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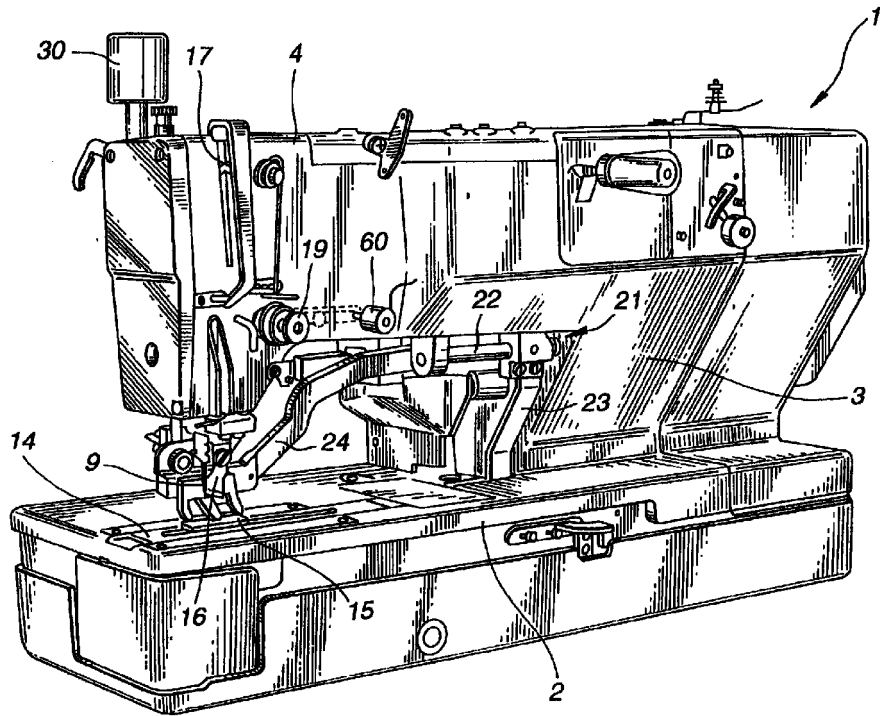
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(54) **Buttonhole darning sewing machine**

(57) There is provided needle drop control means which, when a sewing machine stop signal is generated, sets a needle 9 stop position on the more right side than a cloth cutting knife 16 with respect to an operator. The needle drop control means, when the formation of buttonhole darning stitches is completed, sets the needle 9 stop position on the more right side than a cloth cutting knife 16 with respect to the operator. The needle drop control means includes electrical drive means for moving a needle 9 to a given position existing in the right and left direction, and a control circuit for giving a drive instruction to the electrical drive means to stop the needle 9 at the given position, that is, the given needle stop position.

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FIG.1





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