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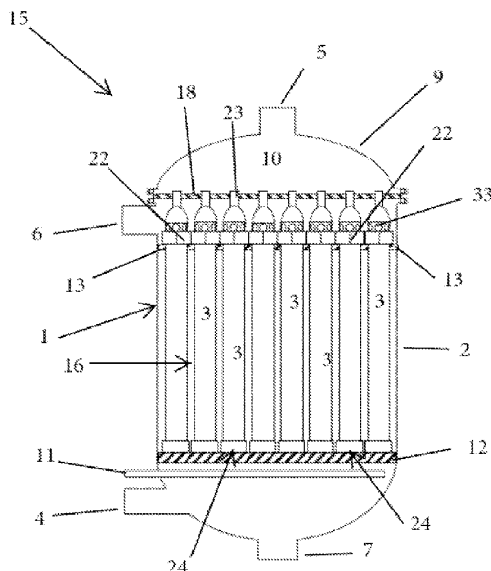
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FIGURE 1



(57) Abstract: A multi-element filtration vessel contains multiple filtration elements. The elements have cylindrical housings and an annular header. At least a portion of the annular header surrounds the cylindrical housings at one end. The annular header has a periodically varying cross-sectional width and thickness such that the annular header has alternating thinner and thicker regions. The elements are packed with thinner sections of the header aligned. This allows for close packing of the elements without unduly compromising the mechanical strength of the headers.

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