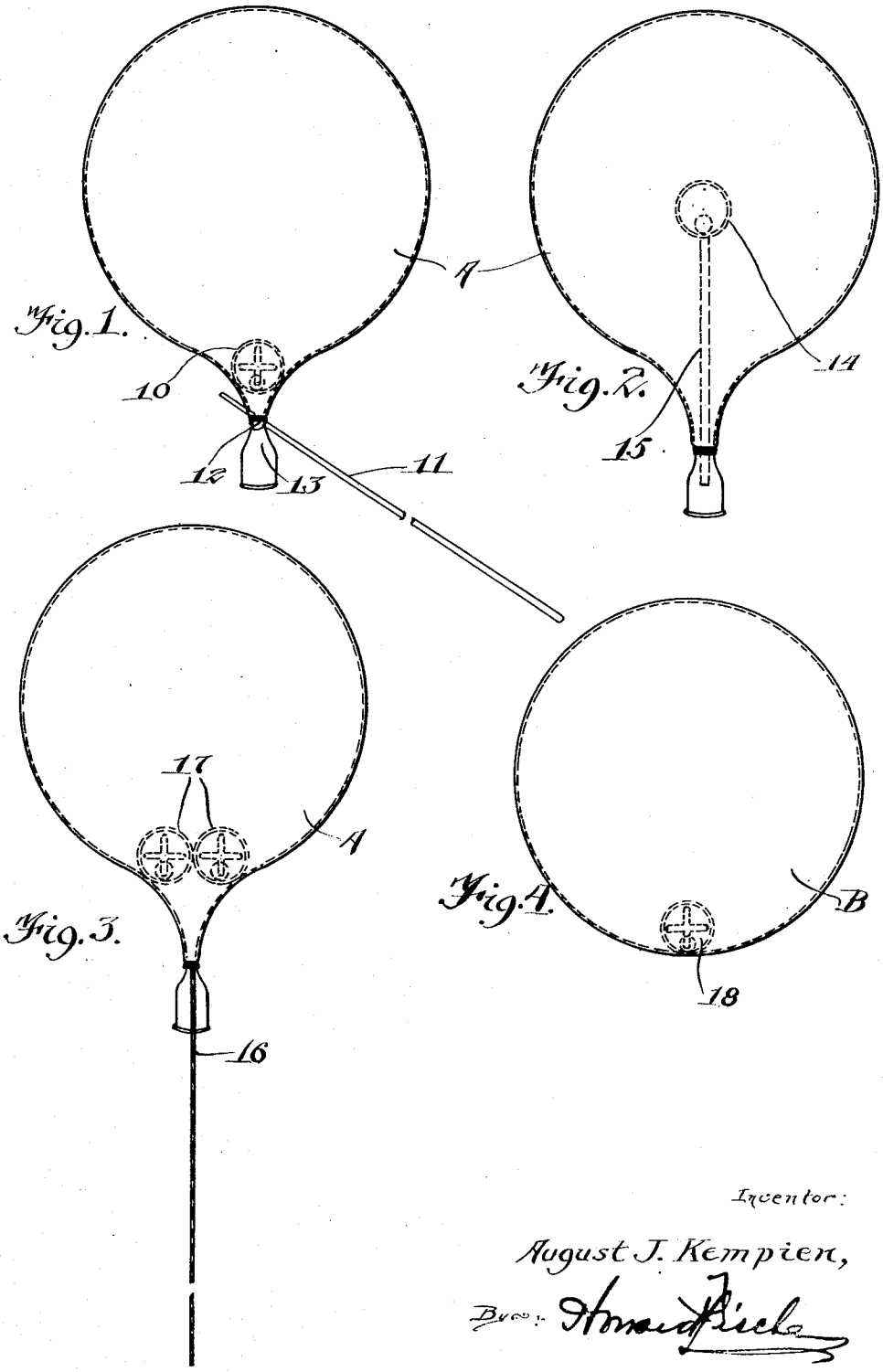
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My invention relates to a toy balloon wherein an inflatable means is employed, such as a balloon with a thin rubber wall wherein a bell is placed to conceal the same, and by means of the flexibility of the balloon walls, the bell is caused to be tossed about by the slightest movement of the balloon, to provide a very attractive toy which jingles freely when it is inflated.

A feature of the invention resides in concealing or hermetically sealing the bell or noise making means within the balloon or ball, to provide a toy wherein the jingling of the bell forms an attractive device, owing to the fact that the thin wall of the toy balloon ball allows the sound to readily be carried out into the open atmosphere, yet the bell is hermetically sealed within the balloon ball and is not at all apparent. My invention differs entirely from a rattle or a device of such a nature, by reason of the fact that the bell or sound device is hermetically sealed within the ball balloon, which is not true of a rattle, and also because in my invention the ball balloon is inflatable to stretch the walls of the ball balloon in a manner so that the sound device or bell within the same is much more effective to accomplish the desired functions. The inflation of the ball balloon keeps the wall of the same taut, and the resilient nature of the wall thus has a tendency to cause the bell or sound device within the same to be rebounded very readily, increasing the effectiveness of the toy.

The toy balloon in my invention contains a bell or sound device which causes a jingling noise to be made by the rebounding of the bell or sound device within the same, and is ordinarily deflated when not in use or when being stored away or in shipment. This is an important feature of the invention because a large number of toys can be included into a very compact package for shipment or the like. Then, when the toy balloon is desired for use, it is readily inflated to the desired size and attached to a stick or string as may be desired. The string balloon can be inflated with a gas to cause the same to elevate, the bell within the same being of a small light nature and not materially interfering with the elevating of the balloon in the atmosphere. The bell or sound device is hermetically sealed within the balloon when it is in operation.

In the ball balloon of my invention, the bell or sound making device is sealed at the time of the inflation of the ball by placing the same therein, thus hermetically sealing the bell or sound device within the ball and providing a toy ball balloon of an extremely attractive nature.

This invention is a division of my application Ser. No. 718,266. Other features and objects of my invention will be more fully set forth in the following specification and claims.

In the drawings, forming a part of this specification:

Fig. 1 illustrates my toy balloon as it would appear inflated and attached to a supporting stick,

Fig. 2 illustrates another form of my invention,

Fig. 3 illustrates a gas inflated balloon of my invention, having a string holding means secured thereto, and

Fig. 4 illustrates my ball balloon as made in my invention.

In the drawings, the balloon A is made of rubber or any other flexible material which can be inflated to the desired size and which may be decorated, printed upon, or colored so as to form an attractive balloon.

Within the balloon A is freely positioned a bell or sound making device 10 which is free to rebound from side to side as the balloon A is moved about, thereby ringing the bell or operating the sound device 10 which is audible through the walls of the balloon. The thin flexible resilient nature of the balloon wall A causes the bell 10 to rebound so readily that the bell is vibrated and operated by the slightest movement of the balloon.

The balloon A is adapted to be supported by an ordinary holding stick 11 which is attached at 12 to the neck 13 of the balloon. The balloon neck 13 is securely tied at 12 to retain the desired amount of air or gas with-

in the same to keep it properly inflated at all times.

In Fig. 2, I have illustrated my balloon A with the sound making device or bell 14 attached to a flexible member 15, which projects upward into the balloon to support the bell 14 in a manner so that it will rock from side to side and strike against the walls of the balloon A to give the desired ring or sound when the balloon is rocked about.

In Fig. 3, my balloon A is preferably filled with a gas that is lighter than air, which properly inflates the balloon and by means of the holding cord 16, the top balloon A is held free to be pulled about or slightly jerked which causes the bells 17 within the same to ring freely and also causes the bells or sound devices to be rebounded on the walls of the inflated balloon A. This toy balloon forms an extremely attractive toy which is greatly appreciated by a child and adds life to the balloon which heretofore has had all of its attraction in its designed color and the like.

The ball B illustrated in Fig. 4 is formed of rubber or other flexible material and a bell or sound making device 18 is hermetically sealed within the same so that as the ball is bounced and as it rebounds over the ground or from place to place, the bell will ring, thus making a toy balloon ball of an equally attractive nature as to add considerably to the desire of a child to have such a ball in preference to a ball where no bell or sound making device is incorporated therein. The attractiveness and appealing nature of my toy ball balloon is apparent and while it is of an extremely simple nature, yet it accomplishes a result which has long been desired in providing the life and appeal in a toy of this nature.

In accordance with the patent statutes, I have described the principles of operation of my invention together with a toy balloon ball of a particular design as shown in the drawing, but I desire to have it understood that this is only illustrative and that the invention can be carried out by other means and applied to uses other than those above set forth within the scope of the following claims.

What I claim as new is:

1. A toy device comprising an inflated rubber balloon, a sound making device operable by vibration and a flexible member capable of supporting said sound making device extending from the aperture of said balloon to the centre thereof and away from the walls of said balloon to which the sound making device is adapted to be secured.

2. A toy device comprising an inflated rubber balloon, a sound making device operable by vibration, a flexible member capable of supporting said sound making device, extending from the aperture of said balloon to the interior thereof and away from the walls of said balloon to which the sound making device is secured and means for hermetically sealing said balloon with the sound making device and the flexible member there in.

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