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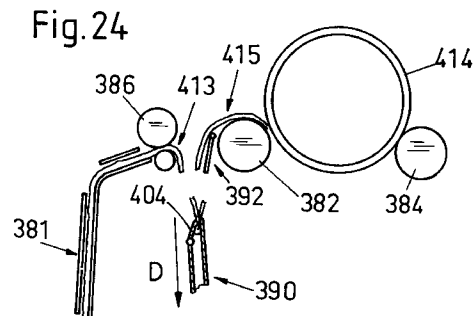
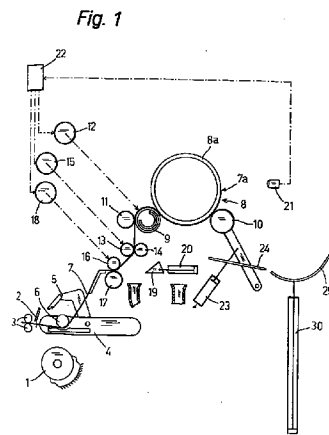
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(54) Textile machine

(57) The combing machine (1) is provided with apparatus for preparing the trailing end (7b) of a lap (7) and a leading end (7') of a fresh lap (8') so that each end has a reduced fibre mass per unit length of lap in the prepared end. These lap ends are thereafter superimposed and joined together for subsequent processing in the combing unit (1,2) of the combing machine. The respective ends of the two laps may be prepared by a tearing action caused by clamping of the respective lap end between two spaced apart nip lines (9,11 and 13,14) which are moved away from each other and wherein the spacing is slightly more than the length of the longest fibre in the lap. Preparation of a lap end may also be accomplished using a suction head (390) for clamping of a lap along a nip line (402,408) in order to carry out tearing of the lap to produce a prepared end.





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