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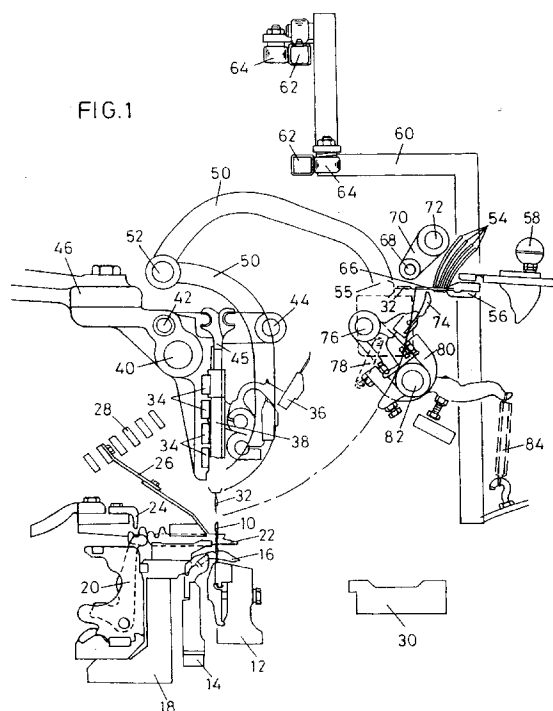
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(54) **Straight bar knitting machines.**

(57) Mechanism for transferring individual pieces (54) of rib knitted fabric from a running-on bar (56) comprises a rod (68) for engaging the fabric, means for rotating the rod (68) to pull a piece (54) of fabric towards a rib transfer bar (55) of a straight bar knitting machine, gauge-separated elements (74) mounted on an intermediate bar (76), and means for rotating the intermediate bar (76) to move the elements (74) between points (66) of the running-on bar (56) and push the fabric piece (54) onto points (32) of a rib transfer bar (56). The rod (68) is provided with hooks (not shown) for temporarily securing the fabric piece (54), and may comprise a strip of nylon fabric having hooked threads. After pulling the piece (54) towards the rib transfer bar (55), the rod (68) may be detached by a further pivotal movement, or by an advance and rotational movement. The mechanism may be statically mounted on or near the machine, preferably on a carriage or at a station to feed bars onto a conveyor.





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