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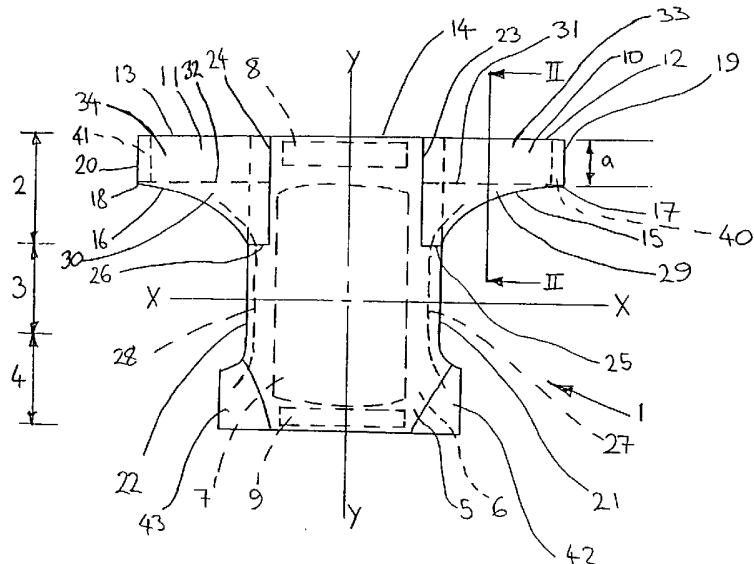
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(57) Abstract: An absorbent product (1) has a first end portion (2) with two side flaps (10, 11) extending laterally outwardly on either side of a waist section (8). Each of the side flaps (10, 11) includes an upper edge (12, 13) and a lower edge (15, 25, 16, 26). Each of the side flaps (10, 11) further has an elastic section (33, 34) which is distinct from elastic in the waist section (8). The elastic section (33, 34) extends longitudinally over a portion of the lateral extent of the side flap (10, 11), over only part of the distance between the flap upper edge (12, 13) and lower edge (15, 25, 16, 26). A non-elastic section (29, 30) extends between a lower end (31, 32) of the elastic section (33, 34) and the flap lower edge (15, 25, 16, 26). In this way, elastic material can be saved while maintaining the requisite properties of the side flaps.

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