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(54) **PLUG-IN POWER SUPPLY WITH MINIATURIZED PRIMARY CONTACT MEANS**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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A plug-in power supply for converting a mains voltage into an operating voltage is provided, comprising a housing having arranged therein an electronic circuit for voltage conversion, and at least two primary contact pins which are movable between an operating position, in which they are adapted to be inserted into the mains socket and in which they extend substantially at right angles to one of the lateral surfaces of the housing, and a position of rest on at least one of said lateral surfaces, the primary contact pins being arranged substantially parallel to said at least one lateral surface in said position of rest. In order to achieve the largest possible reduction of size and in order to guarantee that the plug-in power supply can be handled easily and safely, a geometric arrangement of the primary contact pins with respect to each other in their position of rest differs from a geometric arrangement of the primary contact pins in their operating position.

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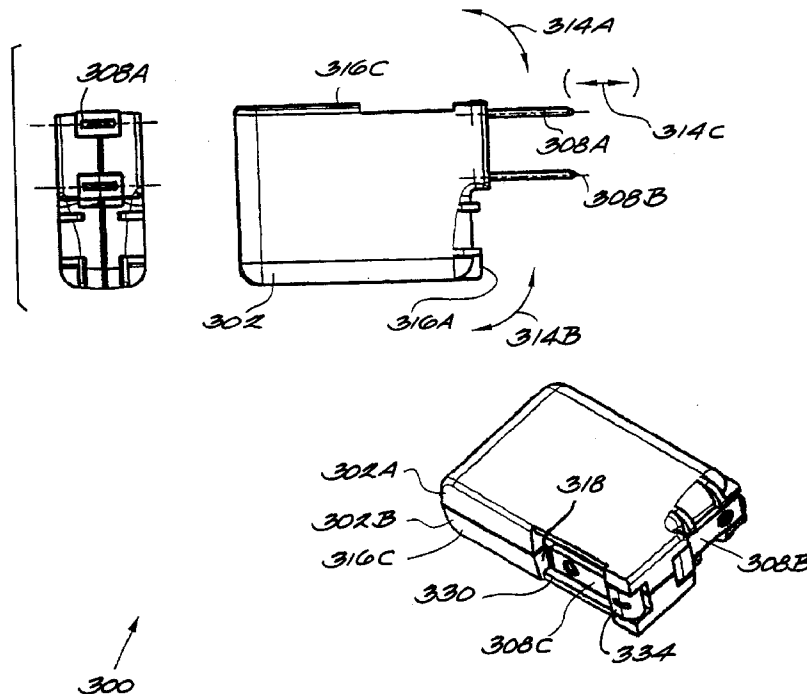
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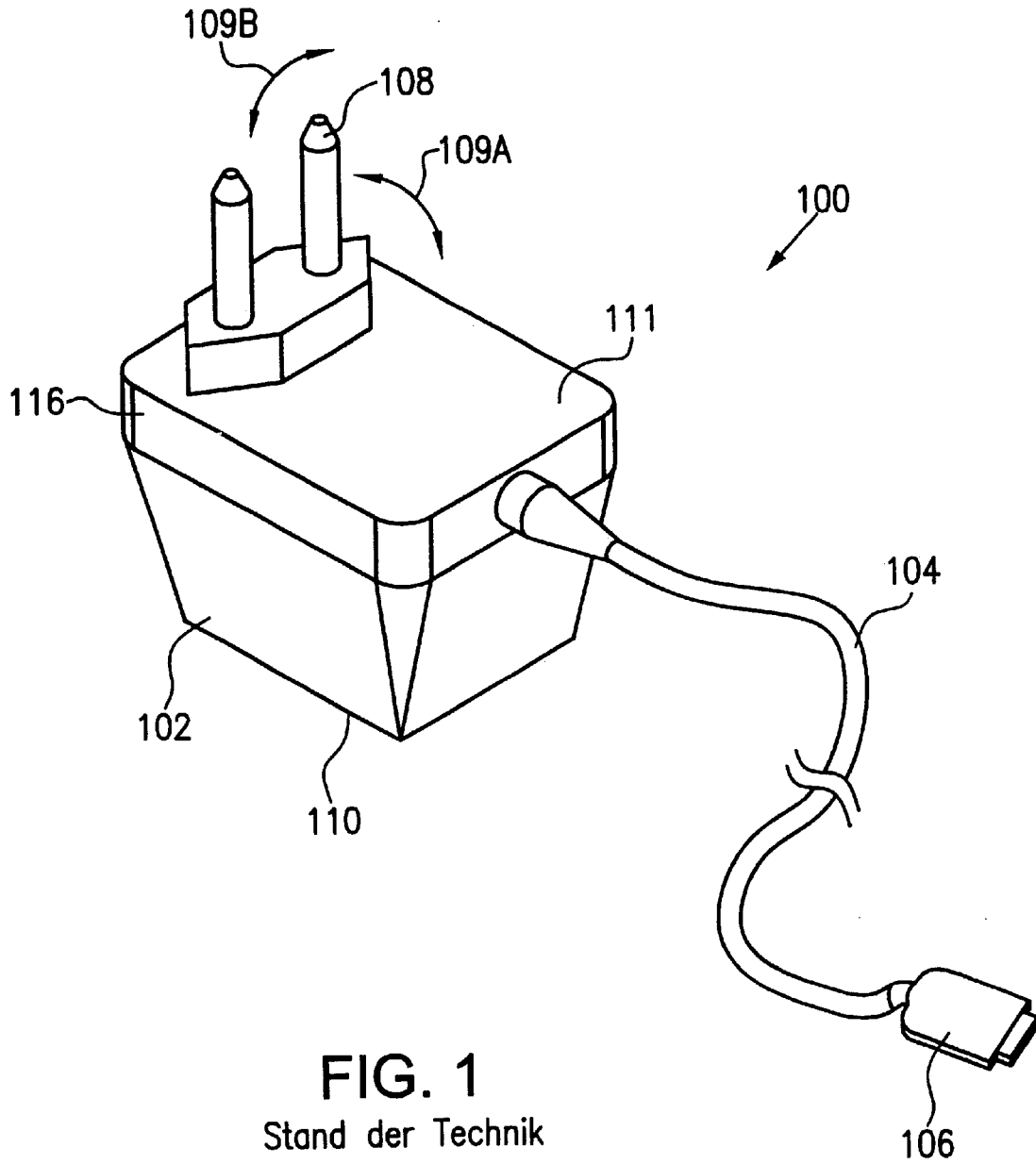
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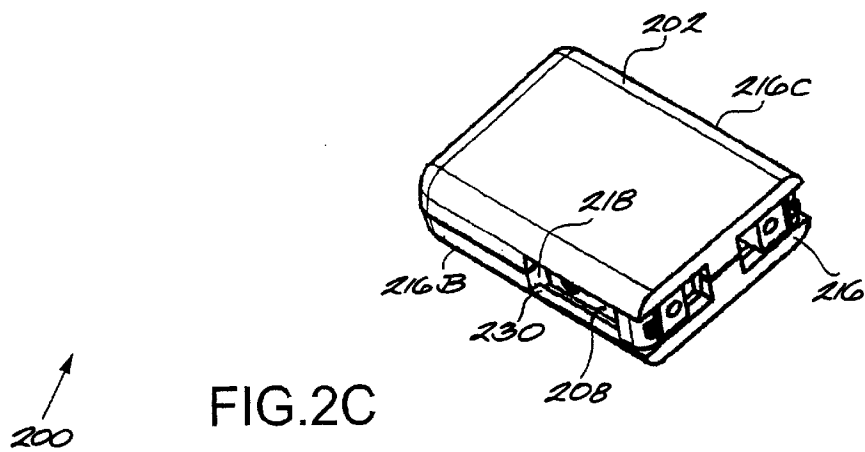
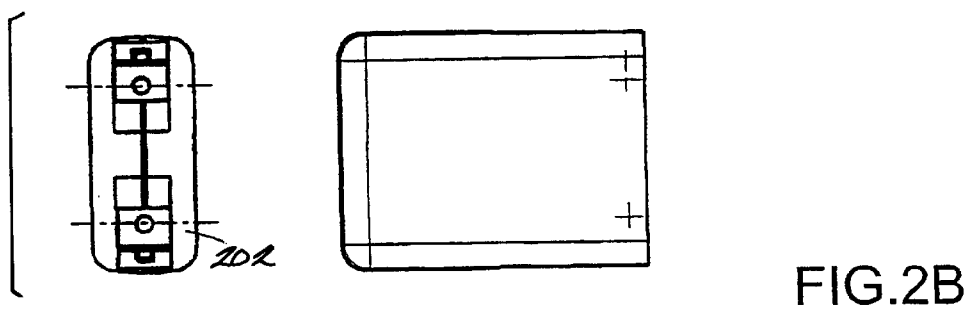
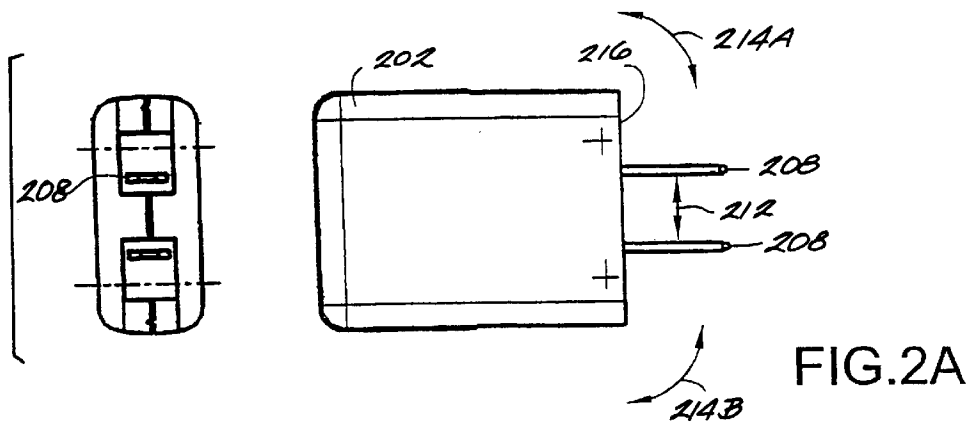
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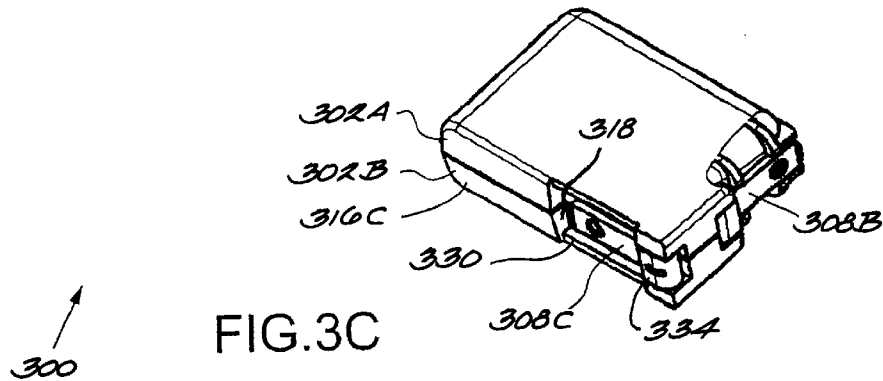
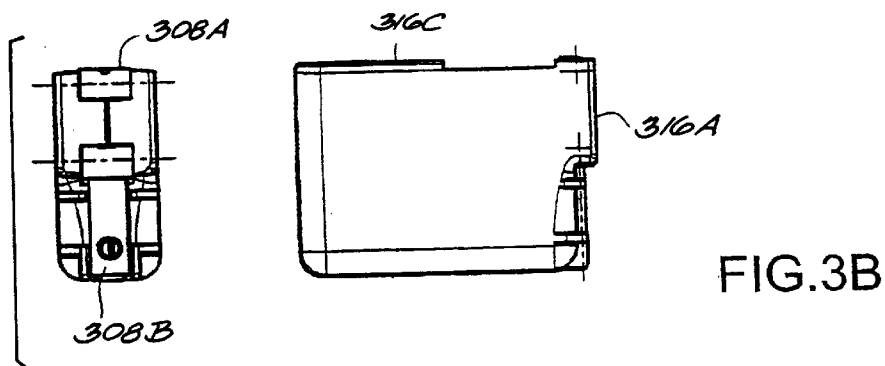
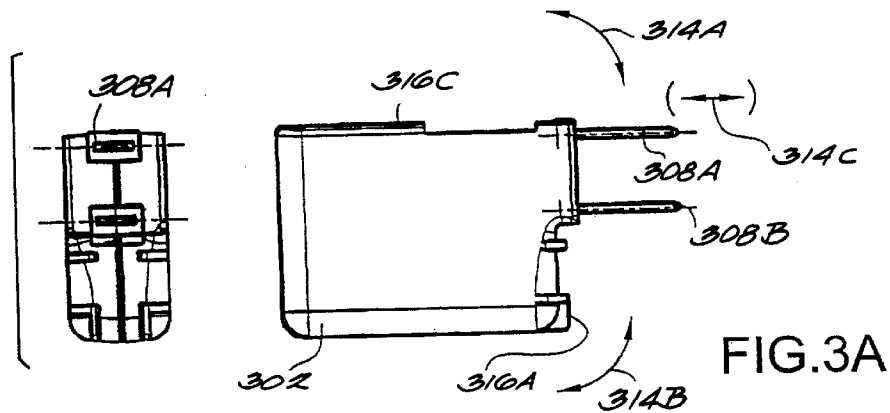


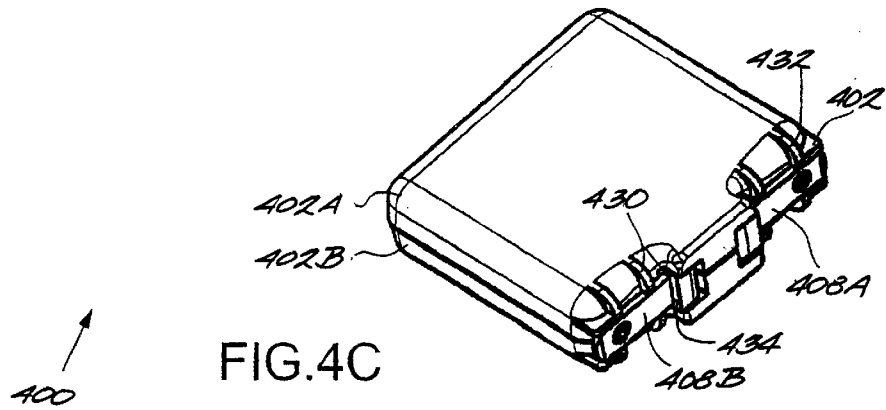
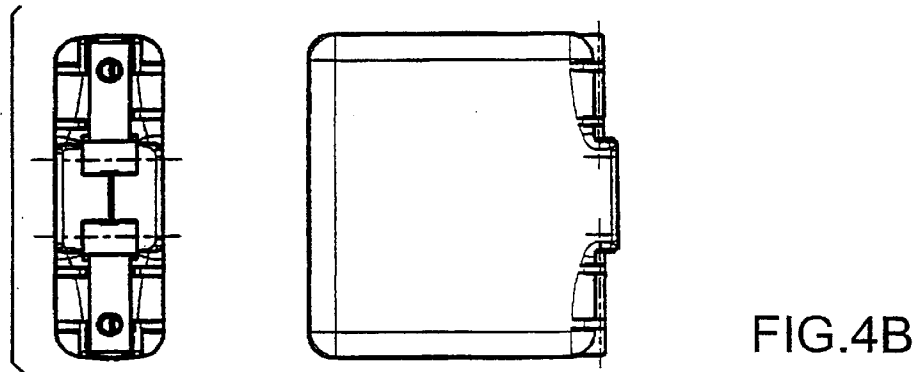
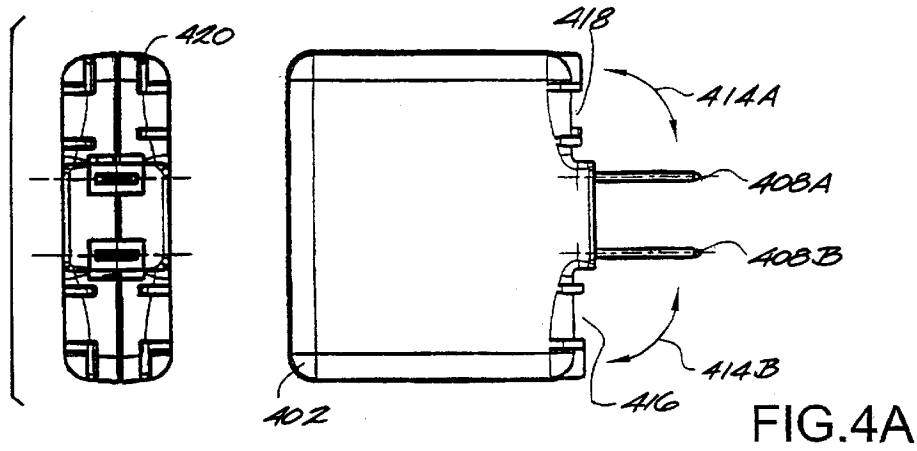




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