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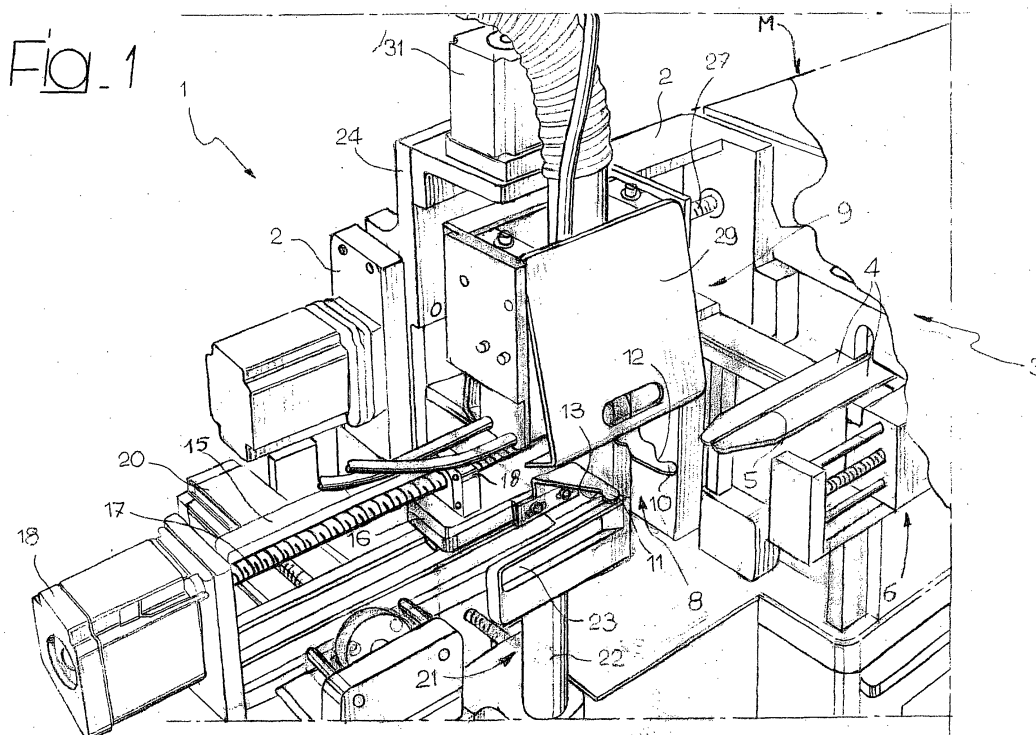
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(54) Method and device for loading stockings on the conveyor of a sewing machine

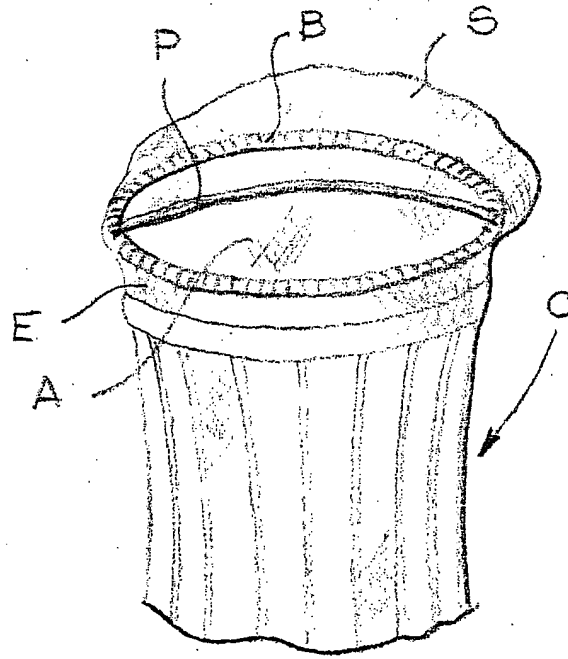
(57) The loading of a stocking (C) with open tip (A) on the conveyor assembly (3) of a sewing machine is achieved in mechanised fashion, preliminarily forming

a thread bridge (P) through the open end (A) of the stocking (C). The thread bridge (P) is then used with a loading device (1) including a first and a second motorised grip assemblies (8, 9).



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Fig. 15





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