Chester Greenwood Has the Last Laugh!

In 1873, Chester Greenwood invented the “Champion Ear Protectors,” or earmuffs, in Farmington, Maine. Chester was an ice-skater whose ears got really cold. He cut a piece of wire and asked his grandmother to sew cloth pads on the ends. Then, when he skated, Chester’s ears were warm! His friends laughed at first, but they changed their minds and asked Chester to make earmuffs for them, too. Chester Greenwood patented his invention and became rich and famous. Every year, there is a winter parade in his honor in his hometown, and everyone who goes to the parade wears earmuffs!