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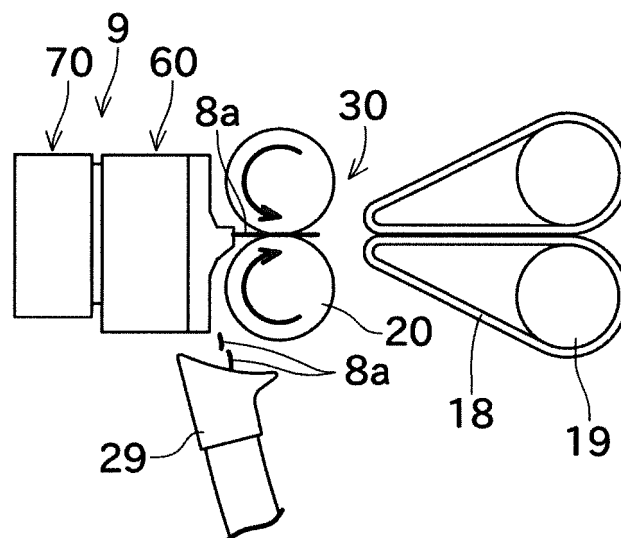
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(54) **SPINNING MACHINE AND SPINNING METHOD**

(57) A spinning machine includes a drafting device (7), an air-jet spinning device (9), and a first driving section (31). The drafting device (7) includes plural drafting roller pairs, including a front roller pair (30), and drafts a fiber bundle (8). The air-jet spinning device (9) carries out spinning to twist the fiber bundle (8) drafted by the

drafting device (7) to form a yarn (10). The first driving section (31) rotates, when the fiber bundle (8) is discontinuous between the drafting device (7) and the air-jet spinning device (9) before the start of the spinning, the front roller pair (30) in a direction opposite to a rotational direction during spinning.

FIG.5A





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