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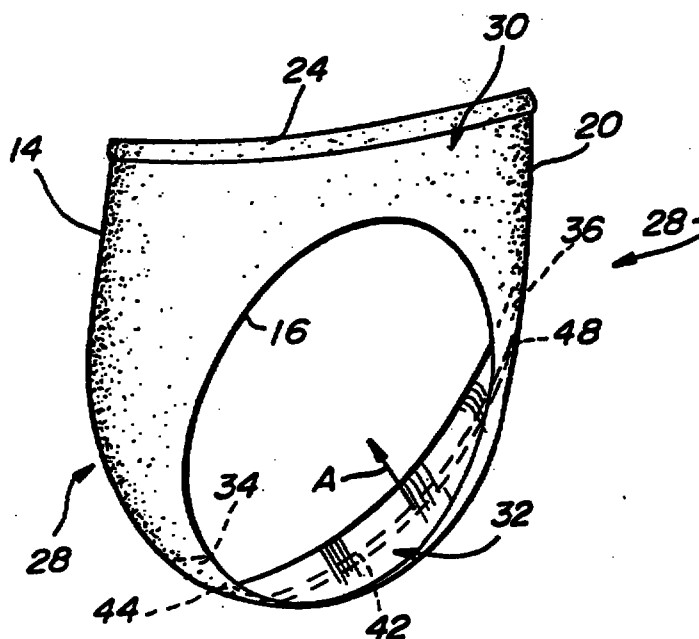


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(57) Abstract

A menstrual garment (28) for maintaining a catamenial pad (26) in a pudendal region of a female wearer includes an outer layer (30) having first and second leg openings formed therein for receiving the legs of a female wearer. An inner layer (32) is provided between the first and second leg openings and is attached to the outer layer. A lifting mechanism (42, 112, 200) is located between the inner and outer layers for lifting a catamenial pad worn by the female into her gluteal groove and against her perineum. In one preferred form, the lifting mechanism is an elastic cinch (42) disposed between the inner and outer layers. In an alternative preferred form, the lifting mechanism is a stitched seam (112) that is sewn into the inner layer.