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(54) Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE WITH IMPROVED GARMENT-LIKE CHARACTER

(57) Abstract: A disposable absorbent article may include a chassis, an absorbent core, a pair of elastically elongatable ears and a pair of fastening tabs. The elastically elongatable ears and the fastening tabs have a transverse axis. The ears are connected to the chassis such that the transverse axis of the fastening tabs is located in specific portions of the article. The absorbent core is free of cellulosic fibers.

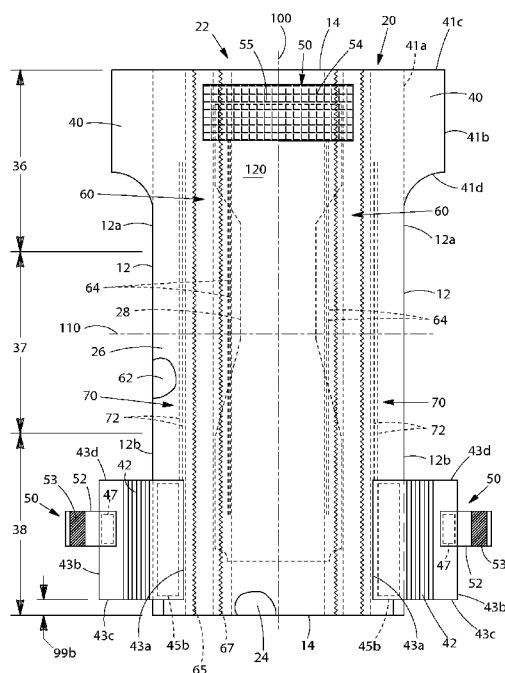


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