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Fig. 1

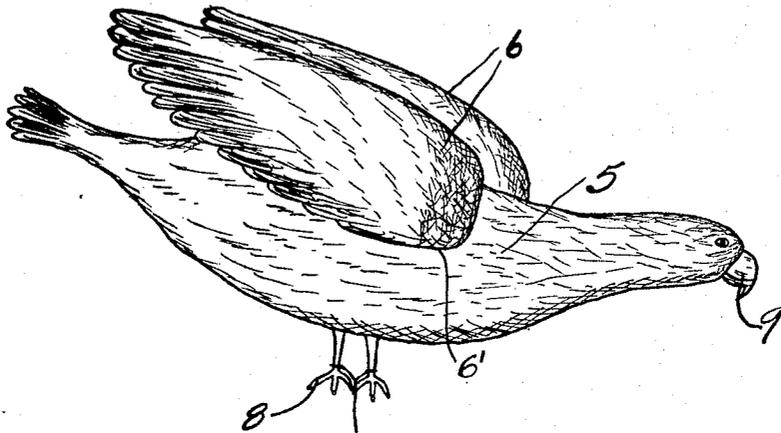


Fig. 2

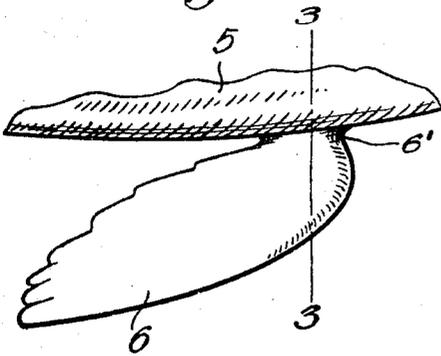
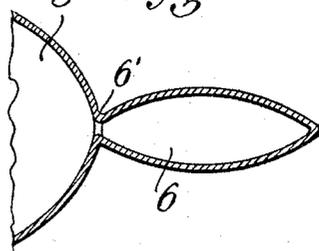


Fig. 3



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, IKLEY C. FIFE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Air Balloons, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to air balloons and is primarily intended as a toy for children, and this device may be utilized for many other obvious purposes.

The principal object of this invention is to provide a toy air balloon in the shape of a bird which is to be filled by blowing air into the body thereof with the mouth, so that the bird will fluctuate due to the movement of the elastic strip of material which is attached to the feet thereof.

Another object of the invention is to provide a rubber air balloon which is primarily intended to be utilized as a toy for children having the feet and wings formed on the body thereof and the wings are so connected to the body as to be slightly resilient, so as to be extended by the circulation of air therein when the elastic strip attached to the feet is moved.

Referring now to the drawing which forms a part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention,

Figure 2 is a fragmentary top plan, and

Figure 3 is a section on line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Referring to the drawings wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, the numeral 5 indicates the body of the toy air balloon having the wings 6 so connected thereto as to be slightly resilient, as indicated by the numeral 6', and said wings will be caused to fluctuate by movement of the elastic string 7 which has one end thereof connected to the feet 8 of the bird.

This invention consists of a continuous strip of rubber so shaped as to have the appearance of a bird, such as a parrot or the like, which may be filled with air and caused to fluctuate by the up and down movement of the elastic string which is connected to the feet thereof.

When it is desired to fill the body and wings of the bird with air, it is simply necessary that the child or user of the same open

the beak 9 of the bird and blow air into the same until the body and wings have been entirely filled. The elastic string is then placed in the hands of the child and by walking along the street, the resiliency of the elastic string will cause the balloon to fluctuate and thereby have the appearance of a flying bird.

This device is also advantageous for advertising purposes wherein the same may be placed on display in a store window and attached to an electric motor which will cause an up and down motion as a person walking and the balloon will naturally have the appearance of a flying bird, so as to attract the attention of the public.

In view of the foregoing description of my invention taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, it is thought that any further explanation as to the construction, operation and objects of this invention is unnecessary.

While I have shown and described the preferred form of my invention, I realize that various minor changes may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed; therefore, I do not wish to limit myself to the exact details of construction nor to the combination and arrangement of parts as shown.

What I claim is:

A toy balloon consisting of an elongated body simulating that of a bird, the body being hollow and provided at its head end with an opening through which the body may be inflated, the body being provided at its opposite sides and at points between its ends with hollow wings, the wings being substantially elliptical in transverse section and connected with the interior of the body by relatively constricted air passageways, the body and wings being of elastic flexible material whereby the wings may swing with relation to the body when the body and the wings are inflated and the wings stand out from the opposite sides of the body when inflated and serve substantially as planes or stabilizers for holding the body in substantially natural poise to simulate the body of a bird in flight.

In testimony whereof, I have affixed my signature.

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