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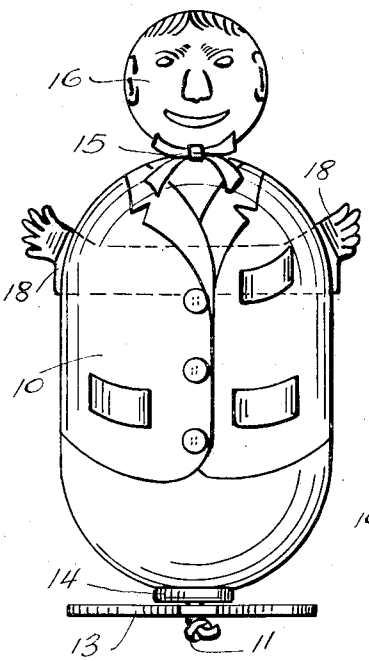


FIG. 1

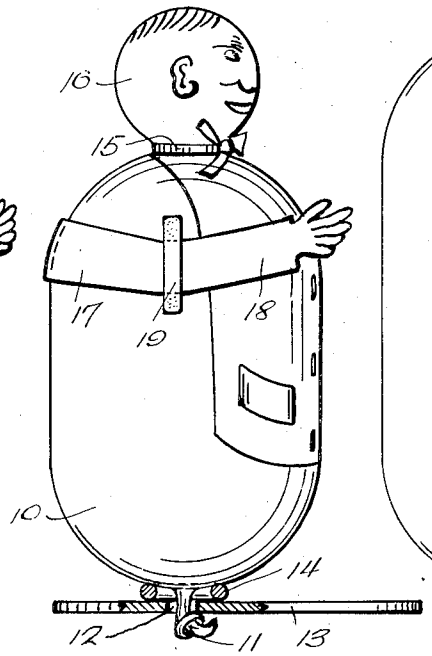


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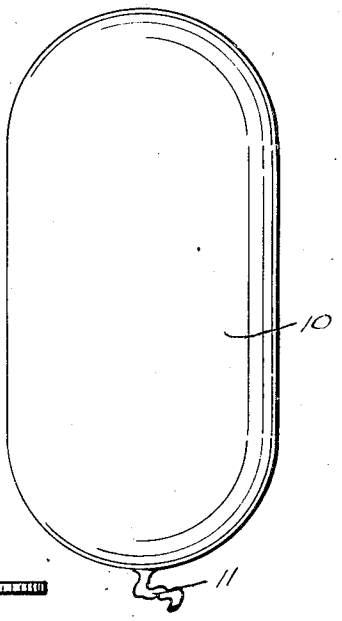


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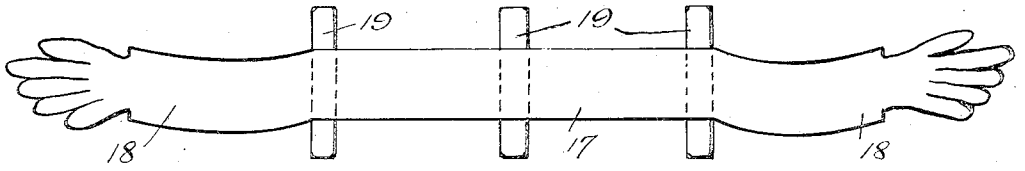


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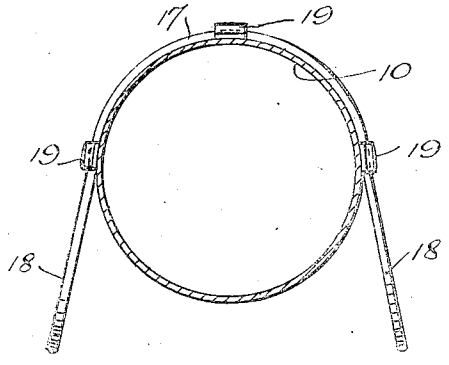


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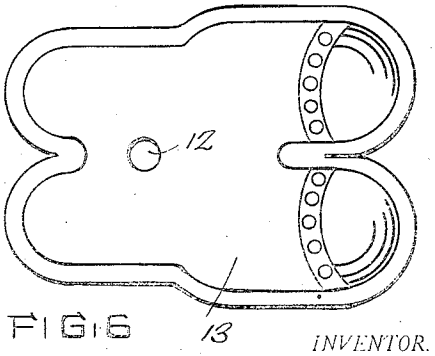


FIG. 6

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My present invention relates generally to toys, and more particularly to inflatable toys, my primary object being the provision of a small inexpensive toy which will be highly amusing and entertaining, especially to children.

A further object is the provision of an inflatable toy having parts capable of ready assembly, and arranged when assembled to permanently stand in an upright position, and to land in such position when pushed sidewise or thrown into the air.

In the accompanying drawing which illustrates my invention and forms a part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the complete toy,

Figure 2 is a side elevation thereof,

Figure 3 is an enlarged side view of the inflated body,

Figure 4 is a plan view of the body band,

Figure 5 is a horizontal section through the body, and

Figure 6 is a plan view of the base plate or support.

Referring now to these figures, my invention proposes a toy having an inflatable body 10, preferably one which when inflated has a tail 11, adapted to be extended through the opening 12 of a flat base plate or support 13 of sufficient proportions to hold the body in upright position when said plate rests upon a flat supporting surface. The tail 11 is also extended through a weight ring 14 and may be tied or knotted below the plate 13 in order to complete the connection.

It will be noted that the weight ring 14 affords an effective seat for the inflated body 10 and also insures return of the light body to an upright position when pushed sidewise or thrown into the air.

While the shape of the body 10 is to some extent at least immaterial, I have shown the same of elongated form with the tail at one end, the body being adapted to be drawn in around the other end as by means of a tape 15 adapted to form a necktie and a head portion 16 above the necktie. This head portion may be printed or otherwise ornamented upon its surface to simulate the facial features, and the remaining portion of the body may be similarly ornamented to represent clothing on the body.

Moreover, a band 17 may be extended partly around the body with freely projecting ends 18 cut to represent arms and hands. This band may be attached by short sections of gummed tapes 19 at spaced points therealong which will adhere directly to the body.

The base plate or support 13 may be cut and ornamented to simulate the feet and thus the complete toy will have a manlike appearance and the figure will stand upright at all times with amusing and entertaining results.

I claim:

1. The combination with an inflatable body provided with a closed tail, of a flat perforated base piece on the tail and means for securing the end of the tail below said base piece, a weight located between the body and base piece and means for retaining the weight on the tail.

2. The combination with a flat perforated base piece, of an inflatable body having a closed tail in said perforated base piece and securing means below the base piece, and a weight-ring encircling the tail and located between the body and base piece.

3. A balloon toy having means constricting a portion thereof to form an inflated body and an inflated head, said means constituting a detachable neck-tie, a detachable base-piece to which the body is loosely anchored, and a detachable band about the body portion having free ends forming arms and hands.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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