[CLAIMS]

[Claim 1]

An underpants-shaped absorbent article having an up-down direction, a left-right direction, and a front-rear direction that intersect each other,

the underpants-shaped absorbent article comprising:

an absorbent main body; and

a first waist portion that is joined to the absorbent main body,

the first waist portion including a stretchy sheet, an elastic member, and a non-stretchy sheet,

the stretchy sheet and the elastic member having stretchability in the left-right direction,

the stretchy sheet including an inner layer sheet and an outer layer sheet,

the elastic member being arranged between the inner layer sheet and the outer layer sheet in the front-rear direction,

a lower end of the stretchy sheet being located at a position separated upward in the up-down direction by a predetermined distance from an upper end of the absorbent main body,

the elastic member being arranged overlapped in the up-down direction with a region that is between the lower end of the stretchy sheet and the upper end of the absorbent main body.

[Claim 2]

The underpants-shaped absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein

the elastic members are arranged in at least a portion of an up-down-direction region of the first waist portion that is

overlapped with the absorbent main body.

[Claim 3]

The underpants-shaped absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein

the elastic members are not arranged in an up-down-direction region of the first waist portion in which the stretchy sheet and the absorbent main body are not overlapped.

[Claim 4]

An underpants-shaped absorbent article having an up-down direction, a left-right direction, and a front-rear direction that intersect each other,

the underpants-shaped absorbent article comprising:

an absorbent main body including an absorbent body and a liquid-impermeable back sheet 13,

the absorbent body absorbing an excreted fluid,

the back sheet 13 being arranged on the non-skin side with respect to the absorbent body; and

a first waist portion that is joined to the absorbent main body,

the first waist portion including a stretchy sheet, an inner layer sheet, an outer layer sheet, and a string-like elastic member,

the stretchy sheet having stretchability in the left-right direction,

the outer layer sheet being arranged on a non-skin side with respect to the inner layer sheet,

a lower end of the stretchy sheet being located at a position separated upward in the up-down direction by a

predetermined distance from an upper end of the absorbent main body,

the inner layer sheet and the outer layer sheet being arranged on a non-skin side with respect to the absorbent body,

an upper end portion of the outer layer sheet being folded downward so as to cover an up-down-direction end portion of the absorbent main body from a skin side,

the string-like elastic member being at least in a portion of an up-down-direction region of the first waist portion that is overlapped with the absorbent main body,

the string-like elastic member having stretchability in the left-right direction,

the string-like elastic member being arranged between the inner layer sheet and the outer layer sheet,

the absorbent body being arranged on the skin side with respect to the string-like elastic member,

the stretchy sheet being overlaid from the skin side with respect to the inner layer sheet.

[Claim 5]

The underpants-shaped absorbent article according to claim 4, wherein

the string-like elastic member is arranged on the non-skin side with respect to the inner layer sheet, and

the stretchy sheet is arranged on the skin side with respect to the inner layer sheet.

[Claim 6]

The underpants-shaped absorbent article according to claim 4 or 5, wherein

the string-like elastic member is provided in an up-down-direction region where the string-like elastic member is overlaid on the absorbent main body and where the string-like elastic member is not overlaid on the absorbent body.

[Claim 7]

The underpants-shaped absorbent article according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein

the first waist portion includes either ones of a plurality of elastic members and a plurality of string-like elastic members having stretchability in the left-right direction, and

a left-right-direction mean stress in an up-down-direction region of the first waist portion is smaller than a left-right-direction mean stress in another up-down-direction region of the first waist portion,

the up-down-direction region being a region between the lower end of the stretchy sheet and located-uppermost one of the either ones of the plurality of elastic members and the plurality of string-like elastic members,

the other up-down-direction region being a region in which the stretchy sheet is arranged.

[Claim 8]

The underpants-shaped absorbent article according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein

the first waist portion includes either ones of a plurality of elastic members and a plurality of string-like elastic members, and

the left-right-direction mean stress in an up-down-direction region of the first waist portion is smaller than a

left-right-direction mean stress in another up-down-direction region of the first waist portion,

the up-down-direction region being a region in which the stretchy sheet is arranged,

the other up-down-direction region being a region in which the either ones of the plurality of elastic members and the plurality of string-like elastic members are arranged.

[Claim 9]

The underpants-shaped absorbent article according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein

the first waist portion includes either ones of a plurality of elastic members and a plurality of string-like elastic members, and

concerning an up-down-direction region of the first waist portion in which the either ones of the plurality of elastic members and the plurality of string-like elastic members are arranged,

a left-right-direction mean stress in a region that is above a center in the up-down direction is smaller than a left-right-direction mean stress in a region that is below the center in the up-down direction.

[Claim 10]

The underpants-shaped absorbent article according to claim 9, wherein

the absorbent main body includes an absorbent body that absorbs an excreted fluid, and

a left-right-direction mean stress in an up-down-direction region of the first waist portion is smaller than a left-right-

direction mean stress in another up-down-direction region of the first waist portion,

the up-down-direction region being a region between an upper end of the absorbent body and located-uppermost one of the either ones of the plurality of elastic members and the plurality of string-like elastic members,

the other up-down-direction region being a region between the upper end of the absorbent body and an up-down-direction center of the up-down-direction region in which the either ones of the plurality of elastic members and the plurality of string-like elastic members are arranged.

[Claim 11]

The underpants-shaped absorbent article according to any one of claims 1 to 10, wherein

the first waist portion includes either ones of a plurality of elastic members and a plurality of string-like elastic members, and

an up-down-direction length of the up-down-direction region in which the stretchy sheet is arranged

is longer than

an up-down-direction length between the lower end of the stretchy sheet and located-uppermost one of the either ones of the plurality of elastic members and the plurality of string-like elastic members.

[Claim 12]

The underpants-shaped absorbent article according to any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein

the absorbent main body includes an absorbent body that

absorbs an excreted fluid,

the first waist portion includes either ones of a plurality of elastic members and a plurality of string-like elastic members, and

an up-down-direction length between the upper end of the absorbent main body and an upper end of the absorbent body

is longer than

an up-down-direction length between the lower end of the stretchy sheet and located-uppermost one of the either ones of the plurality of elastic members and the plurality of string-like elastic members.

[Claim 13]

The underpants-shaped absorbent article according to any one of claims 1 to 12, wherein

the underpants-shaped absorbent article further comprises:

a non-stretchy sheet that constitutes the first waist portion; and

a fixing portion that fixes the stretchy sheet to the non-stretchy sheet,

the stretchy sheet has a lower end portion in the up-down direction, and

the lower end portion of the stretchy sheet includes a folded portion that has been folded upward at a lower end of the fixing portion.