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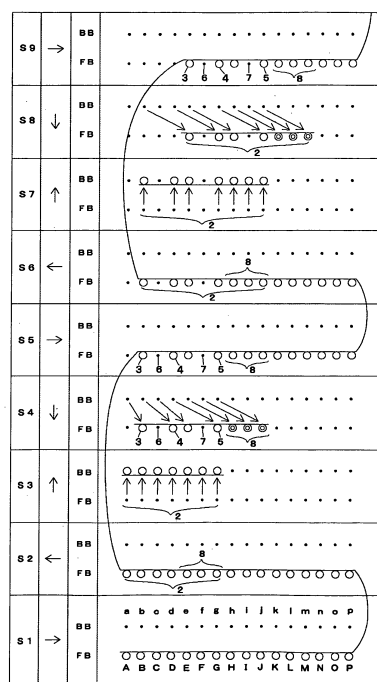
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(54) **Knitting method of knitted fabric**

(57) To provide a knitting method capable of alleviating tightening of a side end stitch group at a side end of a knitted fabric by inner narrowing or inner widening without lowering the knitting efficiency. An empty needle (6) for alleviating tightening of the side end of the knitted fabric after knitting the knitted fabric is arranged between a stitch (3) positioned on an outermost side of the knitted fabric in the side end stitch group (2) and a stitch (4) on an inner side adjacent to the stitch (3) immediately before starting the inner narrowing or the inner widening.

Fig. 2



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