

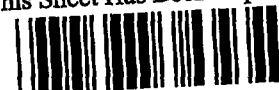
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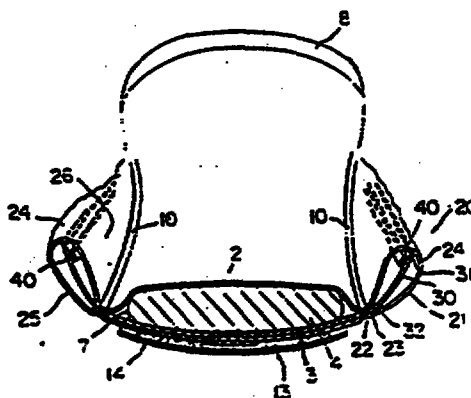
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(54) Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING ELASTICIZED SIDE FLAPS



(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) along each side edge of the absorbent article. The sideflap has a loop member (21) formed from either the topsheet or the backsheet, or an optional secondary nonwoven sheet, which extends from and loops back toward the side edge so the absorbent pad, and an inserted member (30) formed from a layer which extends from the 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. The absorbent sanitary article provides improved fit and leakage protection with better comfort.