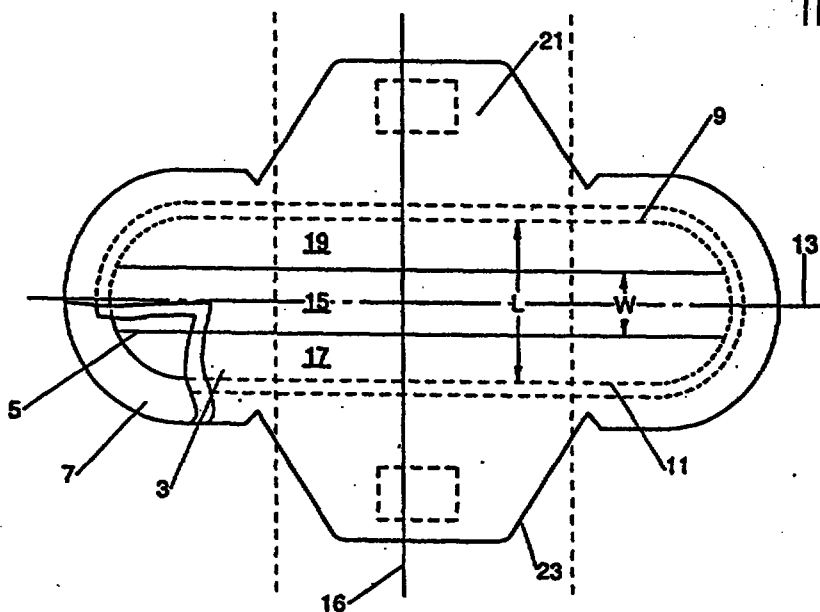




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In a sanitary napkin, a central acquisition zone (15) is provided having a relatively low concentration of absorbent gelling material. The central acquisition zone (15) results in an increased longitudinal spread of liquids and this reduces the risk of leakage of fluids along the perimeter of the sanitary napkin.