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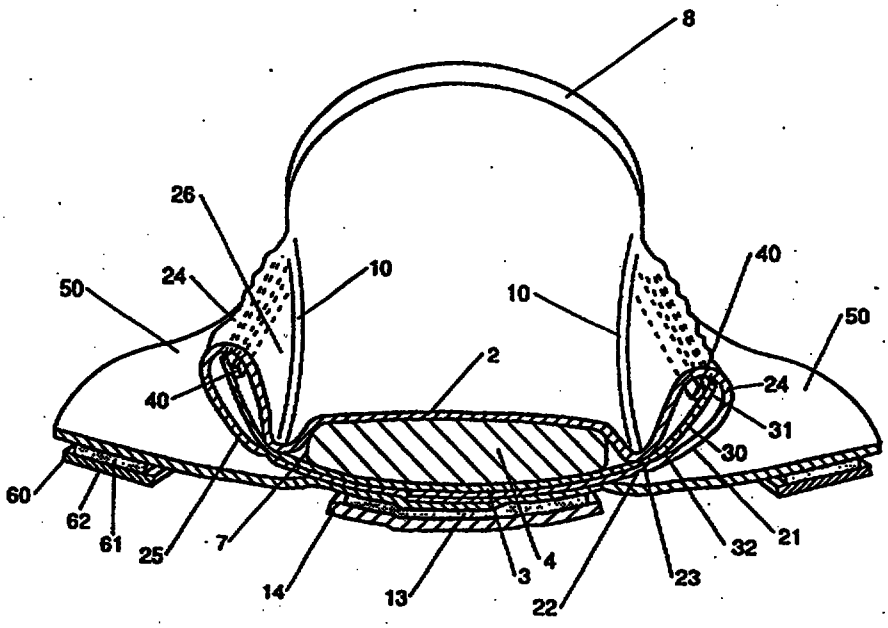

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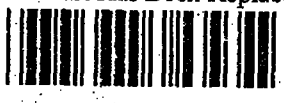

(57) Abstract

An absorbent article having a liquid permeable topsheet (2), a liquid impermeable backsheet (3) and a liquid absorbent pad (4) for absorbing a liquid exuded from the human body positioned therebetween, and having an elasticized side flap (20) and an extended wing (50) along each side edge of the absorbent article. The side flap has a loop member (21) formed from either the topsheet or the backsheet, or an optional secondary non-woven sheet (15), which extends from and loops back toward said side egde of said absorbent pad, and an inserted member (30) formed from a layer which extends from said side edge of said absorbent pad. An elastic material (40) is affixed along a portion of the length of the inserted member, and a seal (10) affixes the inserted member inside the loop member at its base end (22). The wing can be a separate material or can be formed from one of the layer materials used to form the elasticized flap.

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