CLAIMS

[1] ~~An absorptive article in which a dorsal side and a ventral side are defined and a dorsal side region, a crotch region, and a ventral side region are sequentially provided along with a longitudinal direction from the dorsal side toward the ventral side, the absorptive article comprising:~~

~~an absorbent body including a top sheet that is liquid permeable, a back sheet that is liquid impermeable, and an absorber located between the top sheet and the back sheet and being configured to absorb and hold fluid;~~

~~a pair of side flap portions formed on both sides in a width direction of the absorbent body, in a vicinity of each side edge portions of the absorbent body, along with the longitudinal direction; and~~

~~a pair of waist flap portions formed in the dorsal side region by extending from the pair of side flap portions toward outside in the width direction of the absorbent body; wherein~~

~~each of the pair of side flap portions includes a waistline stretching region;~~

~~a width size of a ventral side edge in the waistline stretching region becomes larger than a width size of a dorsal side edge in the waistline stretching region, when the absorptive article is stretched in a width direction; and~~

~~each of the waistline stretching region reaches the ventral side edge of each of the pair of the side flap portions.~~

An absorptive article having a dorsal side and a ventral side, the absorptive article comprising:
a dorsal side region, a crotch region, and a ventral side region sequentially provided along a longitudinal direction from the dorsal side toward the ventral side;

an absorbent body including a liquid permeable top sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet,

and an absorber located between the top sheet and the back sheet for absorbing fluid, said absorbent body further including a pair of side edge portions extending in the longitudinal direction;

a pair of side flap portions formed on both sides of the absorbent body in a width direction transverse to the longitudinal direction, in a vicinity of the corresponding side edge portions of the absorbent body; and

a pair of waist flap portions formed in the dorsal side region and outwardly extending from the pair of side flap portions in the width direction, respectively,

wherein

each of the pair of waist flap portions includes

a waistline stretching region; and

a ventral side edge and a dorsal side edge opposite to the ventral side edge in the longitudinal direction,

the waist flap portions are stretchable in the width direction only in the waistline stretching regions, regions of the waist flap portions outside the waistline stretching regions are not stretchable in the width direction,

a width of the ventral side edge in the waistline stretching region is larger than a width of the dorsal side edge in the waistline stretching region, when the absorptive article is stretched in the width direction,

each of the waistline stretching regions extends to the ventral side edge of the corresponding waist flap portion, and

each of the waistline stretching regions does not extend to the dorsal side edge of the corresponding waist flap portion.

~~[2] The absorptive article according to claim 1, wherein each of the waistline stretching region does not reach the dorsal side edge of each of the pair of waist flap portions~~

~~[3] The absorptive article according to claim 1, wherein each of the waistline stretching region reaches the dorsal side edge of each of the pair of waist flap portions.~~

[4 2] The absorptive article according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim1, wherein each of the waistline stretching regions is provided in a basal position in the corresponding one ~~each~~ of the pair of waist flap portions.

[~~5~~ 3] The absorptive article according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein a ventral side edge of ~~each of~~ the waistline stretching regions is ~~stretched~~ stretchable in the width direction in a range of 1.1 to 3.0 times of an original length of the ventral side edge.

4. The absorptive article according to claim 1, wherein the ventral side region is free of waist stretching regions.

5. The absorptive article according to claim 1, wherein an entirety of each of the waistline stretching regions is outboard of the corresponding side edge portion of the absorbent body in the width direction.

6. The absorptive article according to claim 1, wherein the waist flap portions are directly attached to outer surfaces of the side flap portions on a non-skin facing side of the absorptive article.

7. The absorptive article according to claim 1, wherein the waist flap portions are defined by separate pieces, and each of the waist flap portions is separately and directly attached to an outer surface of the corresponding side flap portion on a non-skin facing side of the absorptive article.

8. The absorptive article according to claim 7, wherein each of the waist flap portions includes a side edge directly attached to the outer surface of the corresponding side flap portion, and the side edges of the waist flap portions are spaced away from each other in the width direction.