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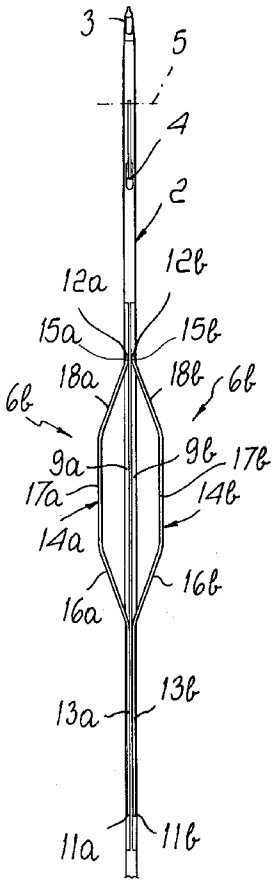
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(54) **Title:** NEEDLE FOR TRANSFERRING STITCHES THEREFROM TO ADJACENT NEEDLES FOR HOSIERY KNITTING MACHINES OR THE LIKE



(57) **Abstract:** A needle for transferring stitches therefrom to adjacent needles for hosiery knitting machines or the like. The needle (1) comprises: a shank (2), a head (3), arranged at a longitudinal end, or upper end, of the shank, and a latch (4) which is pivoted to the shank (2) proximate to the head (3), about a pivoting axis (5) which is substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the shank (2) and can rotate about the pivoting axis (5) in order to open or close the head (3). The needle (1) comprises at least one elastically flexible lamina (6a,6b), which is associated with the shank (2) and forms, on the two opposite sides of the shank (2), below the latch (4), two receptacles (8a,8b), one for each side of the shank (2). It is possible to insert, in each of the receptacles (8a,8b), the head (3) of an adjacent needle (1a) in order to transfer the loop of knitting (40), carried by the shank (2) and arranged at the receptacles (8a,8b), from the needle (1)being considered to the adjacent needle (1a).

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