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(54) **Stretcher for tubular knitwear**

(57) A stretcher for tubular knitwear fabric, comprising: two stretcher arms (5, 6), the drive wheels (7a, 7b), wheels (8) in contact with the contact wheels (7a, 7b) and mounted on the arms (5, 6), a first magnet (21) that is fixed onto a fixed sustainment mount [9] and a second

magnet (22) on each arm (5, 6) in front of the first magnet, the magnets being oriented in a repulsion relationship in contrast to the rotation of the arm (5, 6), such that the vertical sustainment of the arm is thus a maintained.

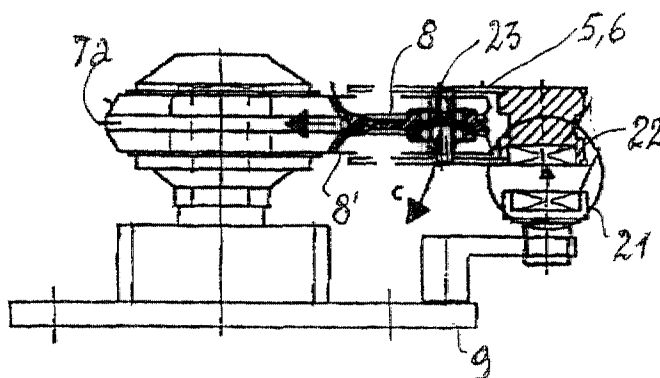


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