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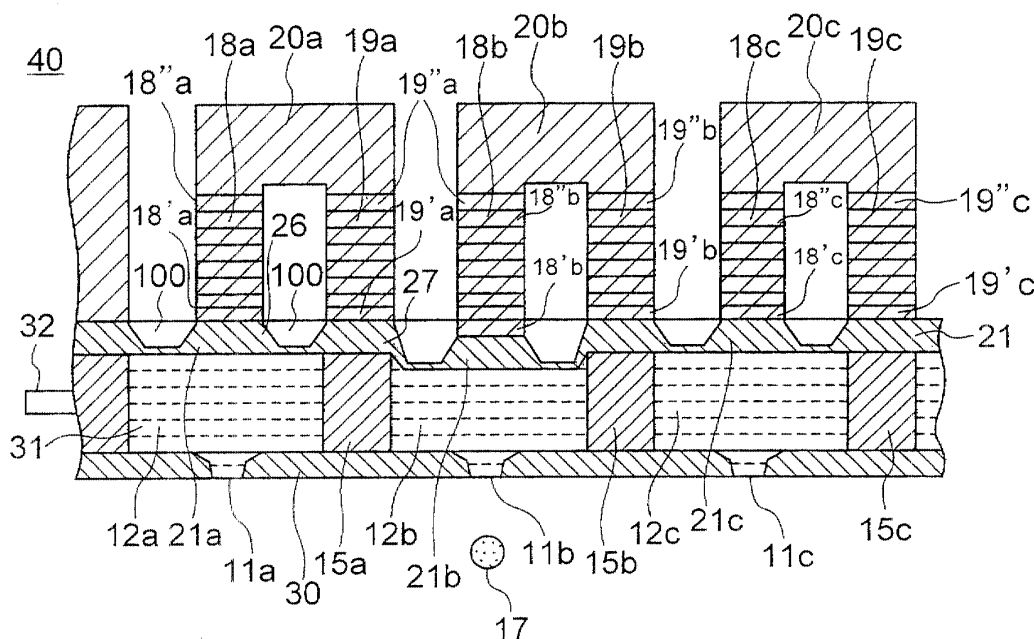
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(54) **Ink-jet recording head, method for fabricating same and method for ejecting ink droplets**

(57) An ink-jet recording head including a plurality of pressure chambers (12a, 12b, 12c) connected to one another, a plurality of first piezoelectric elements (18a, 18b, 18c) and a plurality of second piezoelectric elements (19a, 19b, 19c). Each pair of the first piezoelectric element and the second piezoelectric element is inde-

pendent of the other pairs. Accordingly, since the transmission of the stress generated during the printing in the piezoelectric pair to the nearby pair is completely or almost completely prevented because the adjacent pairs are completely separated or connected with an elastic material absorbing the stress.

FIG. 4





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