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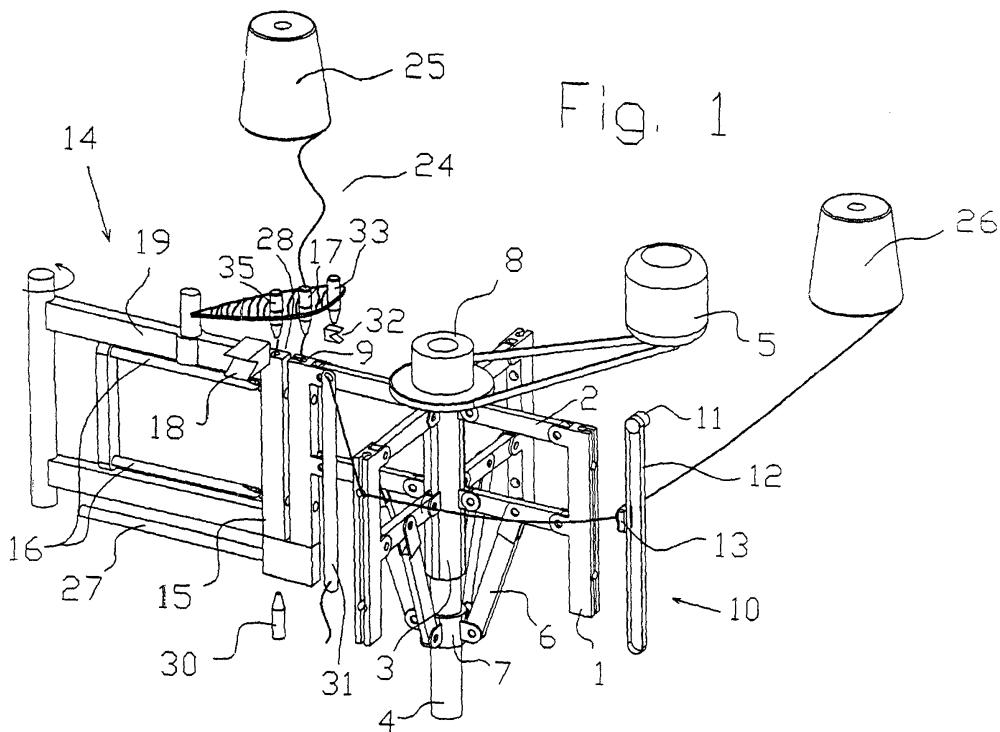
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(54) Procedure and machine for winding and tying skeins

(57) "PROCEDURE AND MACHINE FOR WINDING AND TYING SKEINS", of the type used in the textile industry, for transferring to subsequent processes such as dyeing, mercerising, etc., in which, starting with a conventional bobbin, the machine is threaded and the yarn wound in the form of a skein (23) on a winding de-

vice (2) made up of three or more retractable blades (1) on which the yarn is distributed with the help of a thread guide (13) with alternating linear movement (10); following completion of the winding of the skein (23), it is tied in one or more places by means of an automatic tying device, with the start and finish-ends of the skein (23) being incorporated into one of the knots.





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1. Claims: 1-14

Automated method for winding and tying skeins wherein the yarn is inserted manually in a thread guide and in a threading tube only once at the machine starting.

2. Claims: 15-22

Machine for winding and tying skeins with retractable blades made up of articulated parallelograms connected to a central tubular element having a threaded shaft.

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