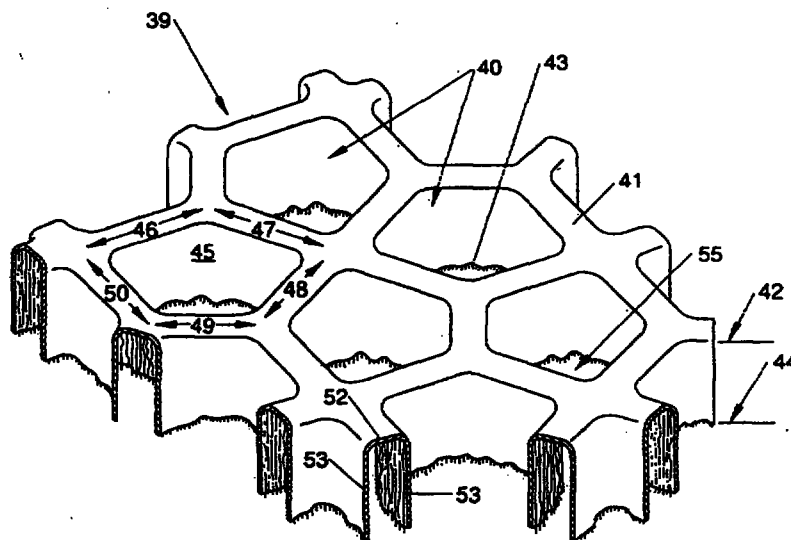


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The present invention provides a resilient, three-dimensional, macroscopically expanded, fluid-pervious, plastic web suitable for use as a topsheet on absorbent articles, especially catamenial articles. The web includes a first layer (60) of polymeric material and a second layer (62) of fibrous material secured to the inner surface of the first layer of polymeric material. The fibrous material of the intermediate layer extends below the second surface (43) of the web, preferably into the absorbent core (24). In-use, fluid deposited on the topsheet drains or empties more readily as the fibrous material of the second layer breaks up the fluid menisci which form along the second surface of the web, thereby providing improved dryness and cleanliness for the user.