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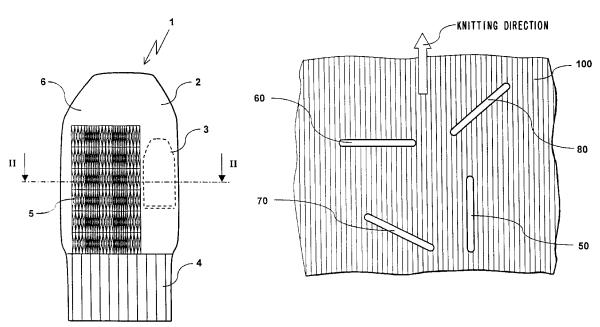
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ABSTRACT

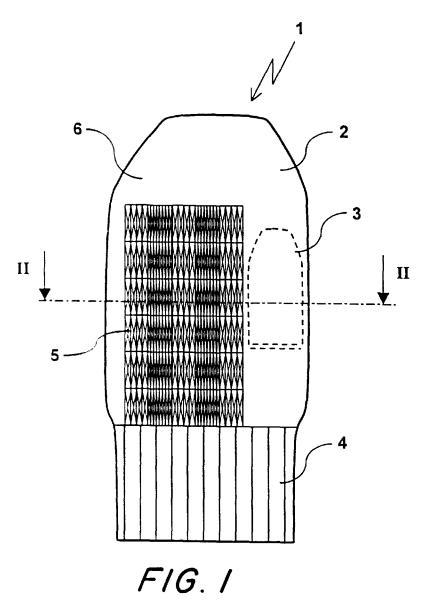
A method for producing a knitted article with a spatial main knitted element and at least one spatial partial knitted element on a flat knitting machine with at least two opposite needle beds, a needle displacement device and a loop transfer device, the method has the steps of producing the main knitted element and the at least one partial knitted element parallel on the machine until at least the partial knitted element is finished and the main knitted element reaches a point of coupling with the at least one partial knitted element, connecting loops of the main knitted element and the at least one partial knitted element by a transfer technique with one another, and then arranging loops of the at least one partial knitted element by the needle bed displacement device on one needle bed opposite to the loops of the main knitted element on the other needle bed, with which they must be connected.

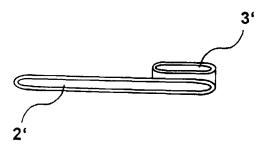
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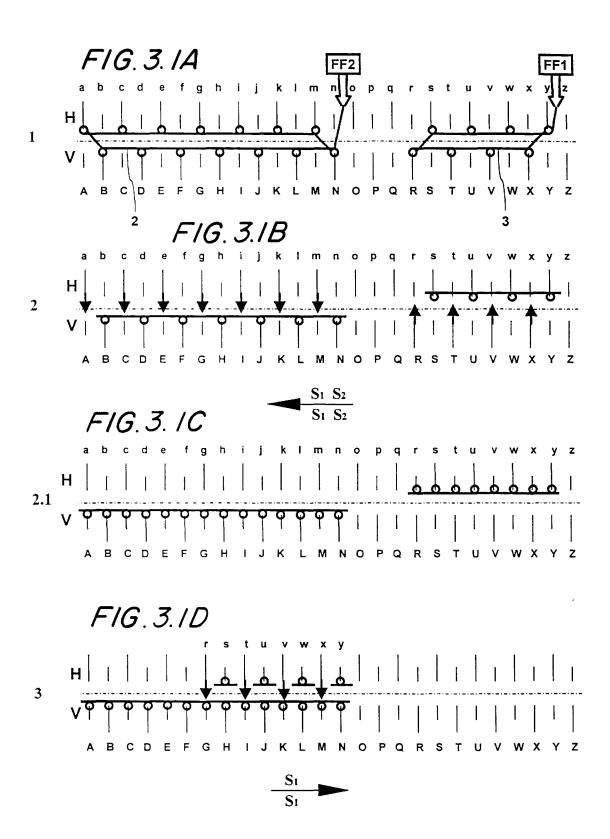


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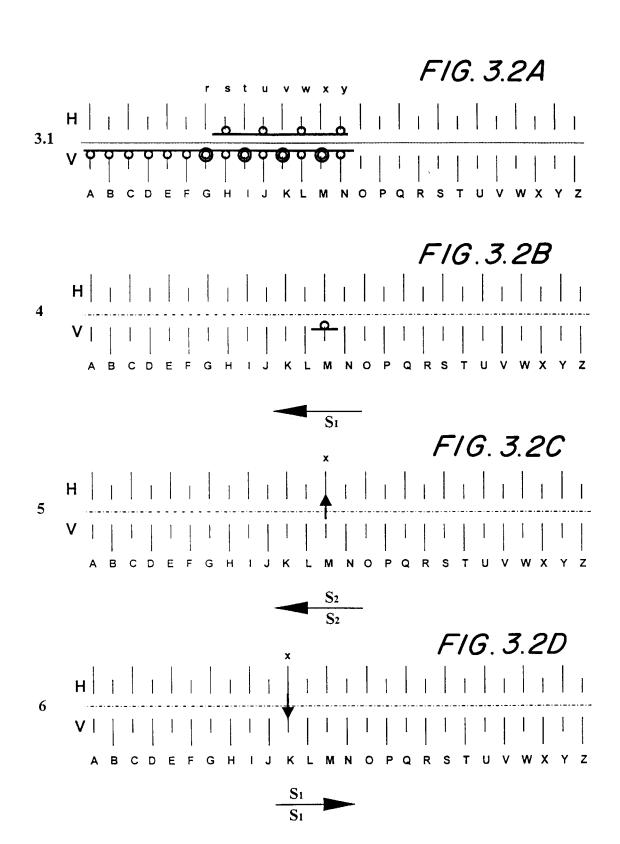




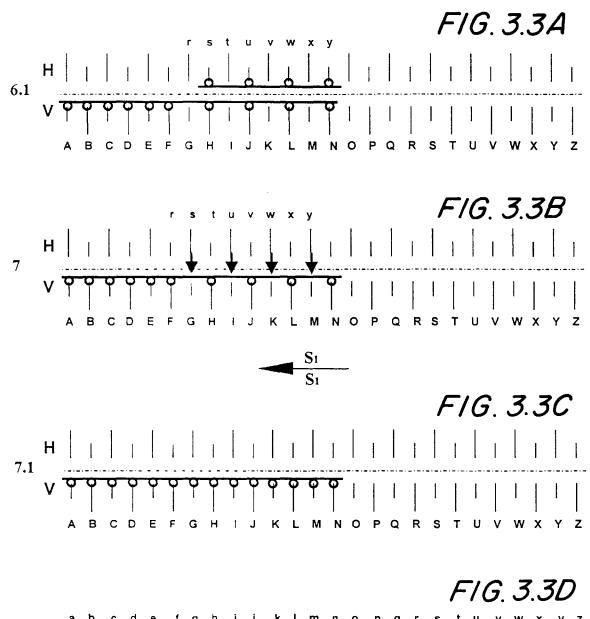
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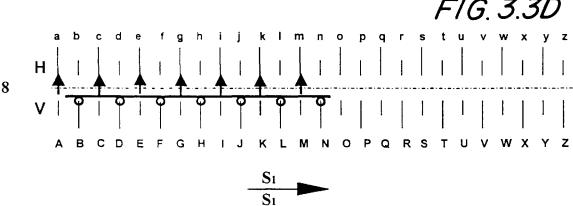














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