CLAIMS

[Claim 1] A cleaning sheet comprising a liquid retentive layer containing cellulosic fibers and heat-fusible fibers having a fineness of 0.5 to 5 dtex and a fiber length of 2 to 15 mm and an airlaid layer laid on one side of the liquid retentive layer,

the airlaid layer containing thermoplastic fibers and having the individual constituent fibers fusion-bonded or adhesively bonded to one another at their intersections,

the airlaid layer containing large-diameter thermoplastic fibers having a fineness of 10 to 150 dtex and a fiber length of 2 to 15 mm and small-diameter thermoplastic fibers having a fineness of 0.5 to 5 dtex and a fiber length of 2 to 15 mm,

the airlaid layer having the ends of a plurality of the large-diameter thermoplastic fibers exposed on the surface thereof to provide abrading or scouring fibercapabilities for dirt removal from a surface being cleaned, and

the liquid retentive layer having the ends of a plurality of the large-diameter thermoplastic fibers exposed on its surface opposite to the surface facing the airlaid layer, the number of the ends exposed on the surface of the liquid retentive layer being smaller than that of the ends exposed on the surface of the airlaid layer.

[Claim 2] The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein the number of the ends of the large-diameter thermoplastic fibers present on the surface of the liquid retentive layer is 0.1% to 20% of the number of the ends of the large-diameter thermoplastic fibers present on the surface of the airlaid layer.

[Claim 3] The cleaning sheet according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the large-diameter thermoplastic fibers are present in a proportion of 10 mass% or more relative to the mass of the cleaning sheet.

[Claim 4] The cleaning sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 3, being obtained by providing a web containing the cellulosic fibers and the heat-fusible fibers and having its constituent fibers fusion bonded or adhesively bonded to one another at their intersections to form the liquid retentive layer,

providing a web containing the large-diameter thermoplastic fibers and the

small-diameter thermoplastic fibers and having its constituent fibers fusion bonded or adhesively bonded to one another at their intersections to form the airlaid layer, and

superposing the airlaid layer on one side of the liquid retentive layer, and uniting the airlaid layer and the liquid retentive layer together.

[Claim 5] The cleaning sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 3, being obtained by superposing a web containing the large-diameter thermoplastic fibers and the small-diameter thermoplastic fibers on one side of a web containing the cellulosic fibers and the heat-fusible fibers and

bonding the fibers constituting each web to one another at their intersections and between the two webs to each other by fusion bonding or adhesive bonding to form the liquid retentive layer and the airlaid layer and, at the same time, to unite the liquid retentive layer and the airlaid layer together.

[Claim 6] The cleaning sheet according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the airlaid layer has void spaces between the large-diameter thermoplastic fibers and has abrasive particles held releasably in the spaces, and

those large-diameter fibers of which the end is exposed on the surface of the airlaid layer opposite to the surface facing the liquid retentive layer have substantially no abrasive particle attached to their end portion including the end.