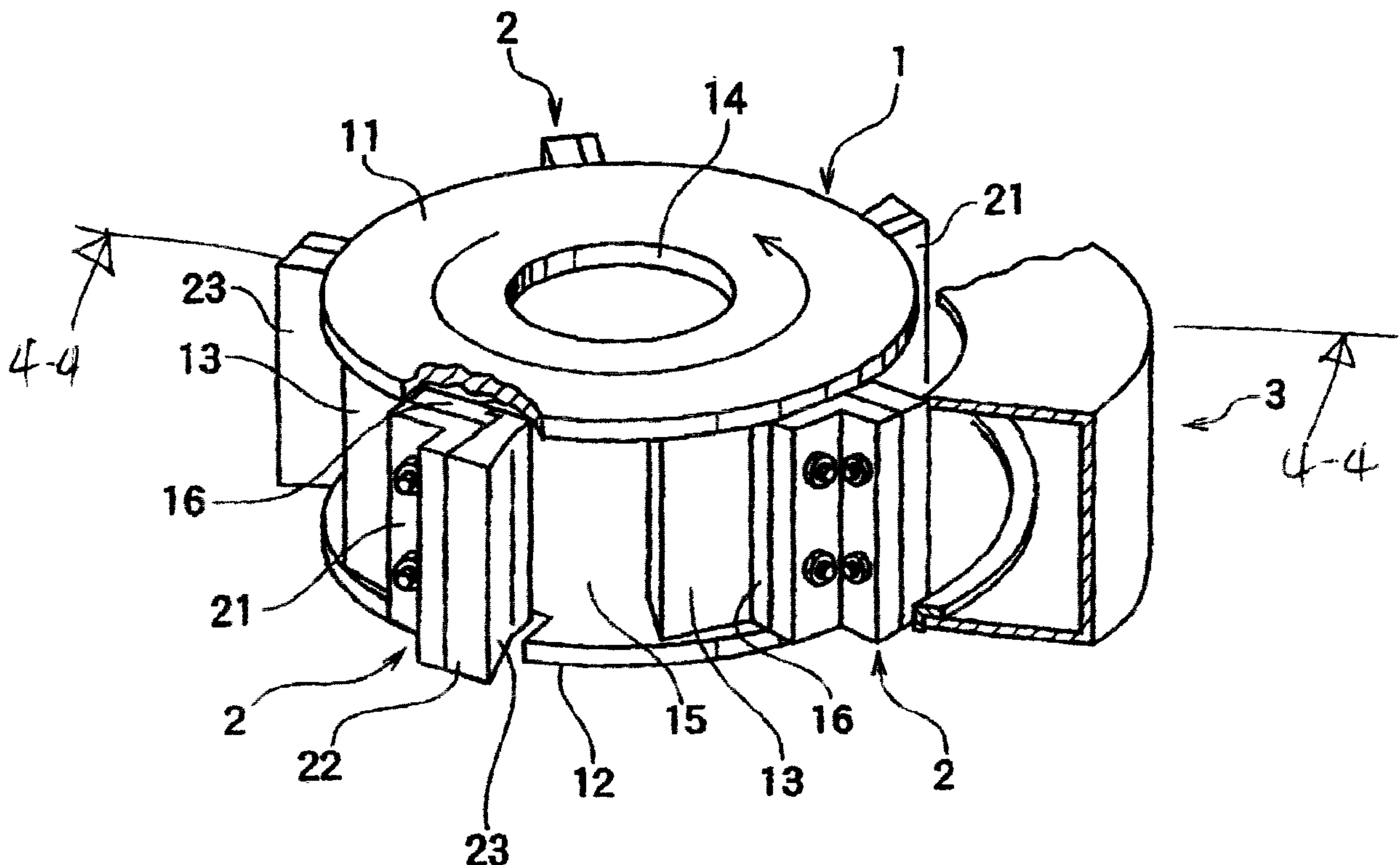




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The invention provides a crusher rotor for which the influence of centrifugal force is minimal, the hammer is compact, and the load on the attachment bolts can be reduced. A notch 16b is provided in an attachment plate 16 so as to take a force of a hammer tip 22, directed in a radial outward direction of a rotor 1, and a protrusion 22b for engaging with the notch 16b is provided on the hammer tip 22.

ABSTRACT

The invention provides a crusher rotor for which the influence of centrifugal force is minimal, the hammer is compact, and the load on the attachment bolts can be reduced. A notch 16b is provided in an attachment plate 16 so as to take a force of a hammer tip 22, directed in a radial outward direction of a rotor 1, and a protrusion 22b for engaging with the notch 16b is provided on the hammer tip 22.

[Elected Drawing] Figure 1

“CRUSHER ROTOR”

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a crusher rotor for crushing minerals or other such raw materials.

SUMMARY OF THE PRIOR ART

Rotary Mineral Crushers are apparatus having a cylindrical rotor which rotates at high speed about a vertical axis, such that raw material which is introduced to the rotor is discharged from ejection ports on the outer face of the rotor due to the centrifugal force generated by rotation of the rotor, and collides with a surrounding dead-bed and is thus finely broken up.

As a method for increasing crusher productivity in this type of apparatus, there has been proposed a method as shown in Figure 7 and Figure 8, where hammers 52 are protrudingly provided on the outer face of a rotor 50, so that raw material to be crushed 58 is broken up by the hammers 52.

That is, the hammers 52 comprise a hammer base 53, and a hardened tip 57 which is welded to a protruding portion of this hammer base 53, and the hammer base 53 is secured to an attachment plate 55 by attachment bolts 56.

The aforementioned rotor 50 has the following problems.

1. Two external forces, namely the impact force when hammer 52 strikes the raw material 58, and the centrifugal force generated by the rotor 50 rotating at high speed, act on the hammer 52 and on the attachment bolts 56.

Therefore, the hammer 52 must be sufficiently rigid to counteract these two external forces. Hence the hammer 52 must be made large, requiring space and giving an increase in weight.

2. In order to attach the large size hammer 52, a large diameter and high strength

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attachment bolt 56 is necessary, and the cost for attaching the hammer 52 is increased, so that these points need to be improved.

OBJECT OF THE INVENTION

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a crusher rotor which can be compactly designed, and for which the attachment cost for the hammer can be reduced.

Another object of the present invention is to overcome, at least in part the disadvantages of the prior art, or at least to provide the public with a useful choice.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In a first aspect the present invention consists, in a crusher rotor which rotates about a vertical axis and has ejection ports opened on an outer face thereof, an attachment plate is provided on the outer face of the rotor, a hammer is provided secured to the attachment plate and protruding radially outward from the outer face of the rotor, a receiving face is formed on the attachment plate for taking a centrifugal force generated in the hammer, and an engagement face is formed on the hammer for engaging with the receiving face.

Preferably, the crusher rotor comprises a hammer base secured to the attachment plate, and a hammer tip removably attached to the hammer base, and an engaging face is formed on the hammer tip for engaging with the receiving face of the attachment plate.

In a further aspect the present invention consists in a crusher rotor as herein after described with reference to Figures 1 through 6.

In a further aspect the present invention consists in a hammer assembly for a rotor of a rotary crusher, comprising or including, a hammer to outstand from the general periphery of the rotor or at least an ejection port there, having a first engaging face ("engaging face") which can lie substantially along the rotor peripheral direction, an attachment plate on or for said rotor having a second engaging face ("receiving face") which can lie substantially along the rotor peripheral direction, said two faces abutting and engaging each other such that centrifugal force generated on said

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hammer when installed on a rotary crusher is received and resisted by said two faces abutting, said attachment plate being attachable to said rotor.

In a further aspect the present invention consists in a rotary crusher of a kind having a rotating rotor into which raw materials to be reduced in size are fed from above and at least substantially axially of an axis of rotation of said rotor to then be flung from said rotor via an ejection port, over a hammer assembly wherein said hammer assembly comprises or includes a hammer having a first engaging face ("engaging face") which lies substantially along the rotor peripheral direction, an attachment plate having a second engaging face ("receiving face") which lies substantially along the rotor periphery direction, said two faces abutting and engaging each other such that centrifugal force generated on said hammer is received and resisted by said two faces abutting.

In a further aspect the present invention consists in an assembly of or for forming part of a vertical axis rotor of a rotary crusher, the rotary crusher being of a kind where materials thrown from the rotor are to interact about the rotor in an interaction zone, the assembly being characterized in that the rotor, or a member attachable to the rotor, defines an attachment region ("attachment plate") for a material contacting member, the attachment region defining a shoulder including surface feature ("receiving face") on that region thereof that is to be in advance as the rotor in use rotates, the shoulder having, or to have, a major component thereof facing towards the rotational axis of the rotor, and a materials contacting member ("hammer") carried on said attachment plate to act as a hammer on encountered materials as the rotor rotates in use and/or as a guide from an ejection port of the rotor, there being a complementary profile feature ("engaging face") to that of said surface feature whereby the shoulder of the attachment plate can act to resist radial separation of the hammer from the rotor in use, and further characterized in that there is or is to be at least one fixing member ("base member") to hold the hammer against tangential separation from the attachment plate.

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In a further aspect the present invention consists in a crusher rotor which rotates about a vertical axis and has ejection ports opened on an outer face thereof, wherein an attachment plate is provided on the outer face of said rotor, a hammer is provided secured to said attachment plate and protruding radially outward from the outer face of the rotor, a receiving face is formed on said attachment plate for taking a centrifugal force generated in said hammer, and an engagement face is formed on said hammer for engaging with said receiving face.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 is a cut away perspective view of part of crusher according to a first embodiment of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a plan view drawing of the hammer and attached plate on the rotor.

Figure 3 is a perspective view cross-sectional elevation along line 4-4 of Figure 1 of the hammer and its attachment.

Figure 4 is a front elevation view showing the operation of the crusher and the mineral flow path.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of a second hammer embodiment.

Figure 6 is a perspective view of a further embodiment hammer tip and hammer base.

Figure 7 is a perspective view of a conventional rotor.

Figure 8 is a perspective view of a conventional hammer attached to a rotor.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

Preferred embodiments according to the present invention are explained below, with reference to Figures 1 through 6.

First Embodiment of the Invention

1. Structure of the Crusher

The crusher houses a substantially drum-shaped rotor 1, with a pulverising chamber 3 formed surrounding the rotor 1. Within the pulverising chamber 3 is formed a dead-bed 4, being an accumulation of the raw material 5 that is ejected from the rotor 1. The build up of this bed is achieved as ejected materials collect in the pulverising chamber. The bed creates mineral on mineral impact for crushing and prolongs the wear of components of the rotary mineral crusher.

2. The Rotor

The rotor 1 is formed by axially aligned parallel opposing disk-like upper and lower plates 11 and 12 respectively, and at least one side-plate 13 which joins these at their circumference. A plurality of ejection ports 15 are formed in the outer face and the rotor rotates about its vertical axis (see Figure 1). These ports are normally equally spaced about the axis of rotation to keep the rotor in balance, however they may not necessarily be as counter-weight may be provided to maintain balance.

A feeder port 14 is formed in the centre of the upper plate 11, so that the material to be crushed can be fed continuously from above into the interior of the rotor 1.

Attachment plates 16 are attached to the outer face of the rotor 1.

3. Attachment Plate

Each attachment plate 16 presents an approximately rectangular parallelepiped shape and is formed with a notch 16b in an end face 16a near the ejection port 15.

The notch 16b as shown in Figure 3, is formed with a receiving face 16c along the peripheral direction of the rotor 1 and a step face 16d along the radial direction of the rotor 1.

An attachment face 16e for attaching a later mentioned hammer base 21, is formed on an outside (outer side of the rotor 1) of the attachment plate 16.

Furthermore, a bit 7 is attached to the inside (inner side of the rotor 1) of the attachment plate 16.

4. Hammer body

The hammer 2 comprises a hammer base 21 formed for example in an approximate L-shape, and a hammer tip 22 removably attached to the hammer base 21.

5. Hammer Base

The approximate L-shape hammer base 21 is formed with a protrusion 21a with a side face 21c for face contact with the hammer tip 22, and a base 21b for attachment to the attachment plate 16.

The hammer base 21 is not limited to an L-shape, and may be formed for example as a rectangular body, with the hammer tip 22 attached to an end face.

6. Hammer Tip

On an attachment face 22a of the hammer tip 22 is formed a protrusion 22b which can engage in the complimentary notch 16b of the attachment plate 16 on the rotor 1 side.

The protrusion 22b as shown in Figure 3, is formed with an engaging face 22c along the peripheral direction of the rotor 1, and a step face 22d along the radial direction of the rotor 1.

An engaging means is constituted by the complimentary notch 16b of the attachment plate 16 and the protrusion 22b of the hammer tip 22.

That is, by face contacting the engaging face 22c of the hammer tip 22 and the receiving face 16c of the attachment plate 16, the centrifugal force generated in the hammer 2 can be transmitted to the attachment plate 16 and supported thereby.

The attachment face 22a of the hammer tip 22 is in close face contact with the end face 16a of the attachment plate 16 and the side face 21c of the hammer base 21, so that the end face 16a of the attachment plate 16 and the side face 21c of the hammer base 21 are in approximately the same plane.

As a result, the hammer tip 22 can be attached to the hammer base 21, in close face contacted with the attachment plate 16 and the hammer base 21.

A hammer face 23 of the hammer tip 22 is formed from a metal plate of a hard material, connected integrally by welding, moulding or other known attachment techniques.

(5) Attachment of the Hammer

As mentioned before, the base 21b of the hammer base 21 is attached to the attachment plate 16 by one or more tightening bolts 25, after which the hammer tip 22 is secured to the protrusion 21a of the hammer base 21 by one or more bolts 26.

When the hammer tip 22 is attached to the hammer base 21, it is important that the engaging face 22c of the hammer tip 22 is abutted closely against the receiving face 16c of the complimentary notch 16b.

In this way, a hammer base 21 and a hammer tip 22 are attached to each of the attachment plates 16 to thereby assembly the plurality of hammers 2 radially on the outer face of the rotor 1.

In this example, the case is shown for where the hammers 2 are protrudingly provided in the vicinity of the respective ejection ports 15 of the rotor 1. However, the attachment position for the hammers 2 is not limited to this, and need only be on the outer face of the rotor 1.

Operation of the Invention

Next is a description of the pulverizing operation of the crusher, with reference to Figure 1 and Figure 4.

1. Theory of Pulverisation

The mineral or other material to be pulverised 5 which is continuously introduced into the interior of the rotor 1 via the feeder port 14, is ejected from the ejection ports 15 by the centrifugal force generated by the rotation of the rotor 1, and collides with the surrounding dead-bed 4 and is pulverised.

Moreover, a part of the material 5 which rebounds from the dead-bed 4, strikes the hammers 2 (hammer tips 22) and is pulverised.

Finely pulverized material 5 falls down through the gap between the rotor 1 and the pulverising chamber 3.

The impact force when the material 5 is crushed is transmitted from the hammer tip 22 to the hammer base 21 and the attachment plate 16.

In the present invention, the end face 16a of the attachment plate 16 and the side face 21c of the hammer base 21 are formed in the same plane, and the entire surface is abutted against the attachment face 22a of the hammer tip 22. Therefore the impact force is distributed over the hammer base 21 and the attachment plate 16, and absorbed.

Due to the high speed of the rotor 1, a centrifugal force acts on the hammer 2.

In the present invention, the receiving face 16c formed in the notch 16b of the attachment plate 16 which constitutes the engaging means, and the engaging face 22c formed on the protrusion 22b of the hammer tip 22 are engaged, so that the centrifugal force acting on the hammer 2 can be reliably received.

Since in this way, the impact force is distributed and absorbed over the hammer base 21 and the attachment plate 16, and the centrifugal force is received by the engaging means, it is not necessary to increase the rigidity of the hammer 2 and make this a large size, as heretofore.

Furthermore, since the impact force acting on the hammer 2 is absorbed by the attachment plate 16, the shear force acting on the bolts 25 which attach the hammer base 21 is minimal, and normal attachment bolts may be used.

Moreover, since the centrifugal force acting on the hammer 2 is transmitted to the attachment plate 16 via the engaging means, a shear force does not act on the bolts 26 which attach the hammer tip 22.

Consequently, normal attachment bolts may be used for the bolts 26.

In this manner, only tensile forces act on the attachment bolts 25 and 26 and there is practically no shear force.

The hammer face 23 which strikes the material 5 is subjected to wear.

In the case of wear, this can be dealt with by removing the bolts 26 and replacing only the hammer tip 22.

Therefore, instead of replacing the entire hammer 2, the replacement operation is simplified, and only the hammer tips 22 need be prepared as the replacement components, which is extremely economical.

Second Embodiment of the Invention

Next is a description of another embodiment according to the present invention.

In the first embodiment, the notch 16b was provided on the attachment plate 16, and the protrusion 22b was provided on the hammer tip 22 to thereby receive the centrifugal force generated in the hammer 2. However the protrusion may be provided on the attachment plate 16 and the notch may be provided on the hammer tip 22 to receive the centrifugal force.

That is, as shown in Figure 5, an angular protrusion 16g is provided at the approximate centre of the end face 16a of the attachment plate 16.

The angular protrusion 16g is formed with a receiving face 16h along the peripheral direction of the rotor 1, and a protruding face along the radial direction of the rotor 1 approximately orthogonal to each other.

In the attachment face 22a of the hammer tip 22 on the diametric inside of the

rotor 1 is provided an angular notch 22g so as to be engagable with the angular protrusion 16g.

The angular notch 22g also, as with to the angular protrusion 16g, is formed with an engaging face 22h along the peripheral direction of the rotor 1 and a recess face along the radial direction of the rotor 1 approximately orthogonal to each other.

The hammer tip 22 is attached to the hammer base 21 with the engaging face 22h of the angular notch 22g closely abutted against the receiving face 16h of the angular protrusion 16g.

As a result, the centrifugal force generated in the hammer tip 22 can be received by the engaging face 22h and the receiving face 16h.

Third Embodiment of the Invention

As shown in Figure 6, the invention is also applicable to a rotor of a type where the hammer 2 extends downward from the lower plate 12 of the rotor 1.

The hammer base 21 and the hammer tip 22 are respectively formed with extensions 21j and 22j extending downward from the lower plate 12 of the rotor 1.

The L-shape hammer base 21 having the extension 21j is attached by bolts 25 to the attachment plate 16.

The hammer tip 22 is attached to the protrusion 21a of the hammer base 21 by bolts (not shown) in the same way as for the first embodiment.

As with the first embodiment, the hammer base 21 need not be formed in an L-shape, and may be formed as a rectangular body or the like, and the hammer tip 22 may be attached to an end face by tightening bolts 26.

As a result, the respective extensions 21j and 22j of the hammer base 21 and the hammer tip 22 protrude downwards from the lower plate 12.

There are some particles of the raw material 5 which rebound downwards from the dead-bed 4. However, if the extensions 21j and 22j are formed in this manner protruding downward from the lower plate 12, the falling raw material 5 again strikes the extensions 21j and 22j and can be reliably broken up.

Industrial Applicability

The present invention, due to the above described form, achieves the following effects.

1. The impact force is distributed over the hammer base 21 and the attachment plate 16, and absorbed, and the centrifugal force is received by the engaging means. Therefore there is no need to increase the rigidity of the hammer 2 or make this a larger size as heretofore, enabling a compact design.
2. Since it is not necessary to make the hammer large, a rotor can be provided at low cost, requiring minimum space and attachment costs for the rotor can be reduced.
3. In the case where the hammer wears, this can be dealt with by replacing the hammer tip, so that only the hammer tips need be prepared, which is extremely economical.

CLAIMS

The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

1. A hammer assembly for a rotor of a rotary crusher, comprising or including,
an attachment plate for or attachable to said rotor, said attachment plate having a receiving face which can lie substantially along the rotor peripheral direction, and
a hammer to outstand from the general periphery of said rotor, said hammer having,
a hammer base secured to said attachment plate, and
a hammer tip removeably attached to said hammer base, said hammer tip having an engaging face which can lie substantially along the rotor peripheral direction,
wherein said engaging face and said receiving face abut and engage each other such that centrifugal force generated on said hammer when installed on said rotary crusher is received and resisted.
2. A hammer assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein said hammer is configured to protrude from a periphery of said rotor in a vicinity of an ejection port of said rotor.
3. A hammer assembly as claimed in any one of claims 1 or 2 wherein said hammer is further retained to said attachment plate by penetrative fastening means.
4. A hammer assembly as claimed in claim 3 wherein said further retention is achieved by fastening means penetrating said hammer tip, said hammer base and said attachment plate.
5. A hammer assembly as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein said engaging face is on a protrusion from said hammer and said receiving face is on a recess in said attachment plate.

6. A hammer assembly as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4 wherein said engaging face is on a recess in said hammer and said receiving face is on a protrusion from said attachment plate.

7. A rotary crusher of a kind having a rotating rotor into which raw materials to be reduced in size are fed from above and at least substantially axially of an axis of rotation of said rotor to then be flung from said rotor via an ejection port, over a hammer assembly, characterised in that

said hammer assembly comprises or includes,

a hammer base,

a hammer tip removeably attached to said hammer base, said hammer tip having an engaging face that lies substantially along the rotor peripheral direction,

an attachment plate having a receiving face that lies substantially along the rotor periphery direction,

whereby said two faces engage each other such that centrifugal force generated on said hammer is received and resisted by said two faces abutting.

8. A rotary crusher assembly as claimed in claim 7 wherein said hammer is further retained to said attachment plate by penetrative fastening means.

9. A rotary crusher assembly as claimed in claim 8 wherein said further retention is achieved by fastening means penetrating said hammer tip, said hammer base and said attachment plate.

10. A rotary crusher assembly as claimed in any one of claims 7 to 9 wherein said engaging face is on a protrusion from said hammer tip, and said receiving face is on a recess in said attachment plate.

11. A rotary crusher assembly as claimed in any one of claims 7 to 9 wherein said engaging face is on a recess in said hammer tip and said receiving face is on a protrusion from said attachment plate.

12. A rotary crusher as claimed in any one of claims 7 to 11 wherein said attachment plate is attached to said rotor.

13. An assembly of or for forming part of a vertical axis rotor of a rotary crusher, said rotary crusher being of a kind where materials thrown from a rotor are to interact about the rotor in an interaction zone,

whereby the rotor, or a member attachable to the rotor, defines an attachment region for a materials contacting member, the attachment region defining a shoulder including a receiving face on that region thereof that is to be in advance as the rotor in use rotates, the shoulder having, or to have, a major component thereof facing towards the rotational axis of the rotor, and

the materials contacting member carried on said attachment region to act as a hammer on encountered materials as the rotor rotates in use and/or as a guide from an ejection port of the rotor, there being a complementary engaging face to that of said receiving face whereby the shoulder of the attachment region can act to resist radial separation of the materials contacting member from the rotor in use,

and further whereby there is at least one fixing member to hold the materials contacting member against tangential separation from the attachment region.

14. An assembly as claimed in claim 13 wherein said materials contacting member is a hammer and said attachment region is an attachment plate.

15. An assembly as claimed in claim 14 wherein said hammer comprises or includes,

a hammer base, and

a hammer tip removably attached to said hammer base, said hammer tip having said engaging face,

16. An assembly as claimed in any one of claims 14 to 15 wherein said hammer is further retained to said attachment plate by penetrative fastening means.

17. An assembly as claimed in claim 16 wherein said further retention is achieved by fastening means penetrating said hammer tip , said hammer base and said attachment plate.

18. An assembly as claimed in any one of claims 13 to 17 wherein said engaging face is on a protrusion from materials contacting member, and said receiving face is on a recess in said attachment region.

19. An assembly as claimed in any one of claims 13 to 17 wherein said engaging face is on a recess in said materials contacting member and said receiving face is on a protrusion from said attachment region.

20. A crusher rotor which rotates about a vertical axis and has ejection ports opened on an outer face thereof, characterised in that

an attachment plate is provided on the outer face of said crusher rotor,

a hammer is provided having

a hammer tip, protruding radially outward from the outer face of said crusher rotor, removeably attached to said hammer base,

a hammer base, secured to said attachment plate, and

whereby a receiving face is formed on said attachment plate for taking a centrifugal force generated in said hammer, and

an engaging face is formed on said hammer for engaging with said receiving face.

21. A crusher rotor as claimed in claim 20 wherein said hammer is further retained to said attachment plate by penetrative fastening means.

22. A crusher rotor as claimed in any one of claims 20 to 22 wherein said engaging face is on a protrusion from said hammer, and said receiving face is on a recess in said attachment plate.

23. A crusher rotor is claimed in any one of claims 20 to 22 wherein said engaging face is on a recess in said hammer and said receiving face is on a protrusion from said attachment plate.
24. A crusher rotor according to claim 17, wherein said hammer base is secured to said attachment plate, and said hammer tip is removeably attached to said hammer base.
25. A crusher rotor as claimed in any one of claims 20 to 24 wherein said engaging face is formed on said hammer tip for engaging with said receiving face of said attachment plate.
26. A rotor with a hammer assembly as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 16.
27. A rotary crusher with a rotor as claimed in any one of claims 6 to 11.
28. A rotary crusher with a hammer as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5.

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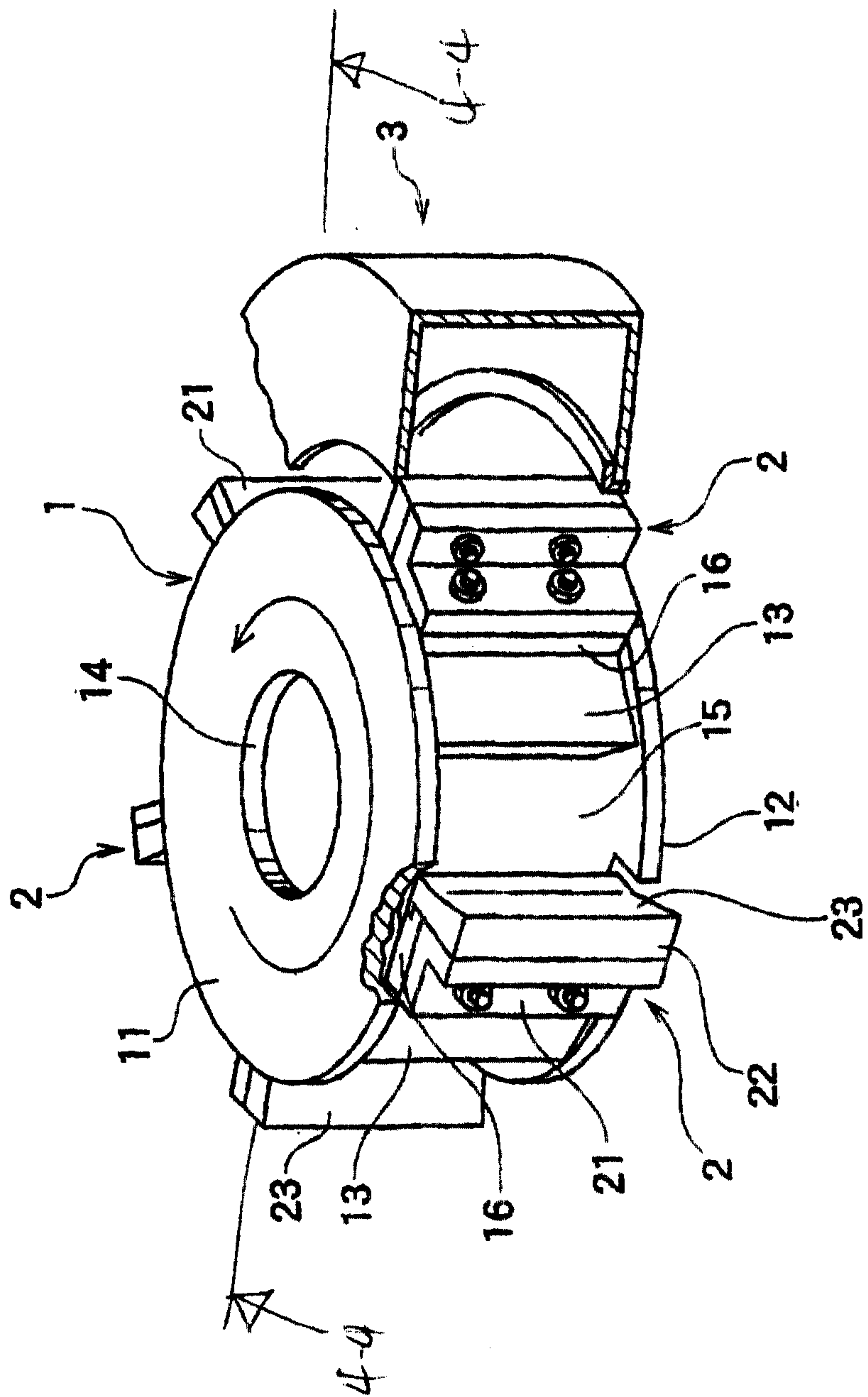


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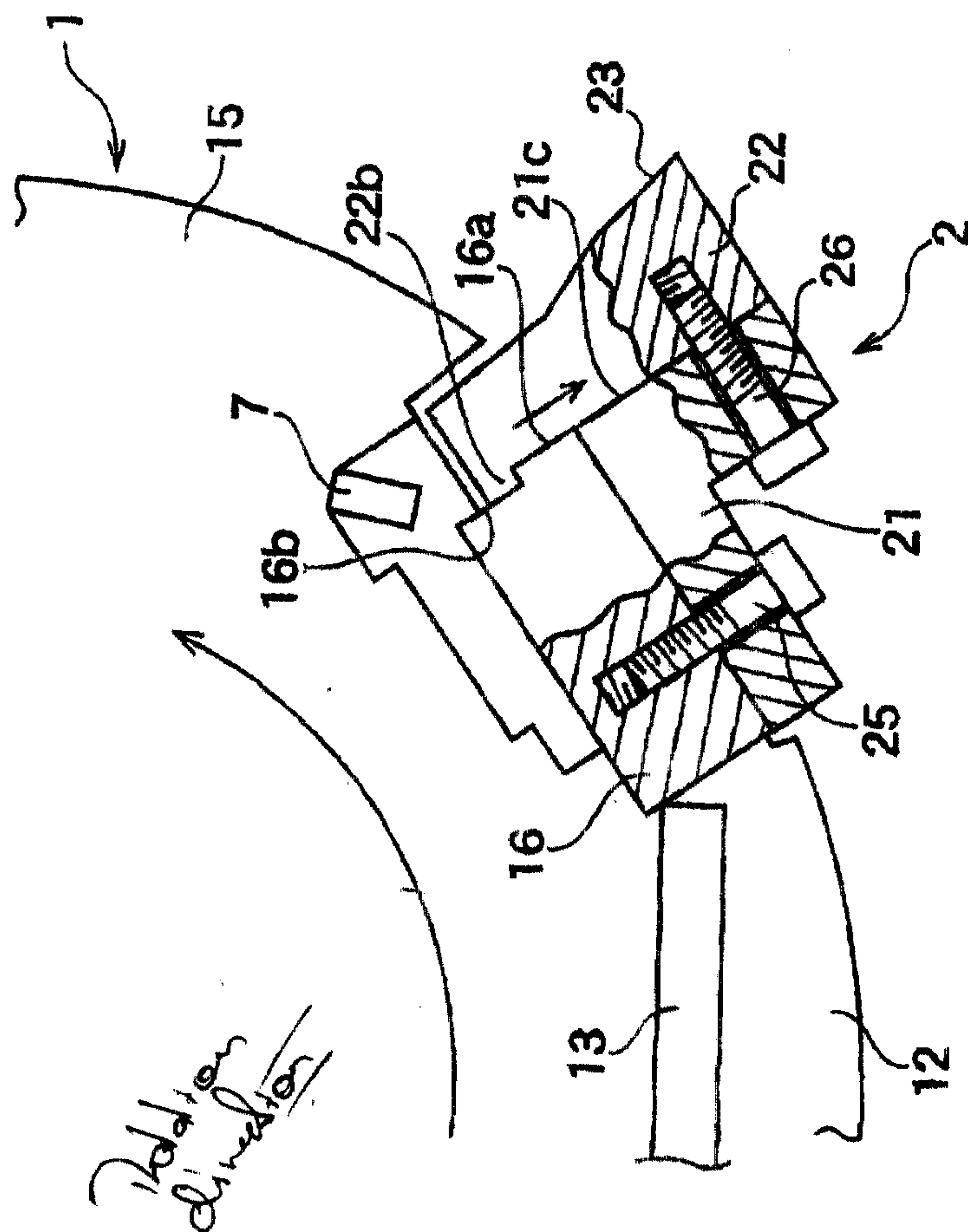


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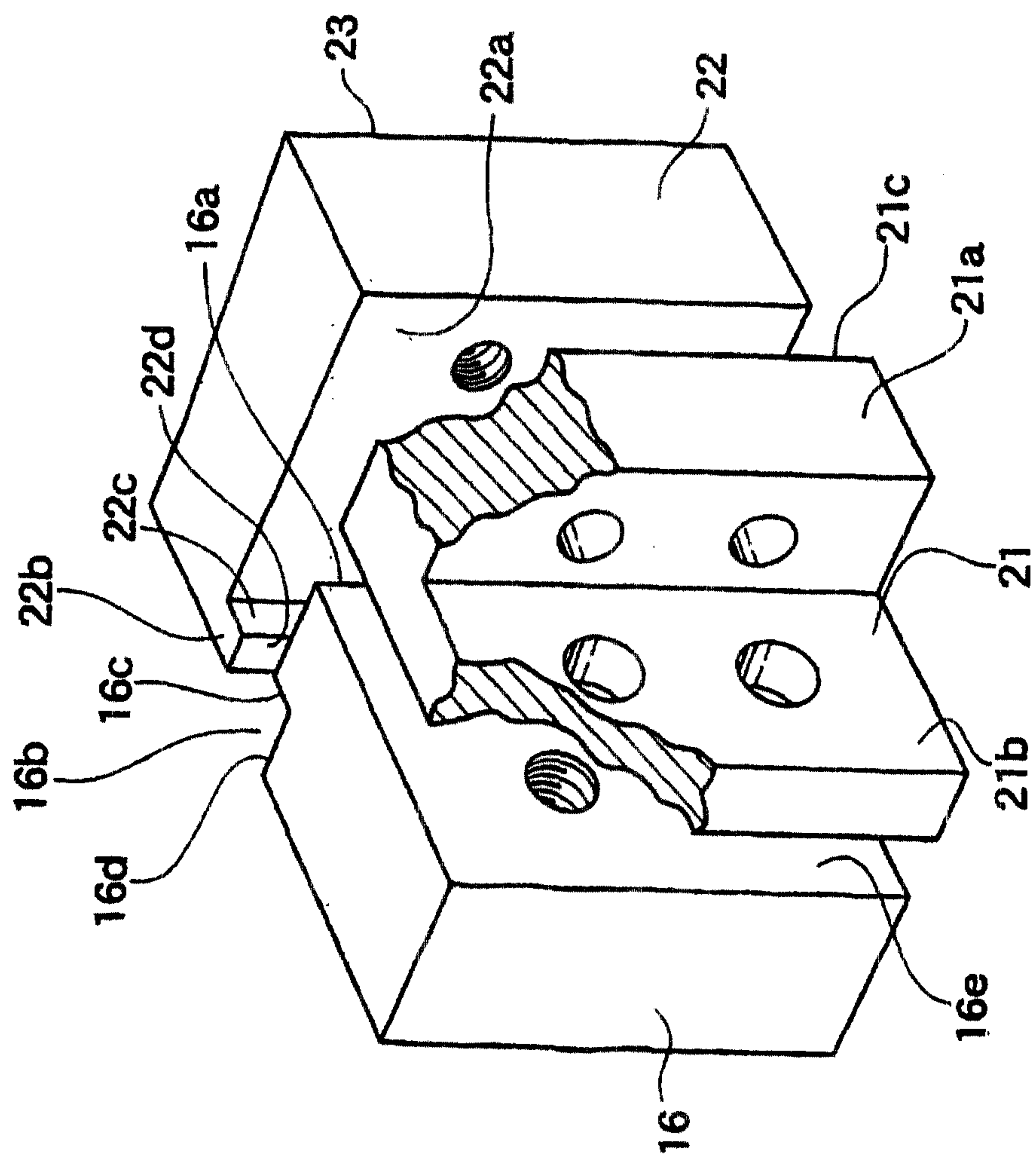


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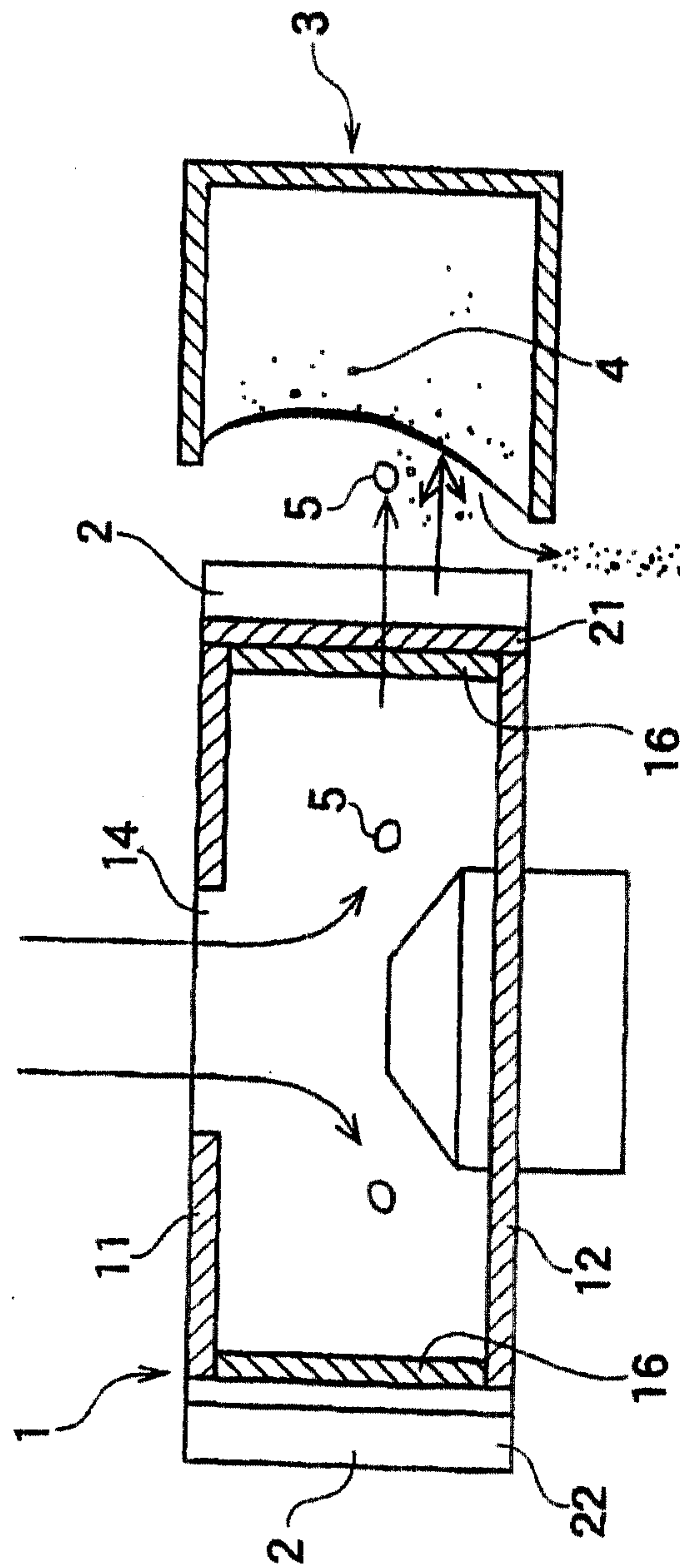


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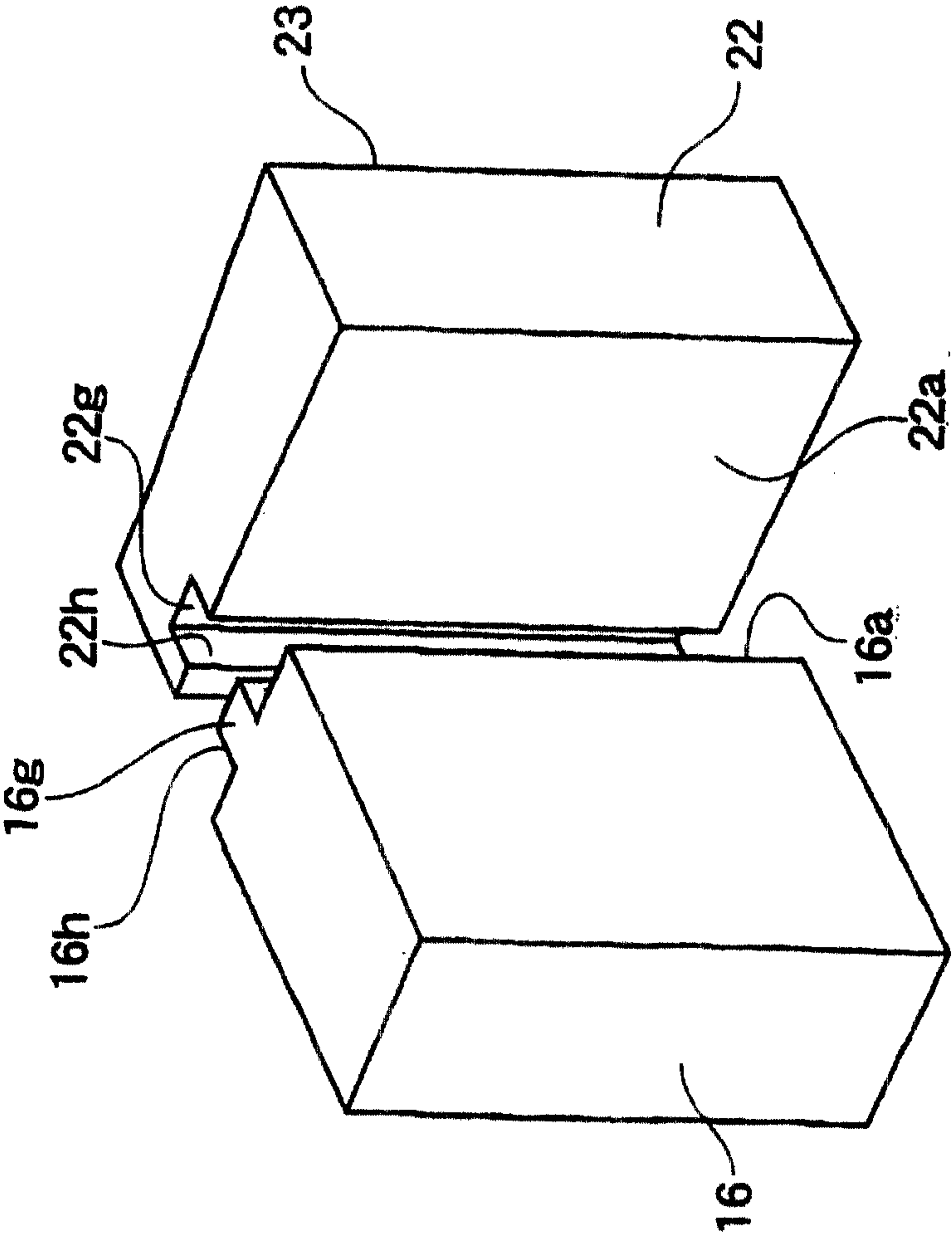


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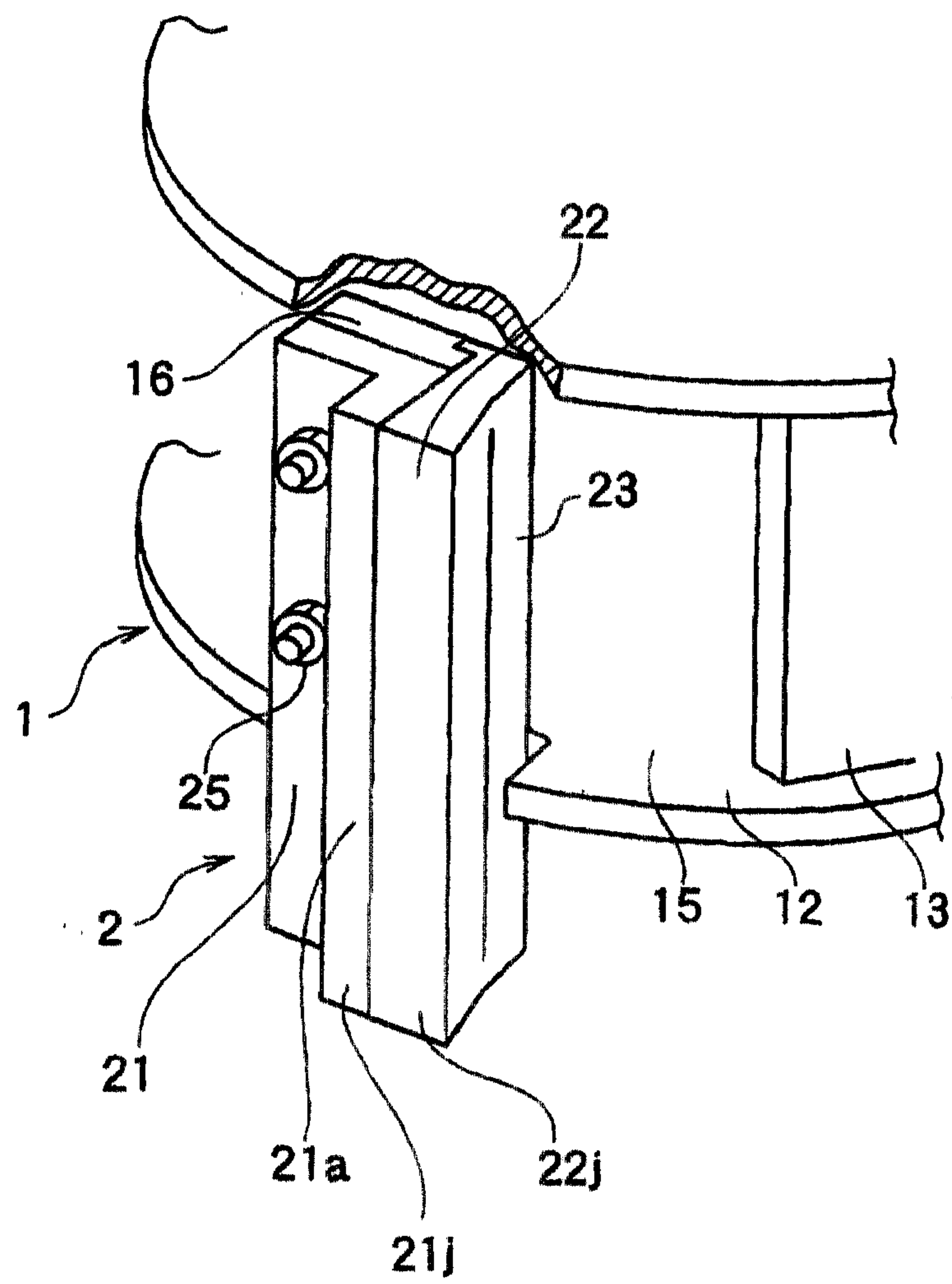


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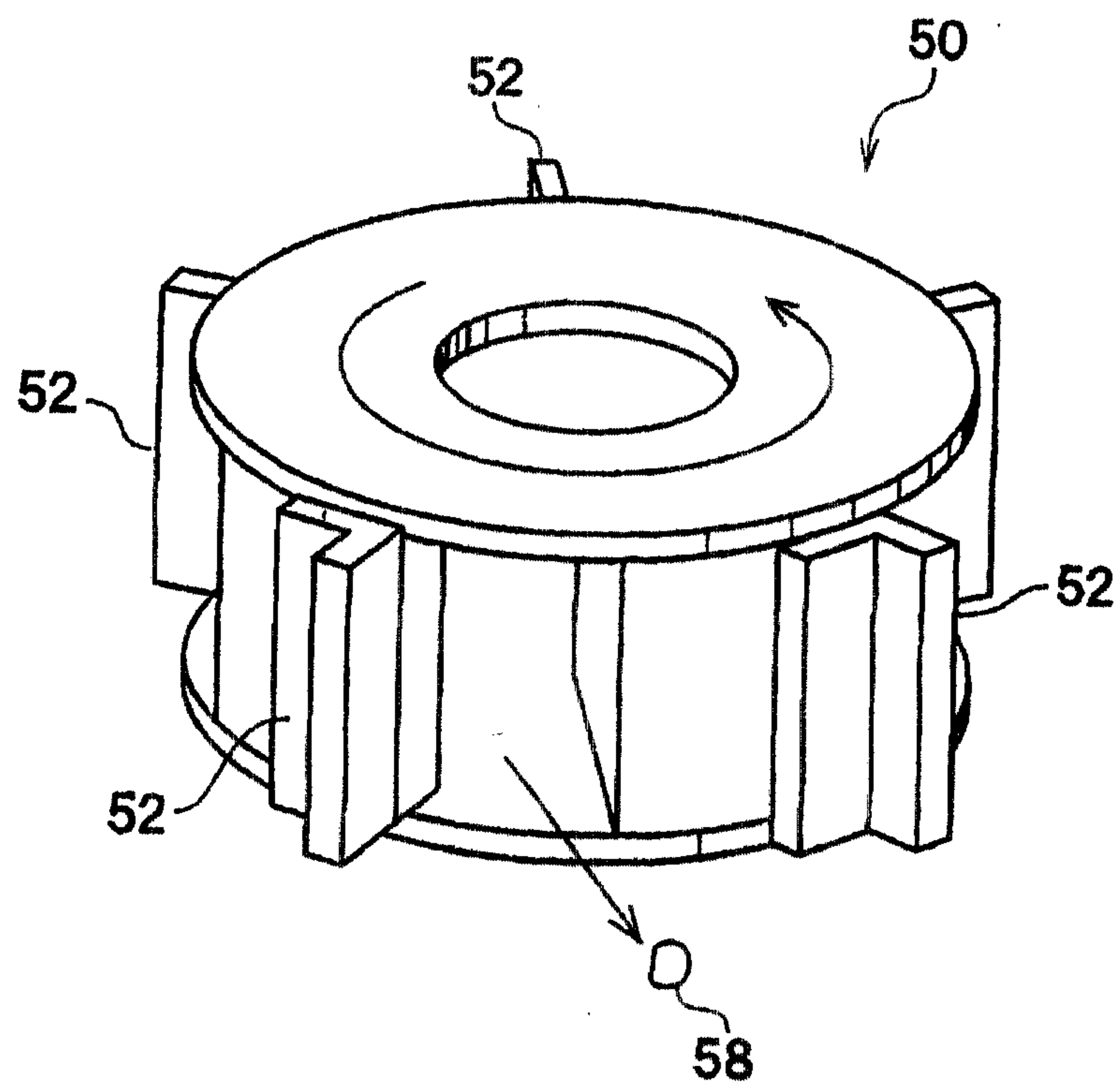


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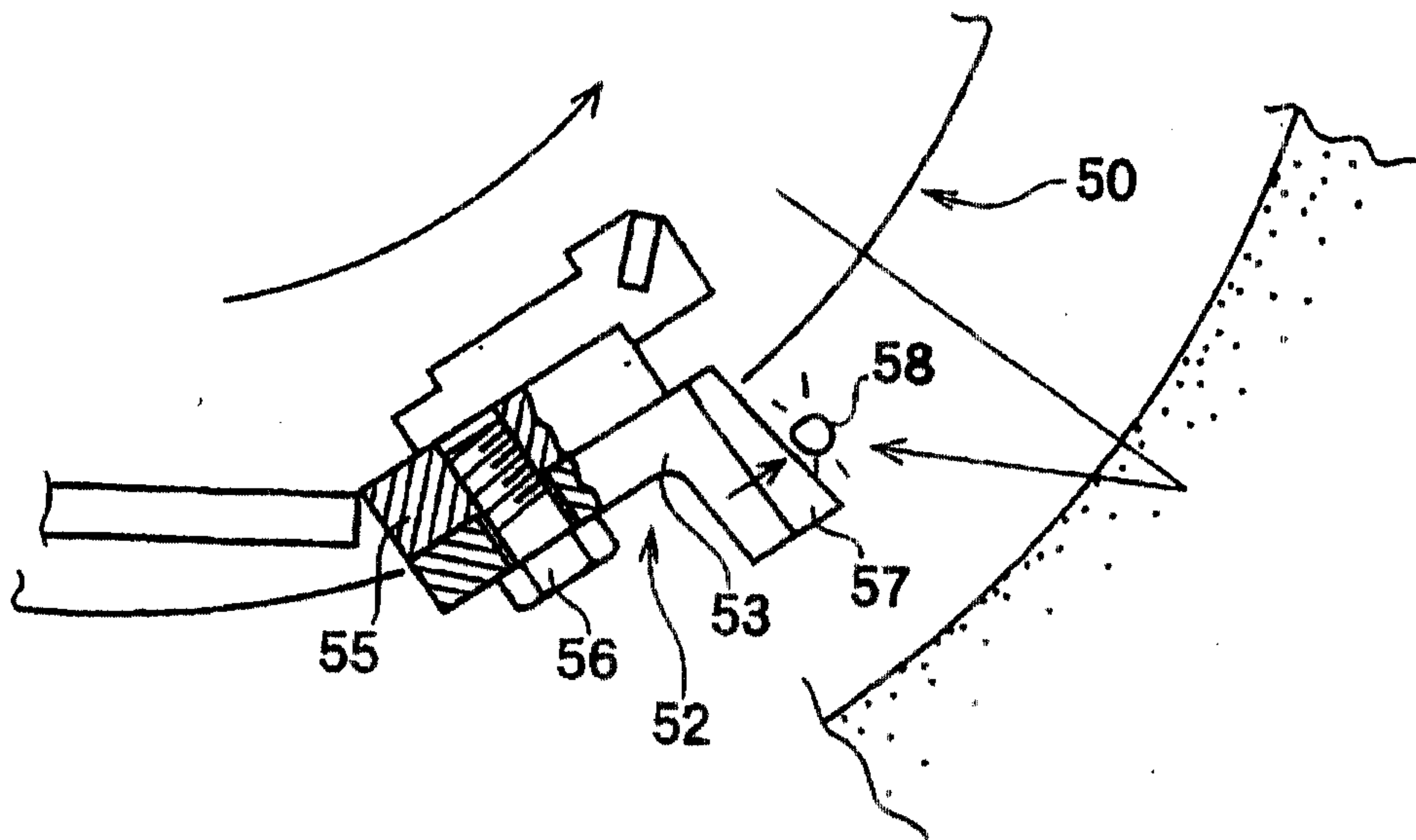


FIGURE 8

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