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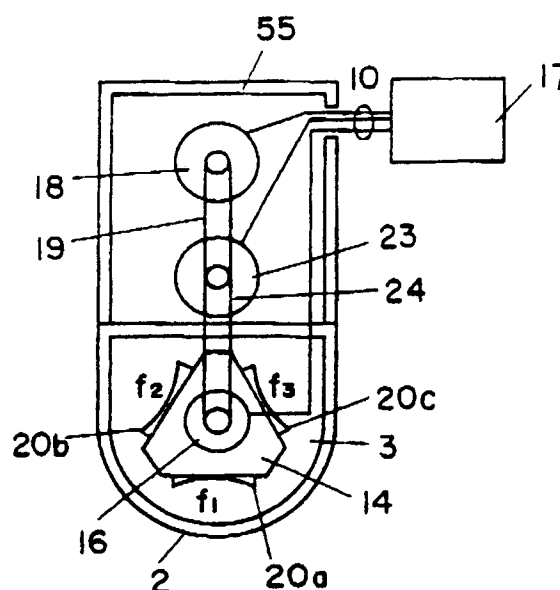
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(54) **Ultrasonic transducers for medical diagnostic examinations.**

(57) An ultrasonic probe for mechanical scan-type is disclosed which comprises one or a plurality of ultrasonic transducers (20) mounted on a supporting member (14). One or more of the transducers (20) are divided electrically or mechanically. The supporting member (14) is located in a container (2) with ultrasonic wave propagating medium (3). The supporting member (14) rotates or swing in the container (2) and ultrasonic beam emanated therefrom scans object in sector form. The divided transducers (20) are selectively driven in commonly or separately in accordance with display mode.

Another embodiment which includes a plurality of ultrasonic transducers (20) each having different focal length is also disclosed.

**Fig. 8**



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