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[54] **PROTECTIVE CAPPING APPARATUS FOR AN INK-JET PEN**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

An ink pen is provided with a protective capping apparatus to protect against damage caused by the ingress of dirt and debris, the accumulation or solidification of ink, the discharge of static electricity or the like. The protective capping apparatus has a protective cap movable between an open position and a closed position. In the closed position the protective cap shields a portion of an ink pen such as the ink-jets or the electrical contacts.
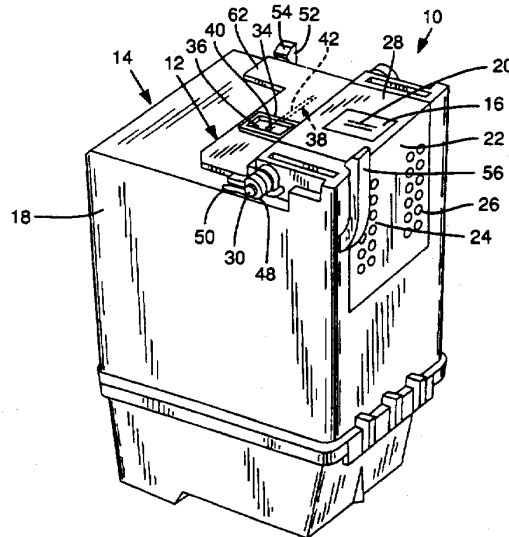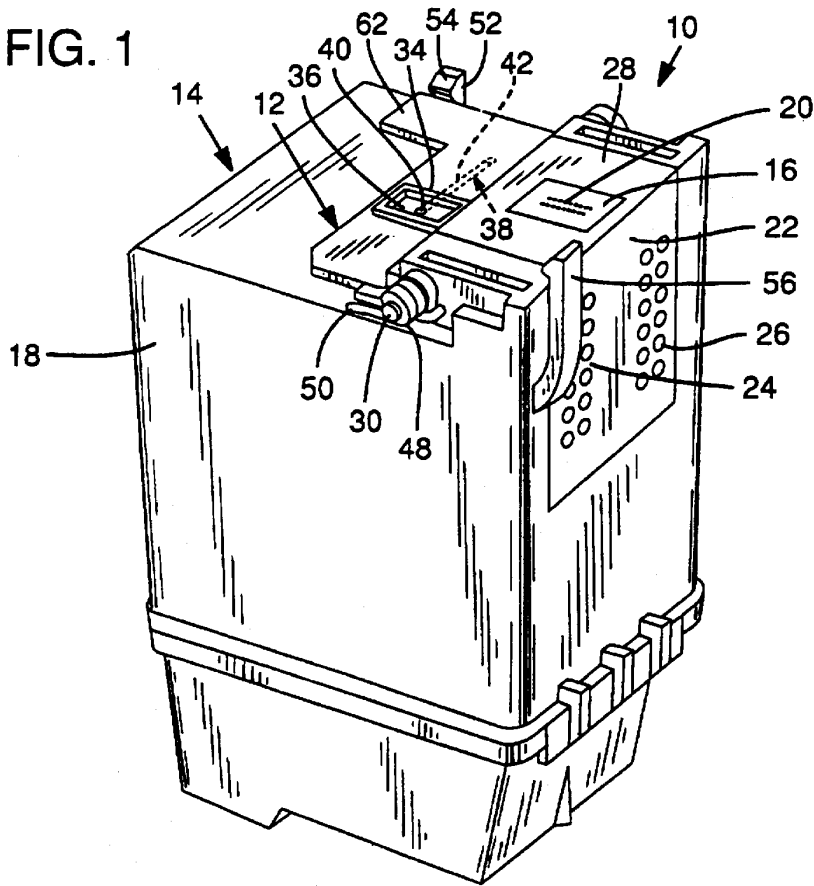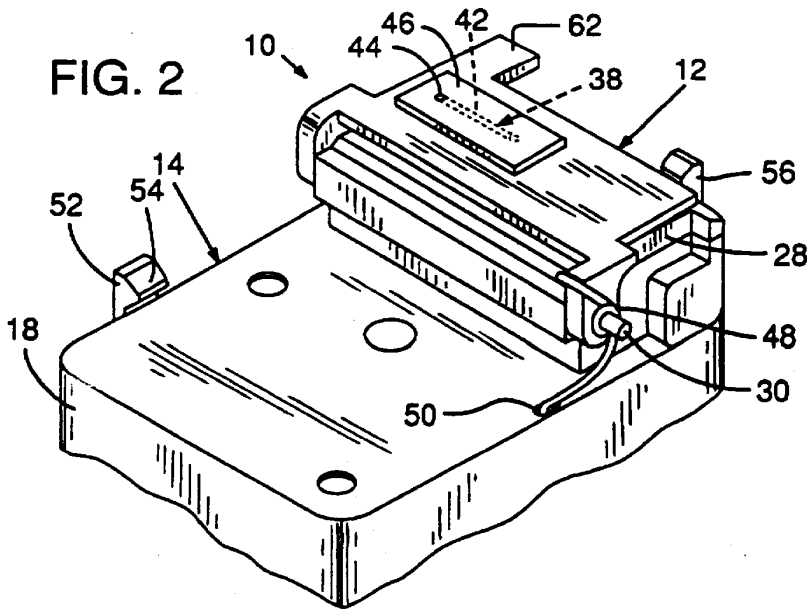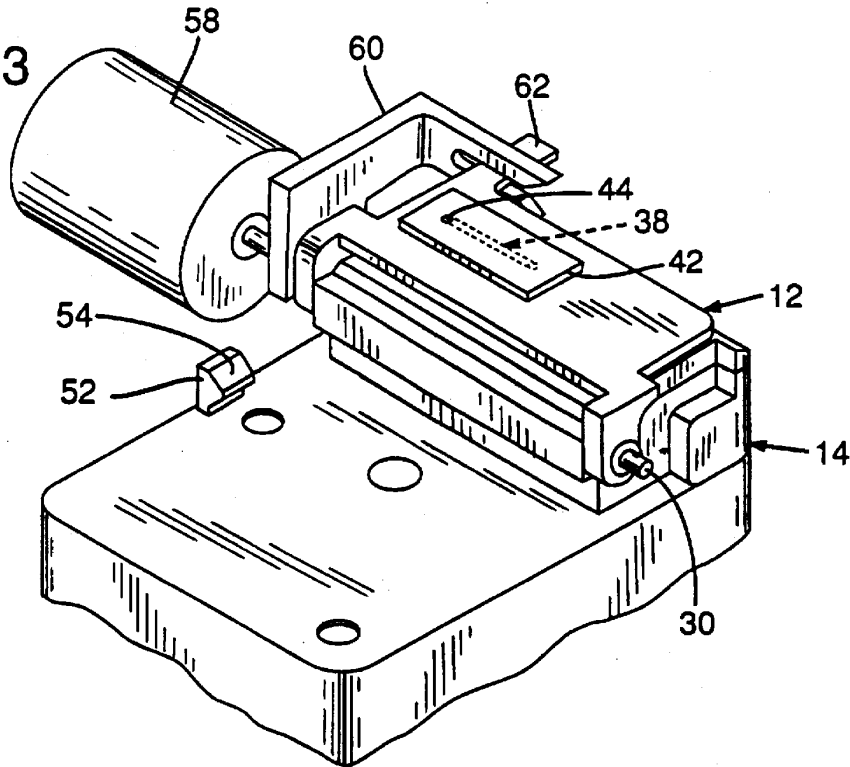
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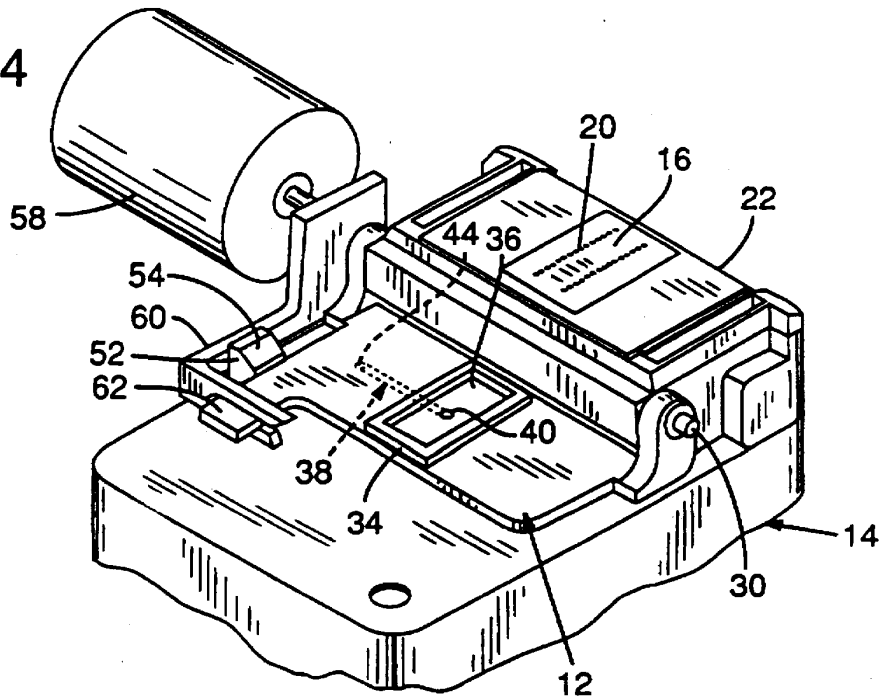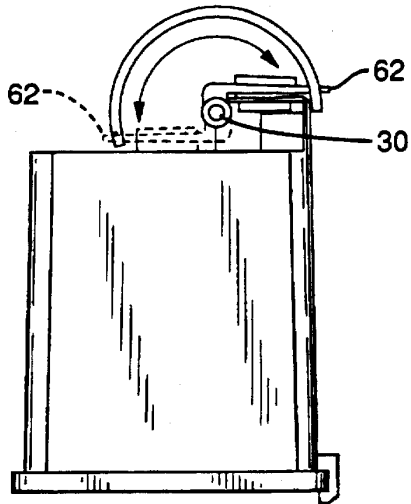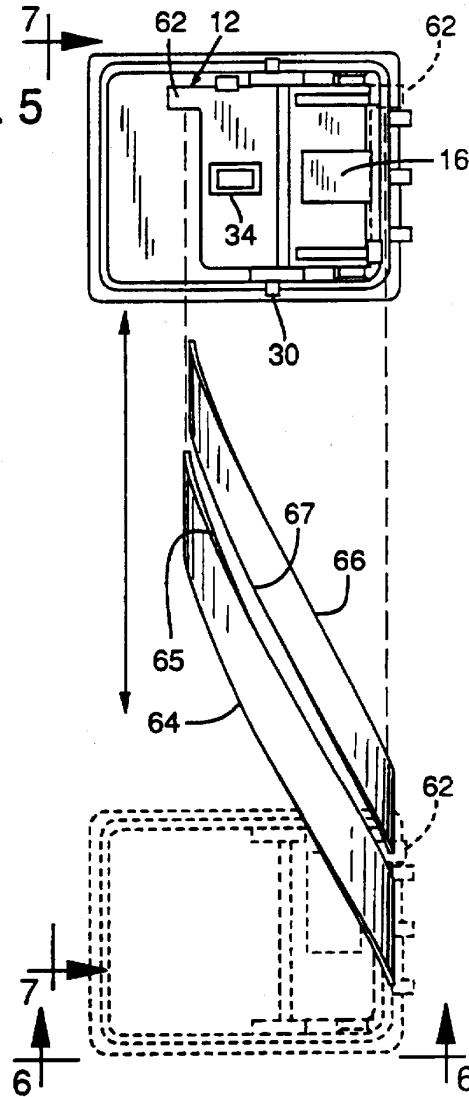
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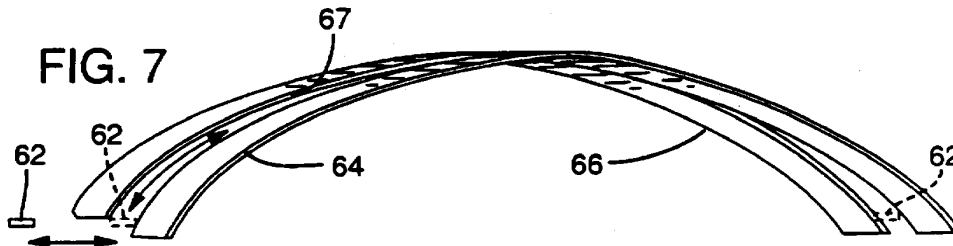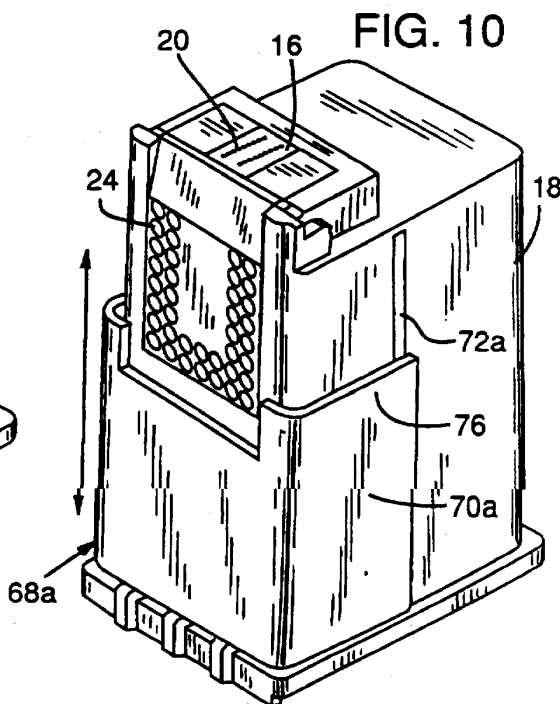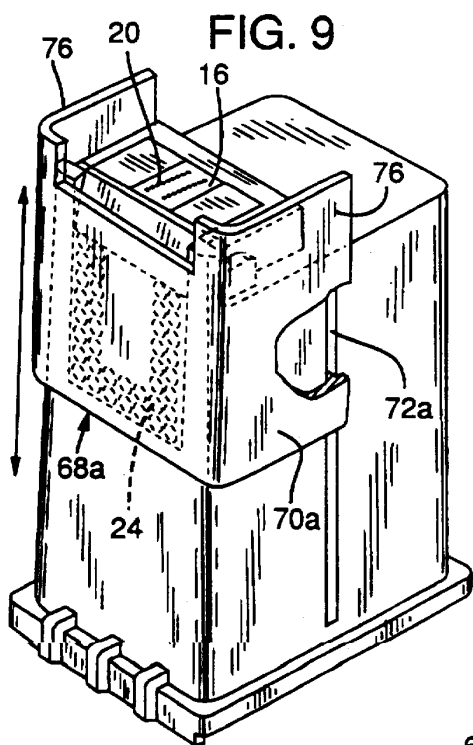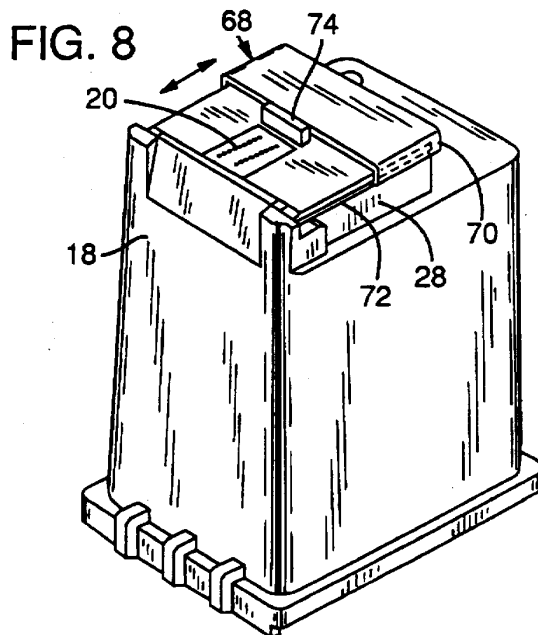
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