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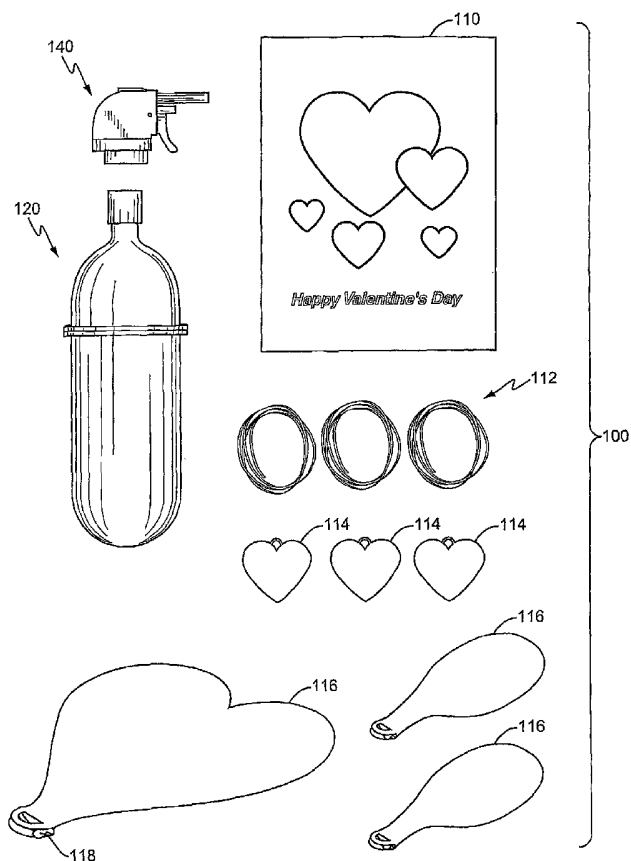
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(54) Title: HELIUM BALLOON KIT



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a balloon kit that provides one or more balloons, a cylinder filled with a compressed gas, such as helium, and a conduit adapted to connect to the cylinder. The cylinder comprises an ORMD cylinder that may be mailed or transported and used at any convenient time. When connected to the cylinder, the conduit punctures the cylinder and dispenses the helium into a balloon. After the balloon is inflated, the open end of the balloon is sealed to contain the helium in the balloon. The balloon kit may also include ribbons and/or weights to attach to the balloons and/or a card to present to a recipient along with the balloons. The conduit may comprise an external nozzle or an internal conduit disposed in an open end of a balloon. Exemplary cylinders include two sections threadably coupled to form a cylinder for holding the helium.



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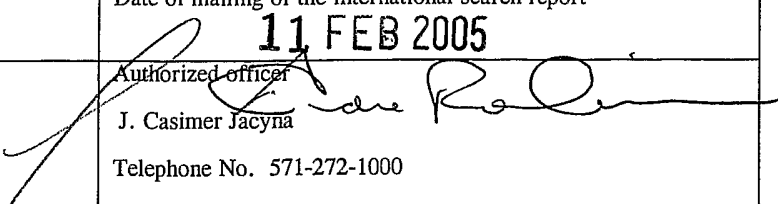
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