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[54] OPTICAL HEAD APPARATUS FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF DISKS

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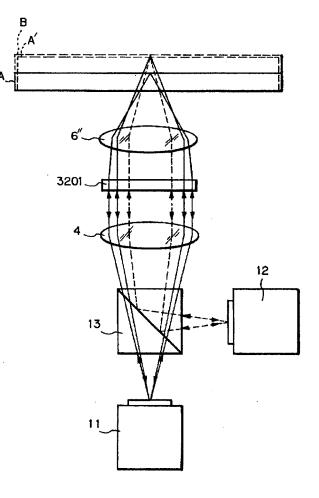
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[57] ABSTRACT

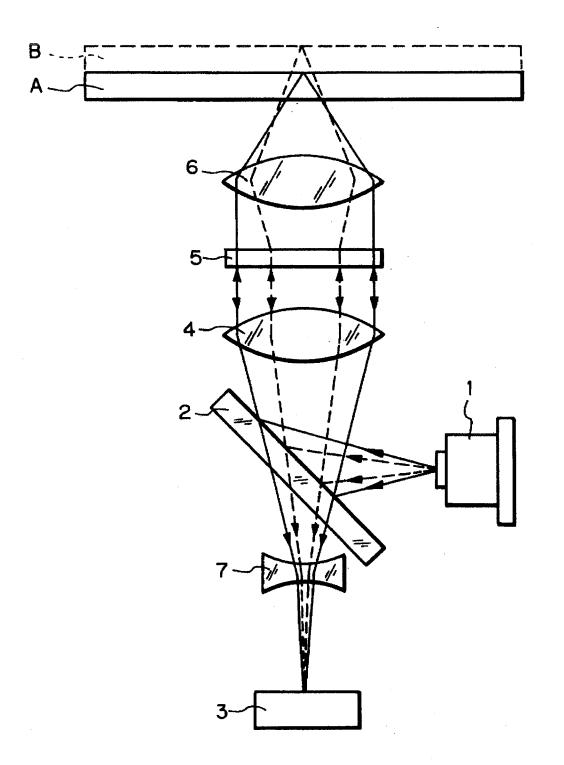
In an optical head apparatus for two or more different types of discs, there are provided a first light source for a first wavelength light beam, a second light source for a second wavelength light beam, and an objective lens for leading the first and second wavelength light beans to one of the discs. A holographic optical element is provided to converge or diverge only one of the first and second wavelength light beams. Or, an aperture limiting element is provided to adjust an effective numerical aperture of the objective lens for only one of the first and second wavelength light beams.

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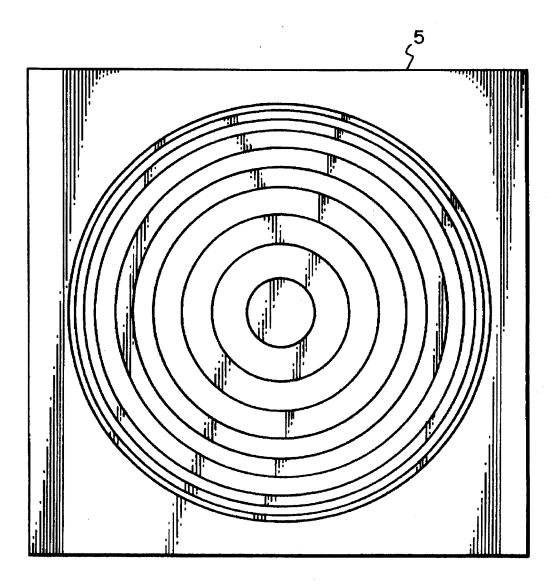
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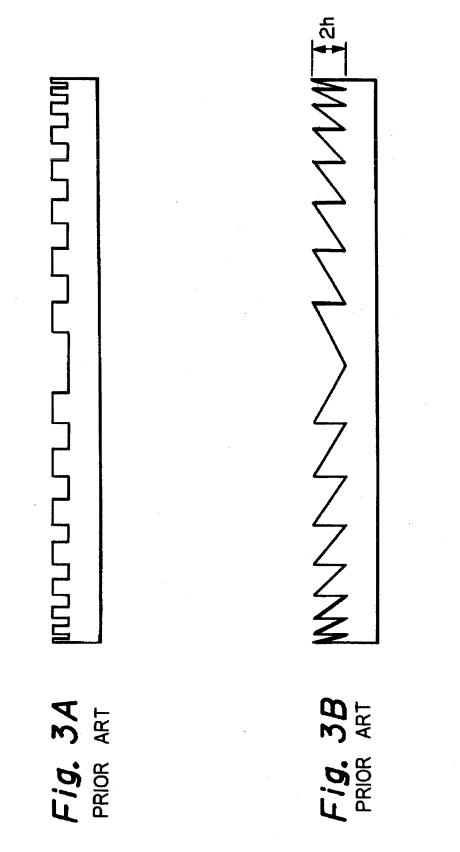
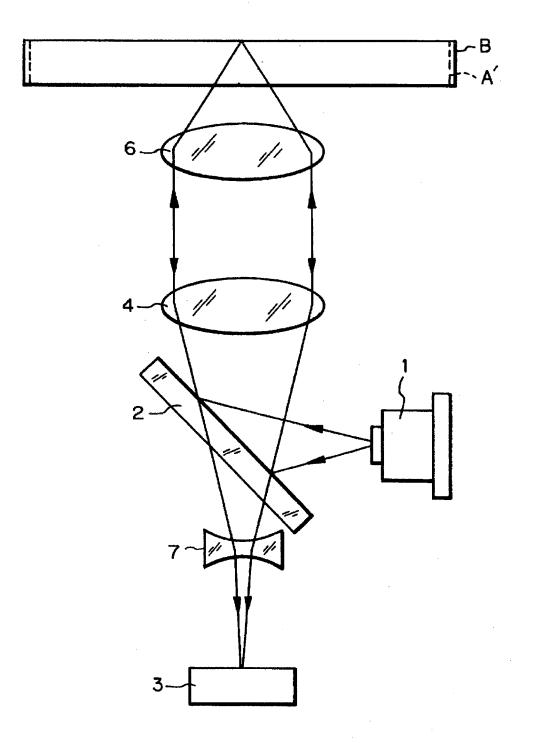


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