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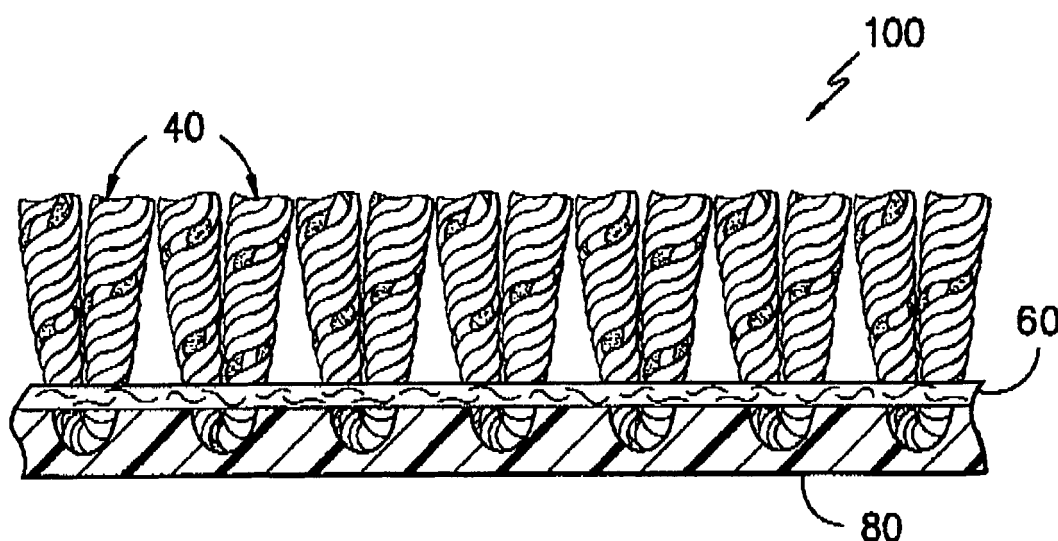
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(54) **Flooring article**

(57) A flooring article (100) is provided, having a rubber or polymeric backing layer (80) and a textile upper surface, whose pile is comprised of combination yarns (40) in which a monofilament yarn (10) is intertwined with other fibers (12) before being incorporated with a plurality

of other yarn plies (22). The monofilaments (10) provide scraping functionality to the flooring article (100) and are secured within the mat structure by being entwined with other fibers (12) before twisting with other yarn plies (22). Preferably, the fibers (12) that are not monofilaments are made of cotton for improved absorbency.



**FIG. -3-**



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