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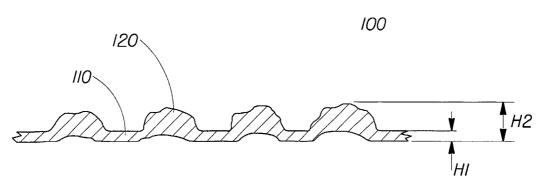
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(57) Abstract: A tissue product comprising cellulosic fibers and having at least 10% of fugitive wet strength and at least about 3% of a fiber-flexibilizing composition. The fugitive wet strength can be generated by adding a binder that promotes acid-catalyzed formation of hemiacetal functional inter-fiber cross-links. The fiber-flexibilizing composition can comprise either a humectant or a plasticizer. The humectant can be selected from the group consisting of calcium chloride; lactic acid and its salts, high fructose corn syrup, glycerol, triacetin, sorbitol, maltitol, mannitol, propylene glycol, and any combination thereof. The plasticizer can be selected from the group consisting of urea, alkyloxylated glycols, dextrose, sucrose, ethylene carbonate, propylene carbonate, and any combination thereof.



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