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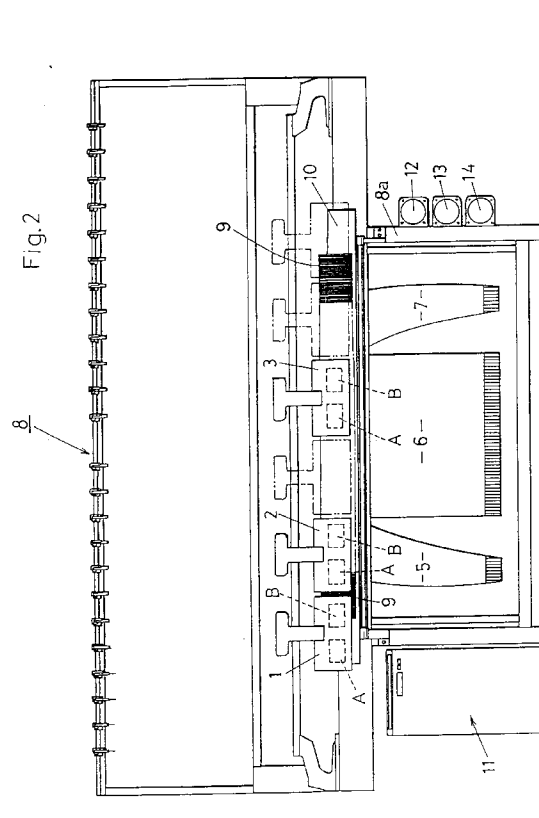
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(54) **A method of knitting a garment with a plurality of carriages.**

(57) A method of knitting a garment uses a plurality of carriages (1, 2, 3), different portions of the garment being knitted with the corresponding carriages at approximately the same time. The moving distance of the carriages is shorter and thus, the duration of knitting a given portion will be reduced. As the result, the productivity in fabrication of garment per hour will be much increased.

Also, a plurality of discrete carriages for knitting different shapes of fabrics are used thus becoming smaller in the size. Hence, the needle bed of a flat knitting machine (8) on which the carriages travel will be decreased in the overall width because the space for accepting the carriages when they are not in use and off their working ranges is minimized.





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