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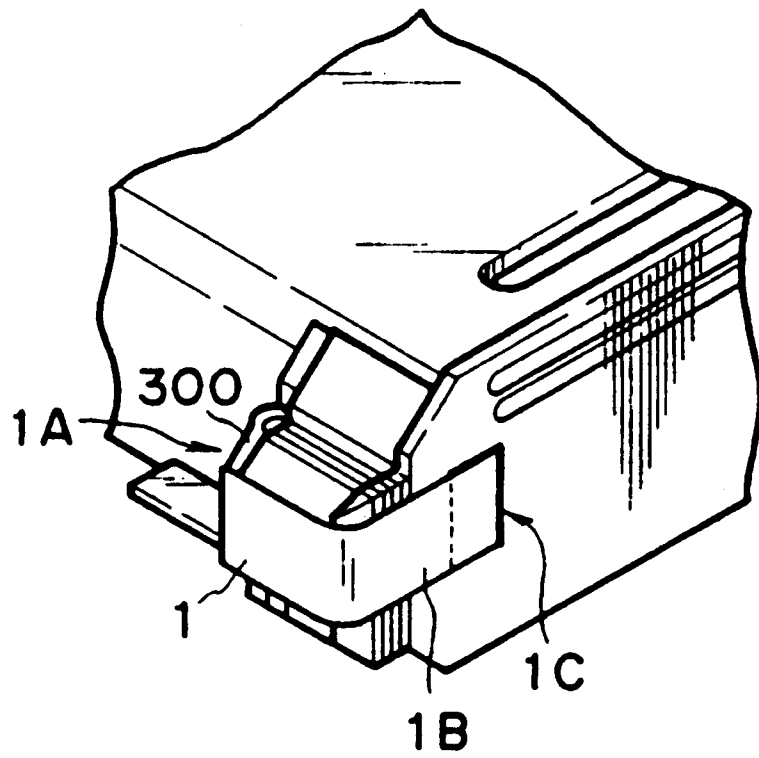
(54) **Sealing member for ink container portion and recording head employing the same.**

(57) An adhesive sheet-type sealing member (1) is suitably used for protecting ink-ejecting nozzles (30) or a communication hole of an ink-jet recording head (12) during transportation or storage. The sealing member (1) exhibits a yield point at a load of not more than 1 kgf/cm for a specimen of 10 mm wide at a stress rate of 200 mm/min $\pm 10\%$ according to

JIS-K-7113 and/or exhibits a folding load of not more than 0.10 g/cm for a specimen of 10 mm wide with a free length of 10 mm from the end of a specimen holder measured on the center of an electronic balance placed at a position 5 mm apart from the end of the specimen holder.

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FIG. 1A





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