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(54) Title: FLUID ACCEPTING, TRANSPORTING, AND RETAINING STRUCTURE (57) Abstract The present invention provides a fluid accepting, transporting and retaining structure, useful in disposable absorbent articles (20). In-use fluid deposited on a disposable absorbent article employing such a structure is moved via interfiber and intrafiber transport to a fluid retention area remote from the point of fluid insult. By moving fluid away from the point of insult a more effective use of the absorbent core (24) is achieved providing a clean and dry surface (22) for the wearer.		

