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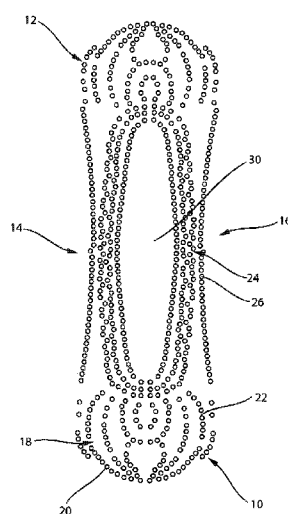


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: In accordance with an embodiment of the disclosure, an article includes a first web and second web underlying the first web, wherein each of the first and second webs includes first and second end regions and first and second side regions. The first web includes a precursor web having a pattern of discrete substantially columnar protruded extensions extending only from a first surface of the precursor web, each of the protruded extensions having a sidewall defining an open proximal portion and a closed distal portion. The article further includes a bonding pattern adhering together at least one of the first end regions of the first and second webs and the second end regions of the first and second webs. The bonding pattern includes a plurality of discrete bonding points and a sized spacing between each adjacent bonding point sufficient to have inscribed therein a circle having a diameter of about 1 mm to about 12 mm.

