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(54) Title: **ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH CLEAN APPEARANCE AND CAPACITY SIGNAL MEANS**

(57) Abstract

An absorbent article, such as a sanitary napkin, comprising a topsheet, a backsheet, and an absorbent core is described. The absorbent core comprises an acquisition member, a storage/distribution member, and an indicator member. The absorbent article further has a longitudinally oriented middle region defined by the storage/distribution member and a pair of longitudinally oriented side regions that lie laterally outboard of the middle region. The acquisition member is disposed on the storage/distribution member and the indicator member is disposed, at least partially, in the side regions. The storage/distribution member has a higher capillary suction than the acquisition member such that absorbed bodily fluids are drawn from the acquisition member into the storage/distribution member providing a clean appearance. The capillary suction of the storage/distribution member is also higher than the capillary suction of the indicator member so that the indicator member is not noticeably stained until the absorbent capacity of the storage/distribution member is substantially exhausted thus providing a signal that it is time to change when such staining becomes apparent.

