaction of all my customers; they speak in the highest terms of them, and say that it is the best skate ever invented. There is not the slightest doubt but that it will be the greatest favourite ever introduced to the skating community, as the ease and freedom of putting on and taking off surpasses all others, and makes skating more a luxury than ever, in fact the skates recommend themselves at a glance.

Yours truly,
G. PAGGETT.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From Messrs. MINSHALL & DAVIES, *Wholesale Ironmongers, Oswestry.*

February 8th, 1881.

Oswestry.

Gentlemen,—We have pleasure in informing you that the "Austria" Skates had from you have given complete satisfaction to all who bought from us. Several customers who bought various kinds from us last year, disposed of these in order to get the "Austria" Skates. The principle is generally approved of because it is simple and perfectly safe, and so quickly fastened.—Yours truly,
MINSHALL & DAVIES.

From Mr. W. DANCE, *Ironmonger, 14 & 15, Queen Street, Portsea.*

February 8th, 1881.

Portsea.

Gentlemen,—The "Austria" Skates you supplied to me were highly approved of by all who bought them. They are so easily and efficiently fixed and very readily removed.—Yours respectfully,
WM. DANCE.

From A. JAMEISON, Esq., *Athols Street Factory, Perth.*

February 11th, 1881.

Perth.

Gentlemen,—I have used your "Austria" Skates all this winter, over rough and smooth ice, and your patent has given me every satisfaction. They are quite as firm at least as the "Acme," and have several advantages over them, one being that, owing to the manner in which the toe clamp moves it is quite impossible for the skates to be off the centre of the foot. The blades are also much easier kept clean.

Yours faithfully,
A. JAMEISON.

From G. E. OWEN, Esq., *Llwynrhudol, Pwllheli.*

February 8th, 1881.

Pwllheli.

Sirs,—The patent "Austria" Skates I had from you gave every satisfaction. After once fitting them to my boots, which I did easily, I had no further trouble with them. I am, Sirs, yours, &c.,
G. E. OWEN.

From Mr. W. G. BROOKES, *Prittlewell.*

Prittlewell.

Gentlemen,—The patent "Austria" Skates you supplied me with have given entire satisfaction; all my friends agree with me, and give them the preference as being the most durable and easily adapted Skate made.

Yours, &c.,
W. G. BROOKES.

From Messrs. ROBERT SPENCE & Co., *Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers, Richmond, Yorks.*

February 10th, 1881.

Richmond.

Gentlemen,—We may truly say that the "Austria" is one of the best ladies' Skates we know of, and are under the impression that another season only will be required to bring them into the hands of those who require a skate easy of adjustment and firm on the foot.

Gentlemen, yours very truly,
R. SPENCE & Co.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From W. H. DREWITT, Esq., Ringwood.

February 8th, 1881.

Ringwood.

Gentlemen,—I have great pleasure in testifying to the excellence of the pair of patent "Austria" Skates that I purchased from you last autumn. I have used them a great deal this winter, and can only say that I have never seen any skates put on and taken off so easily. They fasten very firmly, and in my opinion look much neater than the ordinary "Acme."

Yours truly,
W. H. DREWITT.

From C. J. G., Old Manor House, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Nottingham.

February 9th, 1881.

Radcliffe-on-Trent.

Gentlemen,—The commencement of the winter I purchased a pair of your "Austria" Skates and am delighted with them, they are so quickly adjusted and the action is so simple. I wore the "Acme" until this season, but think your "Austria" far preferable.

C. J. G.

From JAMES H. ROWNTREE, Esq., Westwood, Scarborough.

11th February, 1881.

Scarboro'.

Gentlemen,—I have tried the patent "Austria" Skates on both smooth and rough ice, and have found them to maintain a firm grip of the boot, and not show any tendency to jerk off. The manner of fixing I consider very satisfactory, and a great improvement on the old method, as, when once adjusted, they can be put on and taken off instantaneously.

Yours truly,
JAMES H. ROWNTREE.

From EDMUND DUMMER, Esq., Montague House, Belle Vue, Southampton.

8th February, 1881.

S'thampton.

Dear Sirs,—The pair of "Austrias" I obtained of you give great satisfaction; the excellent points being quickness of fixing and lightness, which add greatly to the pleasures of skating.

Yours truly,
EDMUND DUMMER.

From FRANK H. HILLS, Esq., Sevenoaks, Kent.

February 26th, 1881.

Sevenoaks.

Dear Sirs,—I can speak very highly of your "Austria" Skates, I went skating one night in total darkness, sat down on the edge of the ice, put on the skates in a moment without the least difficulty, and enjoyed a good hour's skating, the whole of the time the skates kept a fast and firm hold of my boots. When it was time to return home I gave the springs at the side of the skates a touch, upon which they flew open, and putting them into the pocket of my great coat I made my way on to *terra firma* and walked home, vowing I would never use any other skates than the new "Austria" patent.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK H. HILLS.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From WALTER SWIFT, Esq., 41, Norfolk Street, Sheffield.

8th February, 1881.

Sheffield.

Gentlemen,—I am very glad indeed to be able to testify to the excellence of your "Austria" Skate, and can assure you I am not alone in my praise of it, for every one to whom I have shown it is equally struck with the beauty and simplicity of the skate. I feel confident that it will not be surpassed for a great length of time, combining as it does ease in use with simplicity in construction.

Yours truly,
WALTER SWIFT.

From LOUIS COBBETT, Esq., Lancing College, Shoreham.

February 8th, 1881.

Shoreham.

Dear Sirs,—For many years I have skated, and tried all kinds of skates, but none have given me so much satisfaction as the "Austria" that I bought of you last November. I think that the principle of using the blade as a lever to fix the skates is remarkable for ingenuity and for the great force obtained by it. I found them no trouble to adjust, easy to take off and on, and firm while using, and I have recommended them to my friends as such.

I remain, yours sincerely,
LOUIS COBBETT.

From Mr. M. DUFFIELD General Ironmonger, Slough and Eton.

February 8th, 1881.

Slough.

Gentlemen,—I have great pleasure in recommending your "Austria" Skates as they gave my customers great satisfaction, and another season we shall be pleased to lay in a stock of same.

I am, Gentlemen, yours truly,
M. DUFFIELD.

From Messrs. ALLTREE & LEA, General Ironmongers, Castle Street, Shrewsbury.

February 10th, 1881.

Shrewsbury

Gentlemen,—Those of our customers who have tried the "Austria" Skates speak well of them.

Yours &c.,
ALLTREE & LEA.

From Mr. WILLIAM GRIFFITHS, 7, Church Street, St. Alkmund's Square, Shrewsbury.

February 8th, 1881.

Shrewsbury

Dear Sirs,—I am very much pleased with the "Austria" Skates I had from you, and have not the least hesitation in saying they are better than anything I have seen. I have worked them very hard this winter, and have not found the least fault, so recommended them to many of my friends, and have had no complaints from any of them. In taking to the "Austrias" I threw by what I thought the best skates going, the "Acmes," and was rather in doubt at first, but looking at the weight and secure fastening of the former, I do not think I shall use the "Acmes" again.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM GRIFFITHS.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

Sherborne.

From Mr. H. TRASK, Tea Machine Manufacturer, Sherborne, Dorset.

Gentlemen,—I have very great pleasure in informing you that, from my experience as a dealer in skates for the past seven years, I have not yet seen one that will come up to the "Austria" Skate which you sent me. I myself have had people come twenty miles for them, and all whom I have supplied with them are perfectly satisfied, and some have disposed of their "Acmes" and bought the "Austria."

Yours respectfully,
H. TRASK.

Stourport.

From Mr. W. PHEYSEY, General Ironmonger, Bridge Street, Stourport.
March 17th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I like the principle of your skates much, and those I sold last winter gave every satisfaction.

I am, Gentlemen, yours respectfully,
W. PHEYSEY.

Taunton.

From WALTER SCOTT, Esq., Milligan Hall, Taunton.

February 8th, 1881.

Sirs,—I consider that the principle of your "Austria" Skate is very good. My daughter used the skates four or five days this winter on rough and smooth ice, and found them perfectly satisfactory and comfortable. They were much admired by her friends who saw her skating.

Yours &c.,
WALTER SCOTT.

Trowb'dge.

From Mr. P. L. HILL, Ironmonger, Trowbridge.

February 9th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I beg to say my customers are much pleased with the "Austria" Skates. I am no skater myself, but they tell me it must be the skate of the day, as they eclipse all others.

Yours truly,
P. L. HILL.

Tullamore.

From GERALD M. M. GLEESON, Esq., St. Stanislaus' College, Tullamore.

January 10th, 1881.

Dear Sirs,—The pair of patent "Austria" Skates which you sent me have given me the greatest satisfaction. I highly approve of the plan, it is so strong and easily altered to fit a boot.

Yours &c.,
GERALD M. M. GLEESON.

Thirsk.

From CECIL PECKITT, Esq., Carlton Hushwaite, Thirsk.

February 10th, 1881.

Sirs,—The patent "Austria" Skates which I got from you a short time ago have given me great satisfaction. I consider the principle a good one, they fit so firmly to the boot, and are so easy to put on or take off; they are certainly superior to any patent metal skates I have seen.

Yours truly,
CECIL PECKITT.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From Mr. A. S. DISTIN, General Ironmonger, 46, High Street, Totnes.

February 10th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—The "Austria" Skates you sent me have given great satisfaction. One of my customers after trying one pair for himself ordered three pairs more for his sons. My son who has used them says it is the best skate he ever put on.—Yours truly,

A. S. DISTIN.

Totnes.

From Messrs. GEO. STACEY & SONS, General Ironmongers, Uxbridge.

February, 9th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—We consider the principle of the "Austria" patent Skates we had of you very good and far preferable to the "Acme." Some of our customers we have supplied have called upon us to say they have given them a good trial, and that they answer admirably.

Yours respectfully,
GEO. STACEY & SONS.

Uxbridge.

From Mr. GEORGE HALL, General Ironmonger, Worcester.

February 8th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I have pleasure in informing you that the "Austria" Skates are the best skates of the kind I have seen, and that the following remarks should be applied to them. 1st.—That they are very quickly put on, and are well made and finished. 2nd.—They are not liable to get out of order. 3rd.—Being sold at such a low figure, it places them within reach of most skaters. Those skates I sold to my customers have given them the greatest satisfaction, and they are highly pleased with them. You can make what use you like of this.

Yours truly,
GEO. HALL.

Worcester.

From Messrs. R. T. SMITH & Co., General Ironmongers, Whitchurch, Salop.

February 8th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—We have pleasure in informing you that the "Austria" Skates we have sold this season have given unqualified satisfaction to our customers.

Yours sincerely,
R. T. SMITH & Co.

Whitchurch

From Mr. WILLIAM TOMLINSON, Furnishing Ironmonger, Wirksworth.

February 8th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I have the pleasure of telling you I sold all the "Austria" Skates without any difficulty, in preference to the "Acme," and what was more satisfactory, expressions of their superiority over others were voluntarily given.

Yours &c.,
WILLIAM TOMLINSON.

Wirksw'th.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From Mr. F. W. APPLEYARD, *Ironmonger and Cutler, 2, Lynn Street (corner of Dover Street), West Hartlepool.*

February 9th, 1881.

Dear Sirs,—I have sold all the patent "Austria" Skates I got from you, some of them to the best skaters in the district, they all speak highly of the principle or which they are made, and prefer them to any others. They are sure to be in great demand next season.

Yours respectfully,
F. W. APPLEYARD.

West
Hartlepool.

From PRYCE JONES, Esq., *West Malvern.*

February 8th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I am very well pleased with your "Austria" Skate, and think the idea of fastening itself by stepping into it superior to anything else I have ever seen. One may go to the ice and have a quarter of an hour's skating while others are shivering on the bank having their skates put on. In short, they are A1, and I should not grudge another 5s. for them. My friend for whom I got a pair of your skates, is very well pleased with them.—I am, &c.,

PRYCE JONES.

West
Malvern.

From A. WALLACE C. PRICE, Esq., *Thorney Mills, West Drayton.*

February 9th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—It is with much pleasure that I add my testimony to the great merits of the "Austria" Skate for simplicity and convenience arising from the few moments which are required for fastening them to the boot, literally one minute. To me they were a great boon this winter. I always recommend them to my friends, and those who have had them are much pleased with them. I have never had them come loose.

Yours truly,
A. WALLACE C. PRICE.

West
Drayton.

From R. S. M., *Winchester College, Hants.*

Dear Sir,—I have tried your skates the whole of this season, and find them admirable in every way. They are very easy to put on, and require hardly any previous fixing. I can confidently recommend them to any one in want of a strong, light, sharp skate.

Yours obediently,
R. S. M.

Winchester.

From W. A. CROSS, Esq., *Wisbech.*

February 8th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I have given the patent "Austria" Skates you sent me a fair trial, and am perfectly satisfied with them, with a pair of stout boots the grip is the best I have seen, the ease and quickness with which you can put them on is greatly in their favour.

Yours truly,
W. A. CROSS.

Wisbech.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From Mr. THOMAS MILLIGAN, JUN., *Ironmonger, Market Street, Wigan.*

10th February, 1881.

Gentlemen,—After giving your "Austria" Skates a fair trial, I can safely say they are the best in the market. I have not the least doubt they will command a ready sale next season.

Yours truly,
THOMAS MILLIGAN, JUN.

Wigan.

From Mr. J. T. KNIGHT, 3, *High Street, Wells, Somerset.*

8th February, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I am pleased to inform you I have sold the whole of the parcel of "Austria" Skates you sent me, and every purchaser seems very pleased with them, in fact, they give general satisfaction, and I think are destined, ere long, to supersede the "Acme" entirely.

Yours truly,
J. T. KNIGHT.

Wells.

From GEORGE C. WILDMAN, *Newbridge, Wolverhampton.*

February 9th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I have great pleasure in testifying to the satisfaction your "Austria" Skates have met with. Being a skater, I have tried them myself, and am perfectly satisfied with them.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE C. WILDMAN.

Wolver-
hampton.

From A. M. STOTHARD, Esq., *Oak Mount, Hecton Road, Withington.*

Gentlemen,—The "Austria" Skates supplied by you have given entire satisfaction, they have always remained perfectly firm whilst in use, and after once being adjusted to the boot, are put on or taken off in a moment. I consider they are superior in construction to any other make that I am acquainted with.—I am, Yours faithfully,

A. M. STOTHARD.

Withington.

From Mr. E. J. BACKHOUSE, *Ironmonger, Walton, near Felixstowe, Ipswich.*

February 6th, 1881.

Gentlemen,—I beg to inform you as a practical man in iron and steel for the past 40 years, I consider the "Austria" Skate a most excellent article, and the firmest when on of any ever yet offered to the public.

Yours respectfully,
E. J. BACKHOUSE.

Walton.

THE PATENT "AUSTRIA" SKATE.

From Mr. THOMAS GOOD COLES, Ironmonger, Wimborne.

February 9th, 1881.

Wimborne.

Gentlemen,—I am very much taken with your patent "Austria" Skates which I had of you this season. They being so simple and easy to fix and unfix, so firm in the grasp, and so comfortable to skate in—in fact they are the best I have seen or used.

Yours respectfully,

T. G. COLES.

From EDWARD L. COXHEAD, Esq., Wincanton.

February 9th, 1881.

Wincanton.

Gentlemen,—I duly received pair of your "Austria" Skates last month, and I think that they are the best I have ever seen. I think the principle is capital, and while they are so easy to put on yet they hold on to the boot very securely. I certainly shall recommend them to all my friends.

I remain, yours faithfully,

EDWARD L. COXHEAD.

From Mr. SCOTT HAMMETT, Inventor of Seamless Shooting Boot, Wellington, Somerset.

February 8th, 1881.

Wellington.

Gentlemen,—I have pleasure in stating that the patent "Austria" Skates I have sold have given great satisfaction. They have been examined by the best skaters in this part, and they all speak highly of them, for their simplicity and firmness of grip surpassing all others.

Yours respectfully,

SCOTT HAMMETT.

