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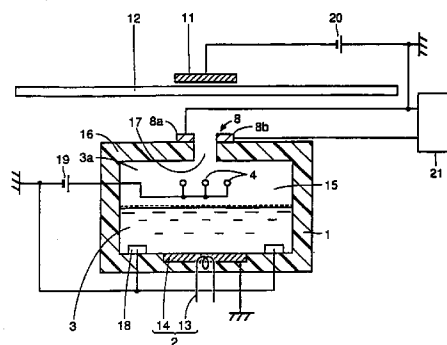
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(54) **Image recording device for recording by emitting evaporated ink onto a recording medium**

(57) An image recording device is disclosed which includes a reservoir tank (1) for reserving evaporated ink (3a) and having an emission opening (17) through which the evaporated ink (3a) is emitted, a charging electrode (4) for charging the evaporated ink (3a) in the reservoir tank (1), and an electrostatic shutter portion (8) arranged in the emission opening (17) for generating an electric field based on an image data to control emission of the charged ink (3a).

FIG.2



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