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(54) Title: ABSORBENT SANITARY ARTICLE WITH EXPANDABLE FLAPS

(57) Abstract

An absorbent sanitary article, such as a sanitary napkin, comprises an absorbing region (10) capable of absorbing body fluids and a pair of flaps (20) located one on each of two opposite edges of the absorbing region (10). Each flap (20) is non-planar and has a first edge, where it adjoins the absorbing region (10), which defines a non-rectilinear axis of rotation for the flap to pivot with respect to the absorbing region (10), and a second edge, remote from the said absorbing region (10), where the perimetral length is greater than for an equivalent planar flap (20). This may be achieved by stretching the material of each of the flaps (20) so that it assumes an undulating form.

