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### (54) Method and apparatus for removing defective yarn in a loom

(57) A technique to remove a defective yarn (22) is characterized by having an air or machine-operated weft end retaining device (20, 62, 72 or 82) retain the

non-supply side end portion of one or more beaten wefts (16 or 22) by suction at least at the initial removal operation of the defective yarn.

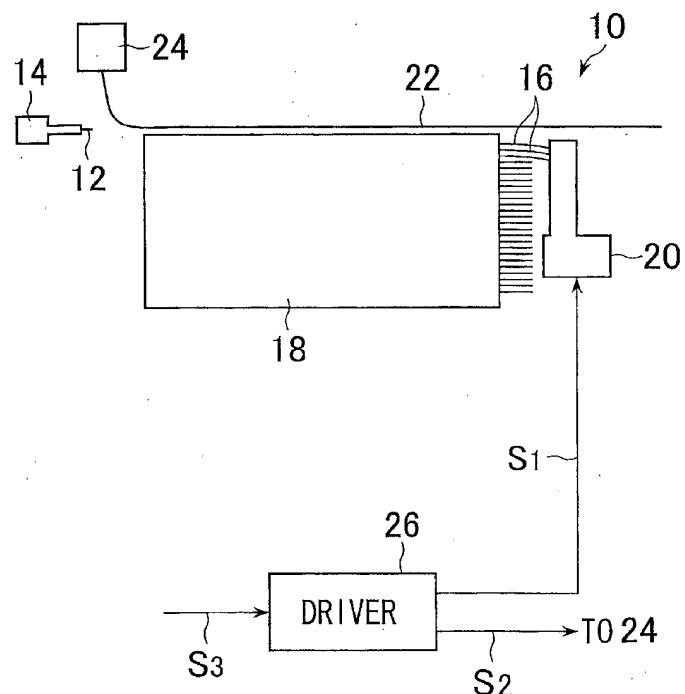


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