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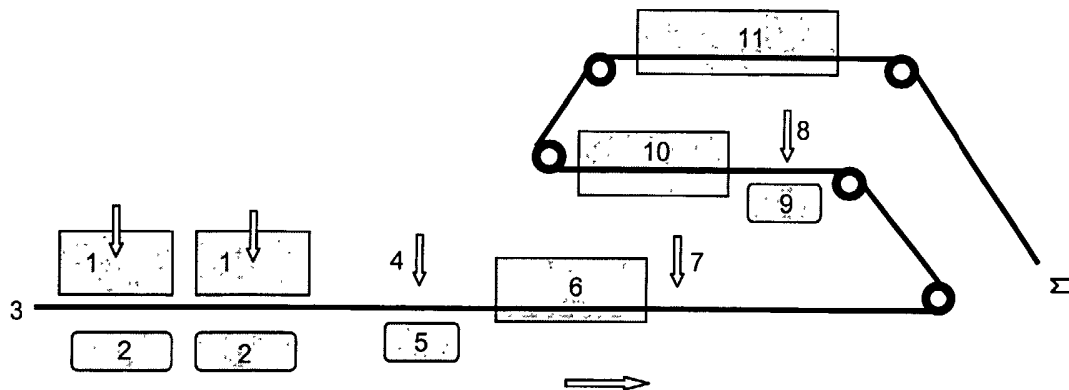
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to an absorbent article with an absorbent member, said member having a film-like region comprising chitosan material, and a process for making said absorbent member.



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