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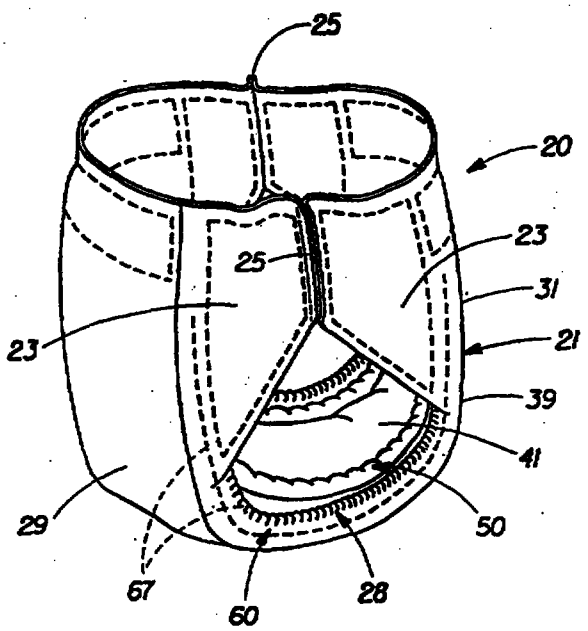

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(57) Abstract

This is absorbent articles such as disposable diapers, incontinent briefs, pull-on diapers, diaper holders and the like, that provide maximized dynamic fit range in the waist opening and improved gasketing action along the leg openings. Side panels (23) extend outwardly from side flaps (37) to provide a wide fit range in the waist opening. The side flaps (37) comprise no elastic for gasketing action and the flaps are relatively narrow. Extended leg cuffs (60) are connectively associated with a chassis (21) along the side flaps (37) so as to provide the gasketing action. Each of the extended leg cuffs (60) has a free distal edge (65) remote from the side flap (37) and a spacing member (67) for spacing the distal edge (65) upwardly away from the absorbent chassis (21). This absorbent article has enough width in the side panels (23) and enough width in the leg openings as needed.