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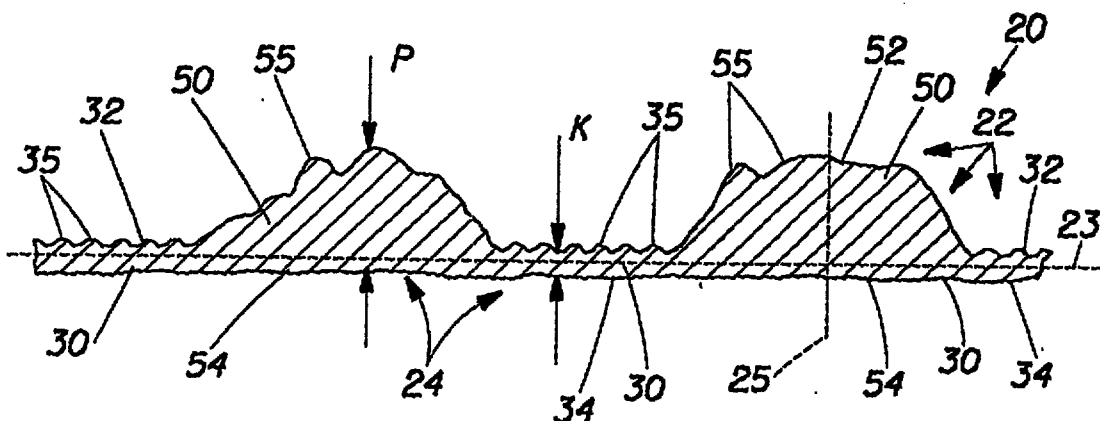
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(57) Abstract

A paper web and method of making the paper web are disclosed. In one embodiment the paper web includes a continuous relatively thinner region and a plurality of discrete relatively thicker regions. The relatively thicker regions are disposed in the plane of the relatively thinner region. The paper web can have a relatively patterned face and a relatively smooth face. The paper structures can be dried relatively quickly and efficiently, and can provide enhanced absorbency and bulk density while having a relatively smooth face.