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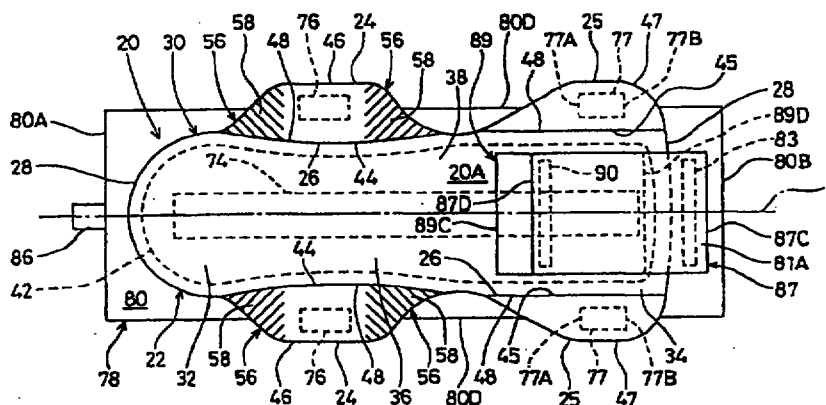
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(57) Abstract

An individually packaged absorbent article having a pair of first flaps and a pair of second flaps with fasteners, such as adhesive fasteners thereon, is disclosed. The absorbent article comprises a pair of first flaps and a pair of second flaps joined to the main body portion apart from the first flaps in the longitudinal direction and extending laterally outward beyond the longitudinal side edges of the main body portion. The garment surface of each of the first and second flaps comprises a first flap fastener and a second flap fastener respectively. The first and second flaps are folded over the body surface of the main body portion to expose the flap fasteners. A wrapper for the absorbent article comprises a main wrapper sheet, a first flap fastener cover and a second flap fastener cover. The main wrapper sheet comprises a pair of longitudinal side portions, a pair of end portions, an inner surface facing the main body portion and an outer surface. The main wrapper sheet is positioned adjacent to the garment surface of the main body portion. The main wrapper sheet and the main body portion of the absorbent article comprise two transverse axes and three regions divided by the two axes. The second flap fastener cover is joined to the first flap fastener cover at least at a point in a region between the second flap fasteners and the first transverse axis. The end portion of the first flap fastener cover is joined to the end portion of the main wrapper sheet of the second region.