particles dispersed in the slurry to form the water-absorbent resin in the form of a secondary particle.

[Claim 6]

An absorbent material comprising the water-absorbent resin according to any one of claims 1 to 5 and a hydrophilic fiber.

[Claim 7]

An absorbent article including the absorbent material according to claim 6 between a liquid-permeable sheet and a liquid-impermeable sheet.

[Claim 8]

A method for producing a water-absorbent resin comprising a secondary particle according to a reversed phase suspension polymerization method including steps 1 and 2 described below:

(1) step 1, in which a water-soluble ethylenically unsaturated monomer is subjected to a polymerization reaction in the presence of a thickener and a dispersion stabilizer to form a slurry in which primary particles having an aspect ratio of 1.1 to 200 are dispersed, and

(2) step 2, in which the slurry obtained in step 1 is cooled to precipitate the dispersion stabilizer, and then a water-soluble ethylenically unsaturated monomer is further added to perform a polymerization reaction, thereby agglomerating the primary particles dispersed in the slurry to form the water-absorbent resin in the form of the secondary particle.