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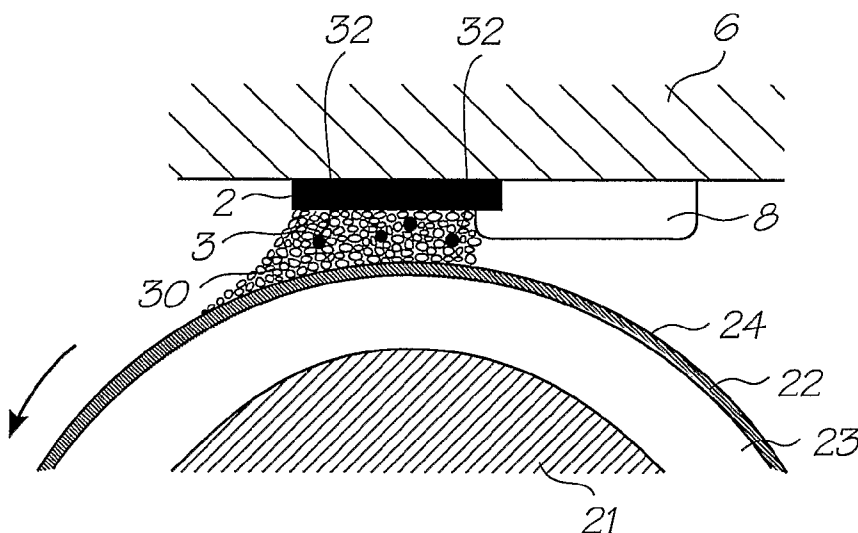
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(57) Abstract: A method of removing particulates from an ink ejection face of a printhead is provided. The method comprises the steps of: (a) providing a liquid foam on the face, thereby dispersing the particulates in the foam; and (b) transferring the foam, including the particulates, onto a transfer surface moving past the face. Ink consumption is minimized by use of a foam and damage to the face is avoided since the transfer surface typically does not contact the face.

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