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(54) **SHORT BOW NOVELTY BALLOON**

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Anagram Valentine's Day 2000 catalog, p. 12, showing "Floatograph" Rose balloon, published at least as early as Jan., 2000.

Betallic "Everyday Shapes" Supplement catalog, pp. 12-13, showing "Package I Love You" box with tied ribbon balloon, and various other balloons.

M&D Industries "Making the world a happier place in a BIG way" catalog, p. 5, showing "Mickey B-day Gift Shape" box with tied bow balloon, and p. 38, showing "COCL B-Day Package Shape" box with tied bow balloon. Balloons in the gift box and package shapes as shown were publicly available at least as early as 1998.

<http://southernballoon.com/pages/seasonal/mdchristmas.html>—M&D Industries 1998 Christmas & New Year's Collections, showing "Christmas Mouse Gift Shape" box with tied bow balloon, publicly available at least as early as 1998.

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CLAIM

The ornamental design for a short bow novelty balloon, design as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a front elevation view of the novelty balloon bow design of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a right side end elevation view of the design of FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a left side end elevation view of the design of FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a rear elevation view of the design of FIG. 1; and, FIG. 5 is a bottom plan view of the design of FIG. 1.

The phantom line representation of an inflation valve (e.g. see FIG. 1) does not form a portion of the invention.

1 Claim, 1 Drawing Sheet

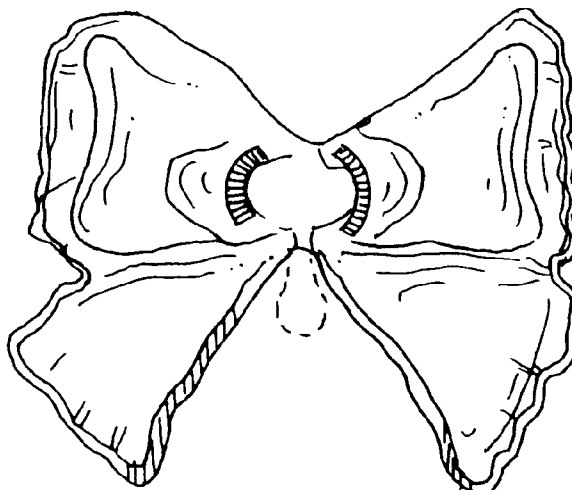


FIG. 1

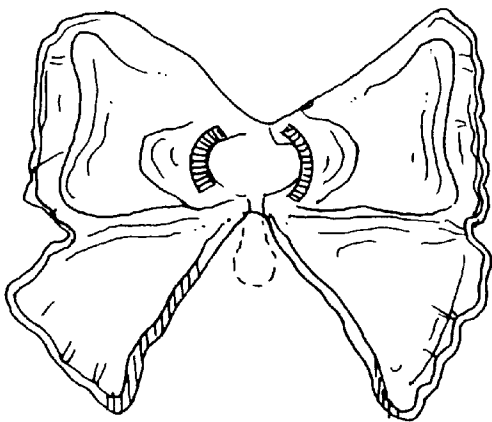


FIG. 2

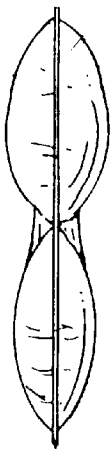


FIG. 3



FIG. 4

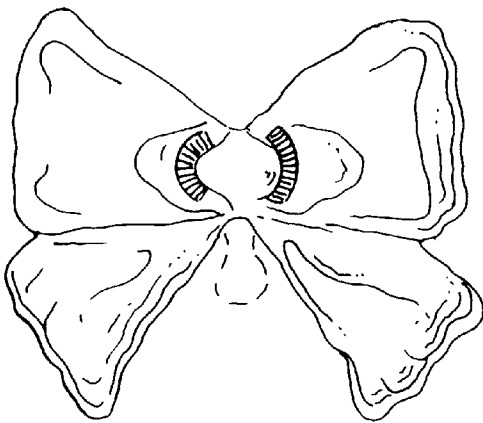


FIG. 5

