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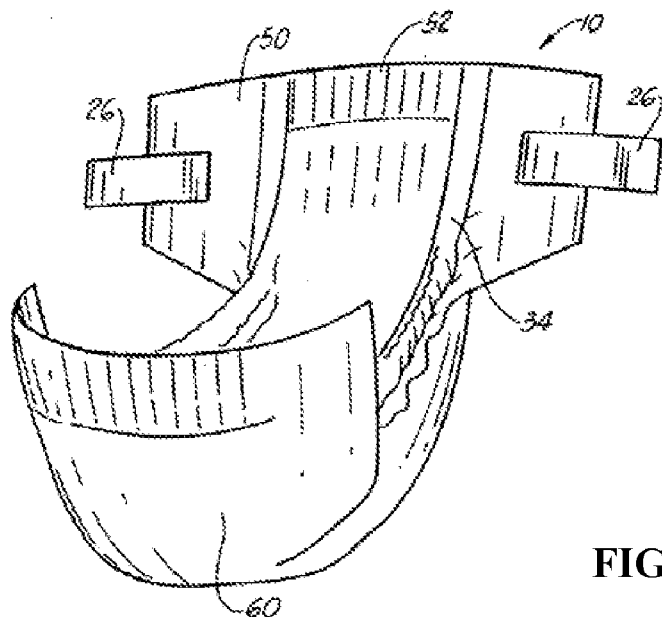
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(54) **Title:** AN ABSORBENT COMPOSITE, METHODS FOR MAKING THE ABSORBENT COMPOSITE, AND AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE EMPLOYING THE SAME

**FIG. 1A**

(57) **Abstract:** An absorbent core composite is disclosed for incorporation into a disposable absorbent article. The composite includes a first material layer and a second material layer partially secured to the first material layer to define at least one pocket therebetween. Preferably, multiple pockets are defined. The pocket is said have a fixed initial volume. Further, an aggregate of absorbent particles is provided in the pocket(s) to occupy a portion of the fixed initial volume. The absorbent particles are preferably SAP particles and is characterized by a dry volume associated with a dry state and a swell volume associated with a liquid saturation state. In respect to or for the pocket, the aggregate is characterized by a collective dry volume and a collective swell volume, wherein the pocket has an initial configuration that retains the aggregate therein.



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