[CLAIMS]

1. A stretchable/contractible sheets having an up-down direction and a left-right direction intersecting each other,

the stretchable/contractible sheet, comprising:

a first sheet;

a second sheet;

a plurality of welded portions joining the first sheet and the second sheet;

a plurality of elastic members being capable of stretching/contracting in the left-right direction,

the plurality of elastic members arranged between the first sheet and the second sheet by the plurality of welded portions and with a space in the up-down direction,

the plurality of welded portions including, above a certain elastic member of the plurality of the elastic members,

a first welded portion and

a third welded portion adjacent to the first welded portion on a one side in the left-right direction,

the plurality of welded portions further including, below the certain elastic member,

a second welded portion and

a fourth welded portion adjacent to the second welded portion on the one side,

the certain elastic member attached to the first sheet and the second sheet

by being sandwiched in the up-down direction between the first welded portion and the second welded portion while contracting in the left-right direction, and

by being sandwiched in the up-down direction between the third welded portion and the fourth welded portion,

the first welded portion and the third welded portion having portions overlapping in the up-down direction,

a position of a lower end of the first welded portion being different in the up-down direction from a position of a lower end of the third welded portion,

a length of a portion where the first welded portion and the third welded portion overlap in the up-down direction

being larger than

a length in the up-down direction between a lowermost end of the first welded portion and a lowermost end of the third welded portion.

2. A stretchable/contractible having an up-down direction and a left-right direction intersecting each other,

the stretchable/contractible sheet, comprising:

a first sheet;

a second sheet;

a plurality of welded portions joining the first sheet and the second sheet;

a plurality of elastic members being capable of stretching/contracting in the left-right direction,

the plurality of elastic members arranged between the first sheet and the second sheet by the plurality of welded portions and with a space in the up-down direction,

the plurality of welded portions including, above a certain elastic member of the plurality of the elastic members,

a first welded portion and

a third welded portion adjacent to the first welded portion on a one side in the left-right direction,

the plurality of welded portions further including, below the certain elastic member,

a second welded portion and

a fourth welded portion adjacent to the second welded portion on the one side,

the certain elastic member attached to the first sheet and the second sheet

by being sandwiched in the up-down direction between the first welded portion and the second welded portion while contracting in the left-right direction, and

by being sandwiched in the up-down direction between the third welded portion and the fourth welded portion,

the first welded portion and the third welded portion having portions overlapping in the up-down direction,

a position of a lower end of the first welded portion being different in the up-down direction from a position of a lower end of the third welded portion,

an outer diameter of the elastic member when the elastic member is stretched to a maximum stretchable length in the left-right direction

is larger than

a length in the up-down direction between a lowermost end of the first welded portion and a lowermost end of the third welded portion.

3. A stretchable/contractible sheet according to claim 1 or 2, wherein

a length of the first welded portion in the left-right direction is larger than a length of the first welded portion in the up-down direction.

4. A stretchable/contractible sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein

the second welded portion and the third welded portion have a shape in which four corners of a rectangle are cut out.

5. A stretchable/contractible sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein

the second welded portion and the third welded portion have an elliptical shape.

6. A stretchable/contractible sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein

the first to the fourth welded portions have an identical shape.

7. A stretchable/contractible sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein

an outer diameter of the elastic member when the elastic member is stretched to a maximum stretchable length in the left-right direction

is smaller than

a length in the up-down direction between a lowermost end of the first welded portion and an uppermost end of the second welded portion, and

the outer diameter of the elastic member when the elastic member is stretched to the maximum stretchable length in the left-right direction

is smaller than

a length in the up-down direction between a lowermost end of the third welded portion and an uppermost end of the fourth welded portion.

8. A stretchable/contractible sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein

an outer diameter of the elastic member when the elastic member is stretched to a maximum stretchable length in the left-right direction

is smaller than

a length in the up-down direction between a lowermost end of the third welded portion and an uppermost end of the second welded portion.

9. A stretchable/contractible sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein

the plurality of welded portions including, above the certain elastic member, a fifth welded portion adjacent to the third welded portion on the one side, and

an outer diameter of the elastic member when the elastic member is stretched to a maximum stretchable length in the left-right direction

is smaller than

a length in the up-down direction between a lowermost end of the fifth welded portion and an uppermost end of the second welded portion.

10. A stretchable/contractible sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein

a length in the up-down direction between a lowermost end of the first welded portion and an uppermost end of the second welded portion

is equal to

a length in the up-down direction between a lowermost end of the third welded portion and an uppermost end of the fourth welded portion.

11. A stretchable/contractible sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein

an outer diameter of the elastic member when the elastic member is stretched to 70% of a maximum stretchable length in the left-right direction

is larger than

a length in the up-down direction between a lowermost end of the third welded portion and an uppermost end of the second welded portion.

12. A stretchable/contractible sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein

in the left-right direction, a space of two adjacent welded portions is equal to or less than 6 mm.

13. An absorbent article having an up-down direction and a left-right direction intersecting each other, comprising:

an absorbent main body that absorbs excrement;

a front band member provided along the left-right direction and joined to a front-upper-end portion of the absorbent main body;

a back band member provided along the left-right direction separately from the front band member, and joined to a back-upper-end portion of the absorbent main body;

the front band member and the back band member including:

a first sheet;

a second sheet;

a plurality of welded portions joining the first sheet and the second sheet;

a plurality of elastic members being capable of stretching/contracting in the left-right direction,

the plurality of elastic members arranged with a space in the up-down direction and between the first sheet and the second sheet,

the plurality of welded portions including, above a certain elastic member of the plurality of elastic members,

a first welded portion and

a third welded portion adjacent to the first welded portion on a one side in the left-right direction,

the plurality of welded portions further including, below the certain elastic member,

a second welded portion and

a fourth welded portion adjacent to the second welded portion on the one side,

the certain elastic member attached to the first sheet and the second sheet

by being sandwiched in the up-down direction between the first welded portion and the second welded portion while contracting in the left-right direction, and

by being sandwiched in the up-down direction between the third welded portion and the fourth welded portion,

the first welded portion and the third welded portion having portions overlapping in the up-down direction,

a position of a lower end of the first welded portion being different in the up-down direction from a position of a lower end of the third welded portion~~.~~,

a length of a portion where the first welded portion and the third welded portion overlap in the up-down direction

being larger than

a length in the up-down direction between a lowermost end of the first welded portion and a lowermost end of the third welded portion.

14. An absorbent article having an up-down direction and a left-right direction intersecting each other, comprising:

an absorbent main body that absorbs excrement;

a front band member provided along the left-right direction and joined to a front-upper-end portion of the absorbent main body;

a back band member provided along the left-right direction separately from the front band member, and joined to a back-upper-end portion of the absorbent main body;

the front band member and the back band member including:

a first sheet;

a second sheet;

a plurality of welded portions joining the first sheet and the second sheet;

a plurality of elastic members being capable of stretching/contracting in the left-right direction,

the plurality of elastic members arranged with a space in the up-down direction and between the first sheet and the second sheet,

the plurality of welded portions including, above a certain elastic member of the plurality of elastic members,

a first welded portion and

a third welded portion adjacent to the first welded portion on a one side in the left-right direction,

the plurality of welded portions further including, below the certain elastic member,

a second welded portion and

a fourth welded portion adjacent to the second welded portion on the one side,

the certain elastic member attached to the first sheet and the second sheet by being sandwiched in the up-down direction between the first welded portion and the second welded portion while contracting in the left-right direction, and

by being sandwiched in the up-down direction between the third welded portion and the fourth welded portion,

the first welded portion and the third welded portion having portions overlapping in the up-down direction,

a position of a lower end of the first welded portion being different in the up-down direction from a position of a lower end of the third welded portion,

an outer diameter of the elastic member when the elastic member is stretched to a maximum stretchable length in the left-right direction

being larger than

a length in the up-down direction between a lowermost end of the first welded portion and a lowermost end of the third welded portion.

15. A absorbent article according to claim 13 or 14, wherein

in the up-down direction,

a space of the elastic members disposed in the front band member is different from a space of the elastic members disposed in the back band member.

16. A absorbent article according to claim 15, wherein

in the up-down direction,

a space of the elastic members disposed in the front band member is smaller than a space of the elastic members disposed in the back band member.