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(54) **HEART AND SHORT BOW NOVELTY BALLOON**

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<http://southernballoon.com/pages/seasonal/1999valent2.html>—Qualatex 1999 Valentine's Day Collection, showing "Vertical Heart-I Love You" balloon, and other heart-shaped balloons, publicly available at least as early as Jan., 1999.

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.

Betallic "Everyday shapes" Supplement catalog, pp. 12-13, showing "Package I Love You", "Dancing Heart Two", "Twin Bears Heart", and various other heart-shaped balloons, believed to be published before Jul. 2000.

M&D Industries "Making the world a happier place in a BIG way" catalog, p. 5, showing "Mickey B-day Gift Shape" balloon, and p. 38, showing "COCL B Day Package Shape" balloon. Balloons in the gift box and package shapes shown on pp. 5 and 38 were publicly available at least as early as 1998.

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(57) **CLAIM**

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

**DESCRIPTION**

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of the design of the present invention;

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;

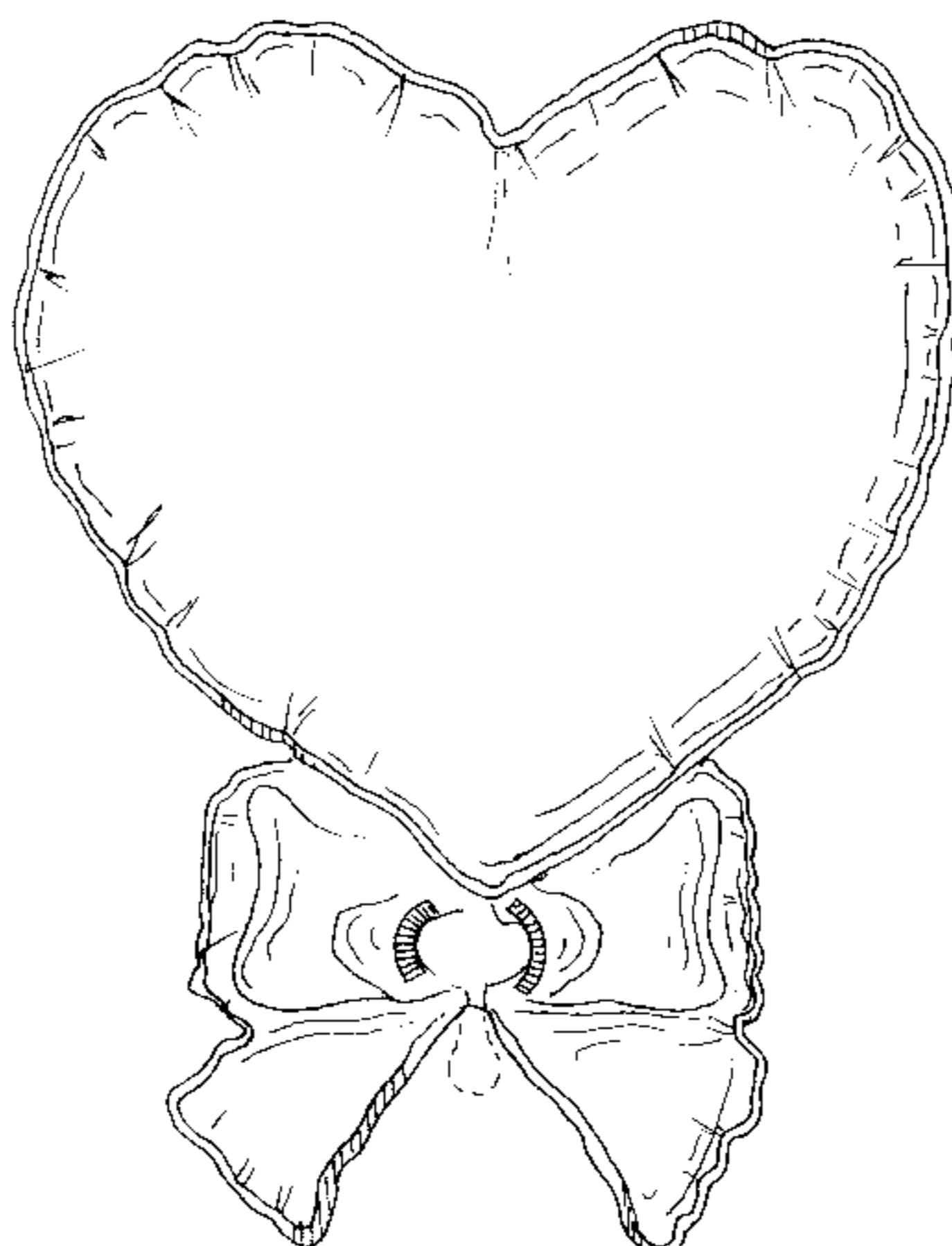
FIG. 4 is a left elevation view of the design of FIG. 1;

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.

**1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets**



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FIG. 3

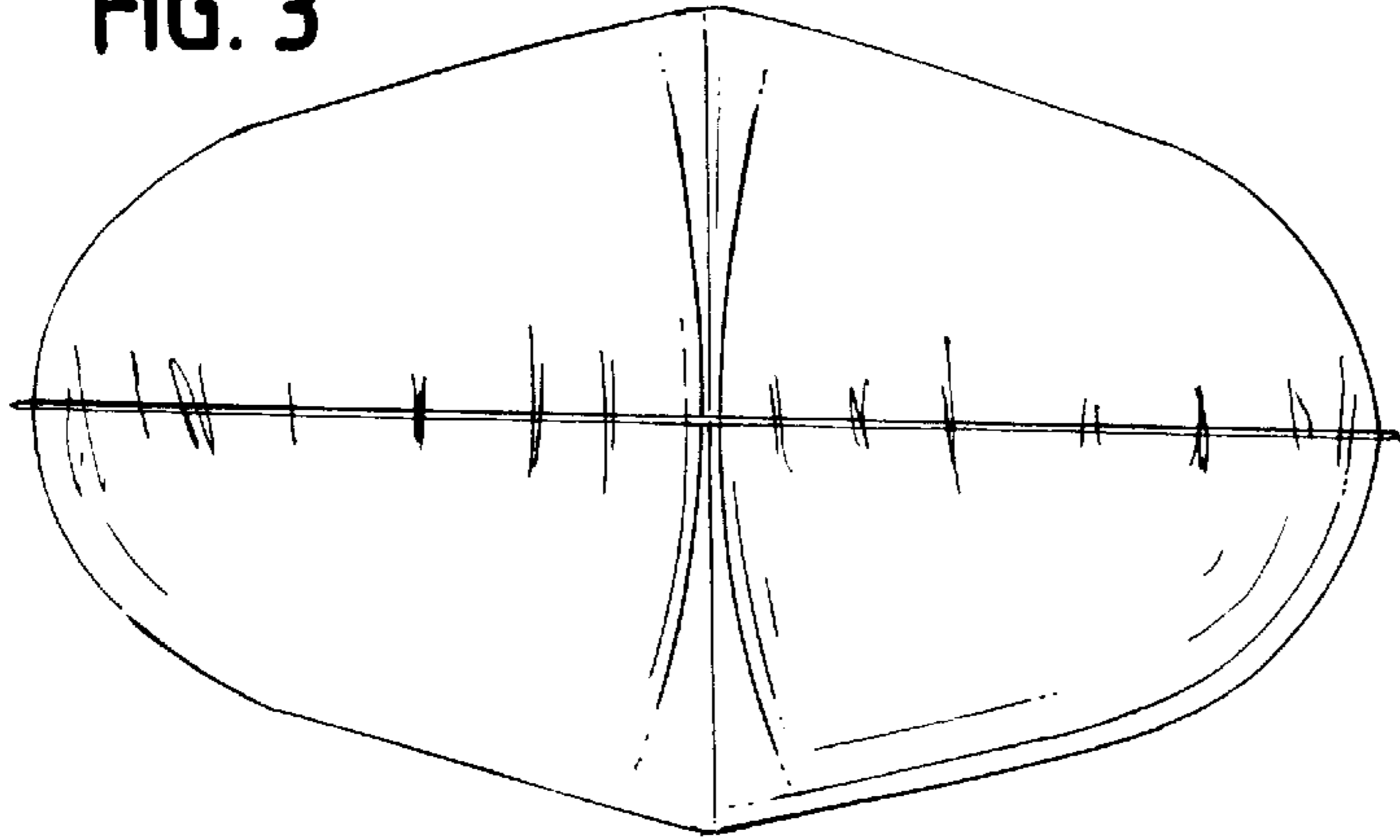


FIG. 1

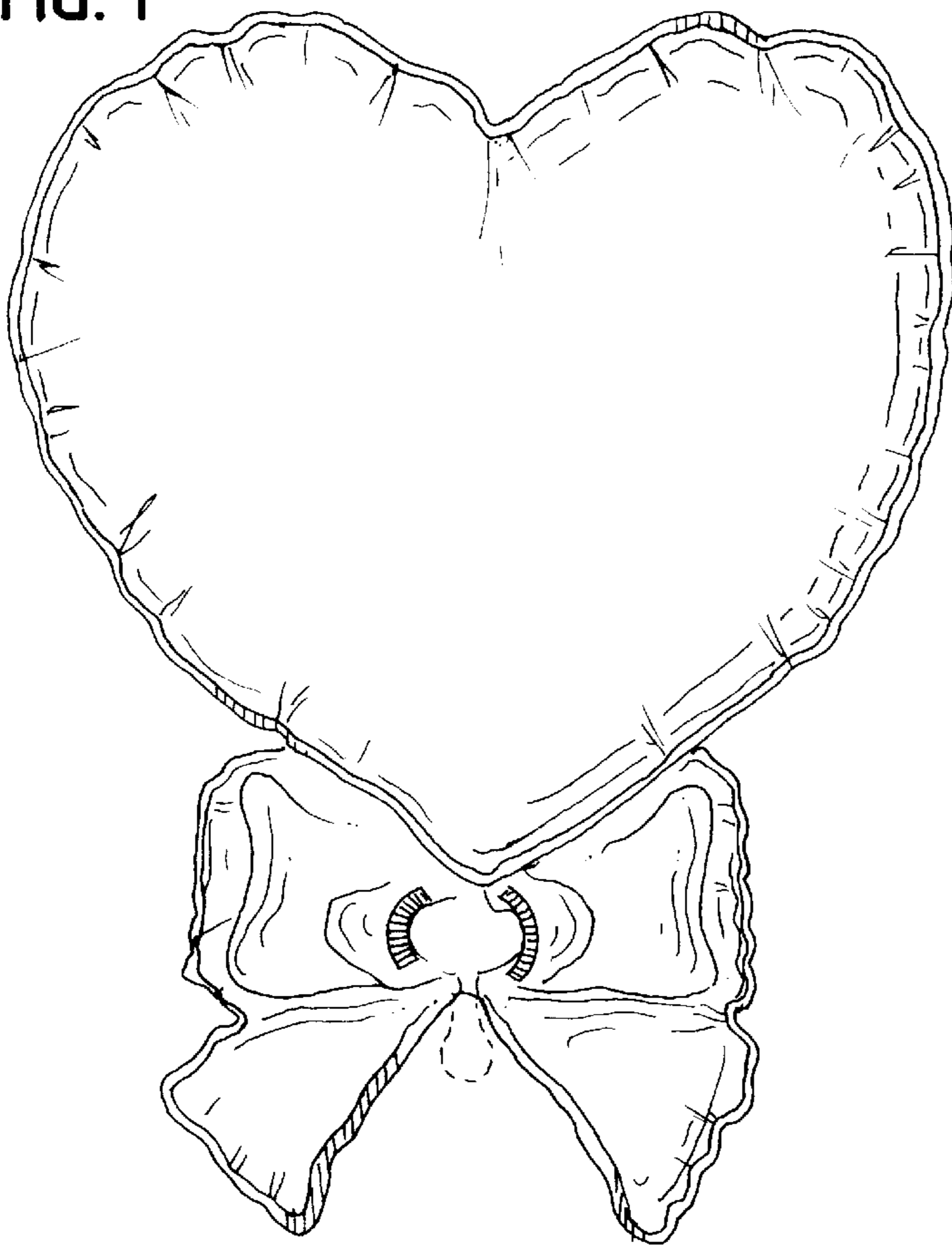


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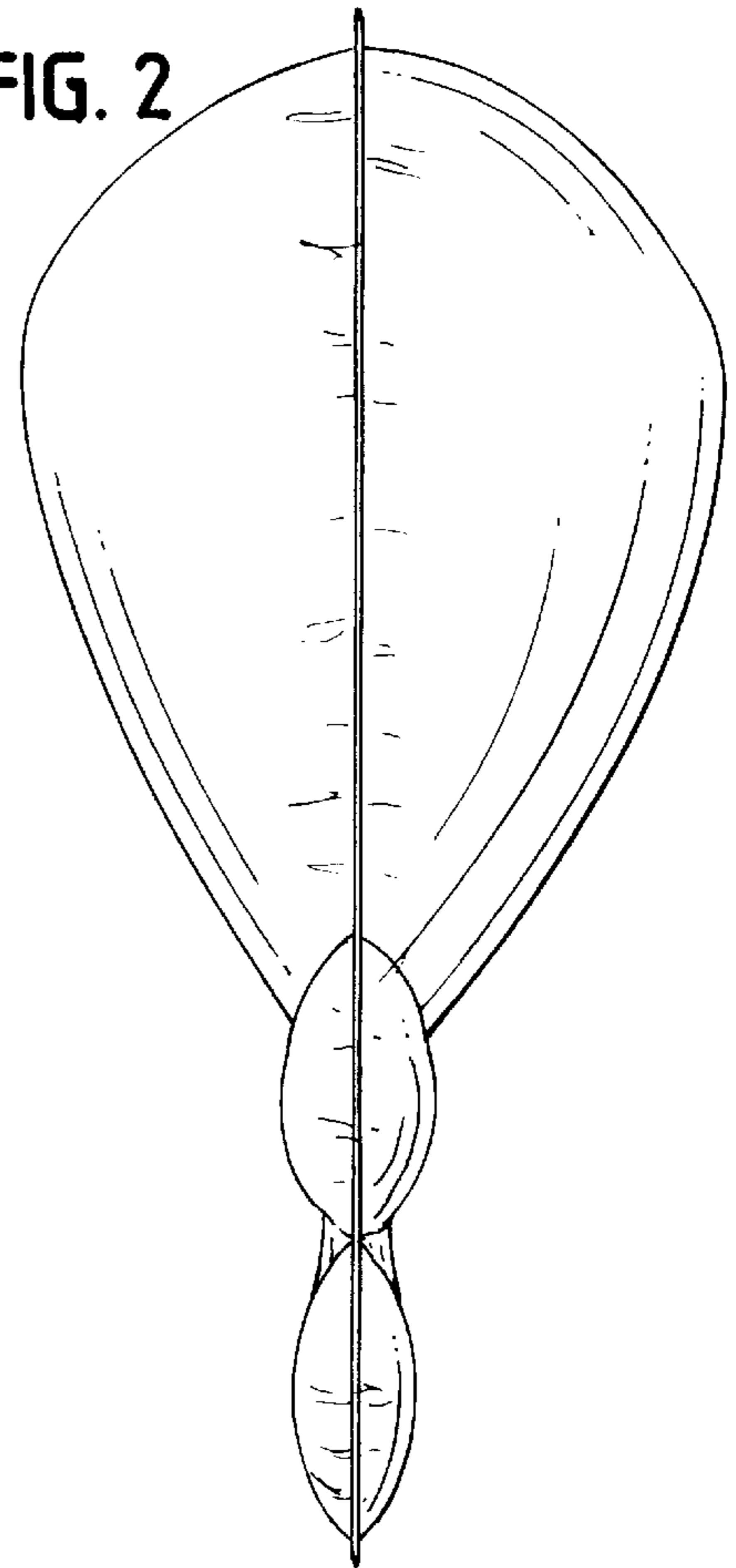


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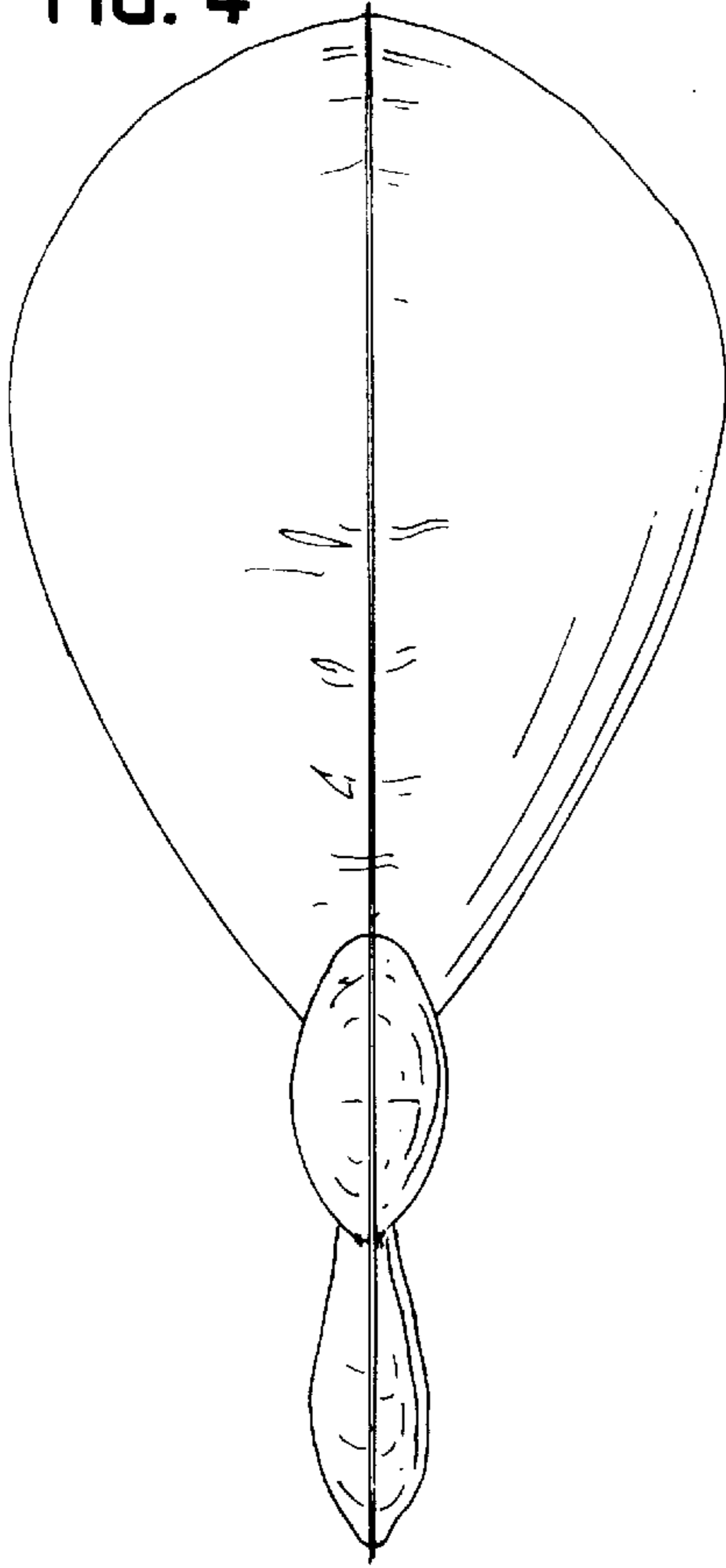


FIG. 5

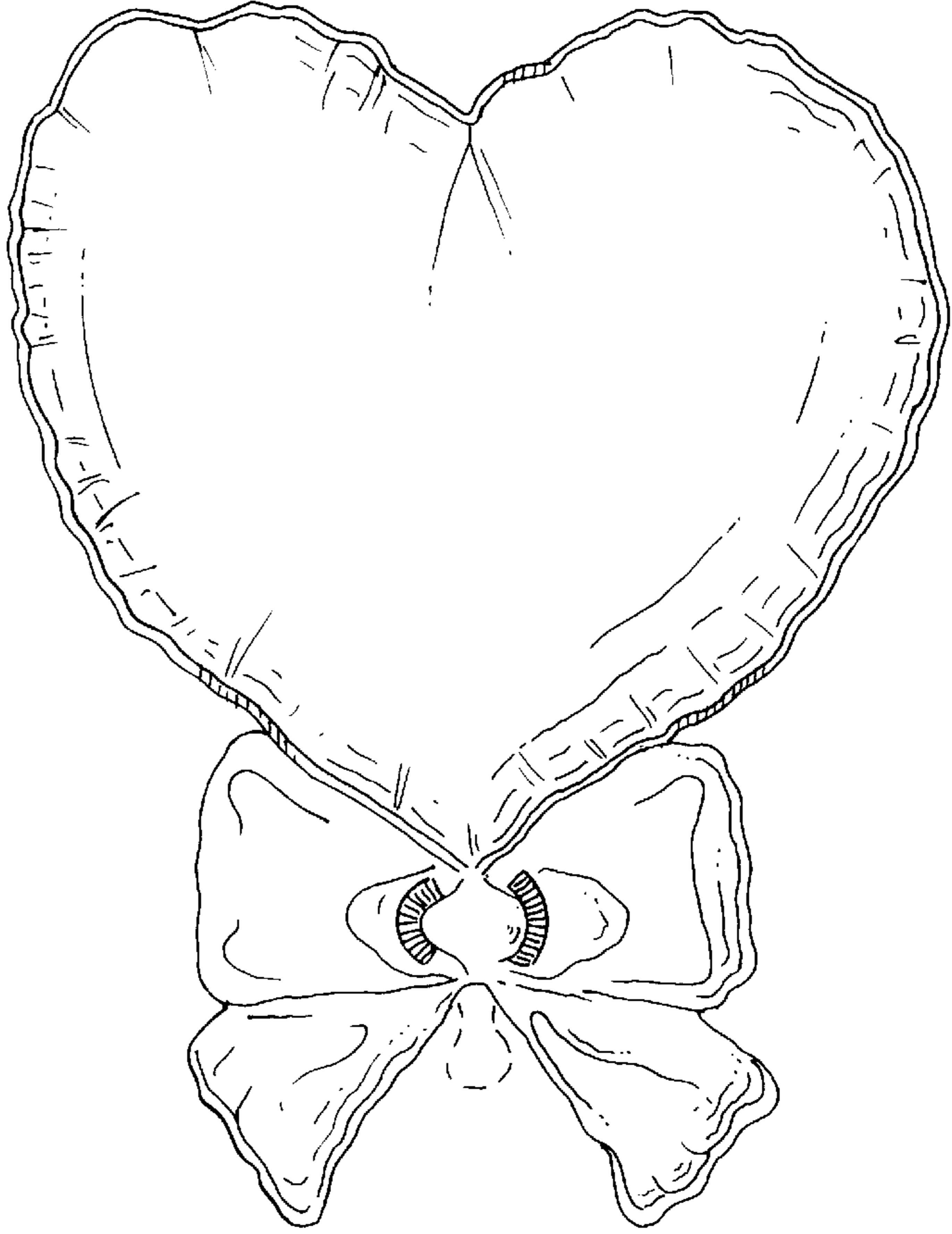


FIG. 6

