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#### HEART AND LONG BOW NOVELTY (54)**BALLOON**

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M&D Industries International, Inc. "Making the World A Happier Place" catalog, p. 43, showing various heart-shaped balloons, published at least as early as 1998.

Anagram Valentine's Day 2000 catalog, p. 12, showing "Pillow Talk: Ruffles & Ribbons" heart—shaped balloon and "I Heart You" balloon, published at least as early as Jan., 2000.

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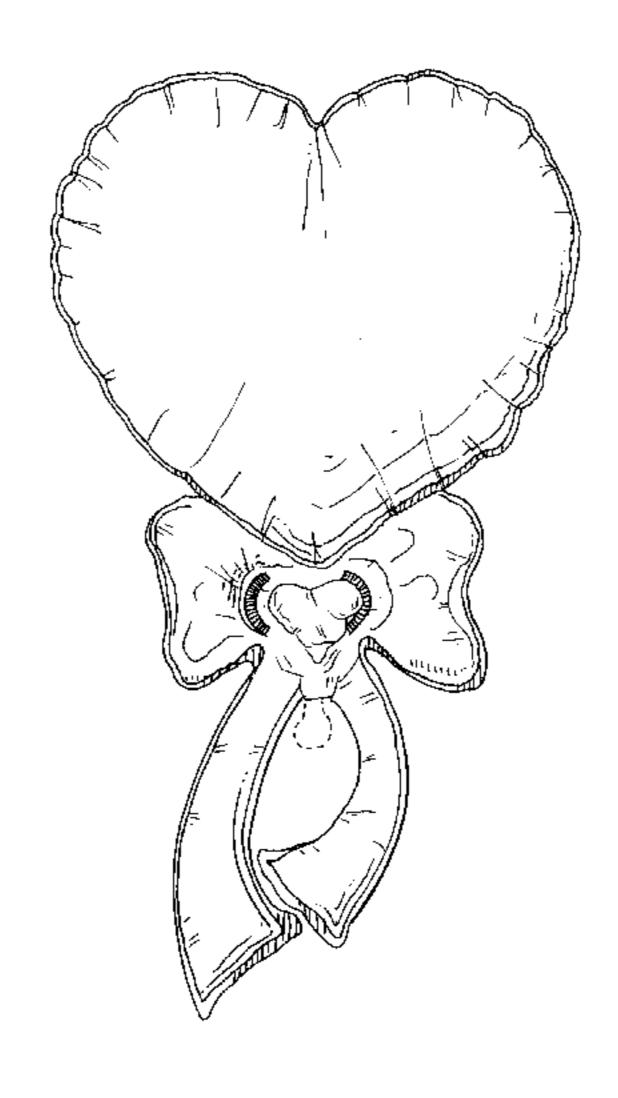
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#### **CLAIM** (57)

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

## **DESCRIPTION**

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



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

FIG. 3 is a top plan view of the design of FIG. 1;

FIG. 4 is a left elevation view of the design of FIG. 1;

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

FIG. 6 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.

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