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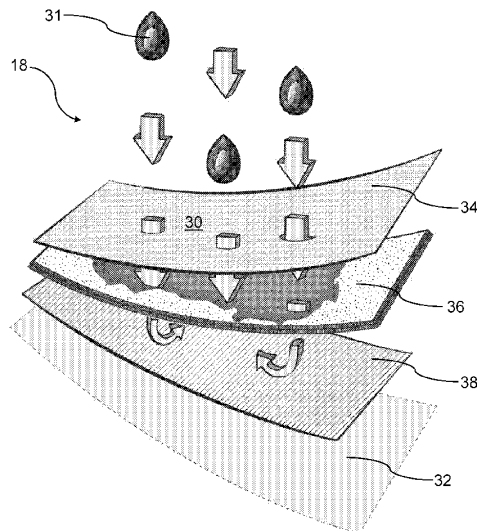


Figure 7

(57) Abstract: A protective garment, gussets for protective garments, and individual gusset layers, being a moisture wicking layer, a core moisture absorbing layer and a moisture impermeable layer, and combinations thereof. The moisture wicking layer including a double knit fabric wherein a technical face of the fabric forms an eyelet mesh utilising both hydrophilic and hydrophobic yams and a technical back of the fabric forms an interlock utilising only hydrophilic yams. The moisture absorbing layer including a sinker terry fabric knit comprising sinker loops with plush loops made from synthetic fibres treated with a hydrolysing enzyme that splits the fibres into fibrils. The moisture impermeable layer including a base fabric knit laminated with a polyurethane sheet.

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