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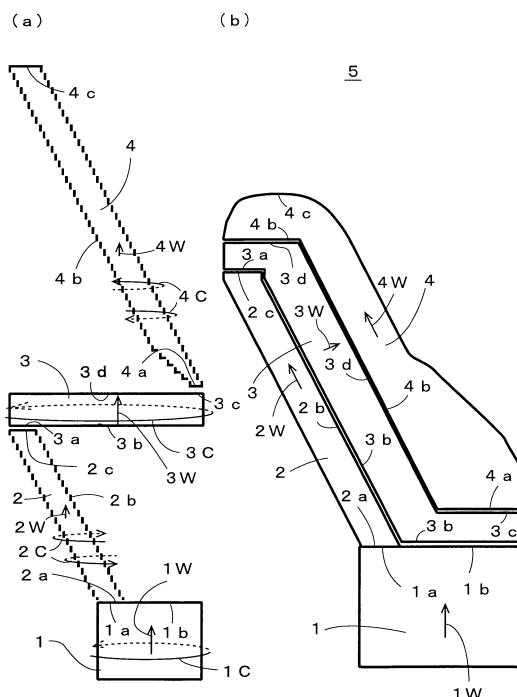
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(54) **Tubular knitting fabric and knittin method thereof**

(57) [Problem to be solved] It is an object of the present invention is to provide a tubular knitting fabric capable of expressing novel shapes and patterns, and a knitting method thereof.

[Solution] A sock as a tubular knitting fabric 5 is formed while a preceding tubular knitting area 1 corresponds to an ankle portion, a one side C-letter knitting area 2 corresponds to an instep portion, an other side C-letter knitting area 4 corresponds to a sole portion and a heel portion, and a tubular knitting area 3 is interposed between the instep portion and the sole portion. The one side C-letter knitting area 2 is knitted by repeatedly knitting stitch rows on subsequent courses and forming stitches for joining to the tubular knitting area 3 on vacant knitting needles while moving positions of knitting needles which retain stitch rows to the left side and providing a vacant knitting needle on a right end. The other side C-letter knitting area 4 is knitted by repeatedly moving stitch rows to be knitted on each course to the left side and joining the stitch row to the tubular knitting area 3. A knitting width on the other side C-letter knitting area 4 is increased on the middle of the course so as to be adapted to a shape as a heel portion. A last opening section 4c is closed by binding off process so as to form a tiptoe portion of the sock.

Fig. 1





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