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(54) **Method and device for finishing knitted or woven fabrics**

(57) Finishing method and device for knitwear fabrics, wherein it is provided to subject the fabric (11) to a first compacting-stabilizing treatment, carried out by winding the fabric (11) around a heated cylinder (14), and then to subject the fabric (11) emerging from the compacting-stabilizing treatment immediately and on the same machine to a steaming-decatizing treatment,

carried out by winding the fabric around a holed cylinder (22), and hitting it with a jet of steam sent by delivery means (26) arranged in co-operation with the outer periphery of the holed cylinder (22), the fabric (11) emerging from the steaming-decatizing treatment being subjected to a drying-conditioning treatment.

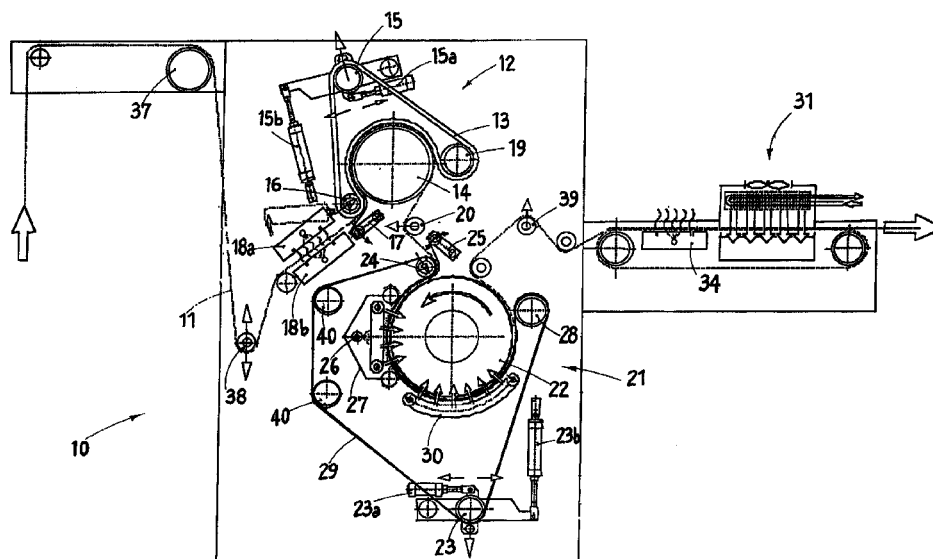


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