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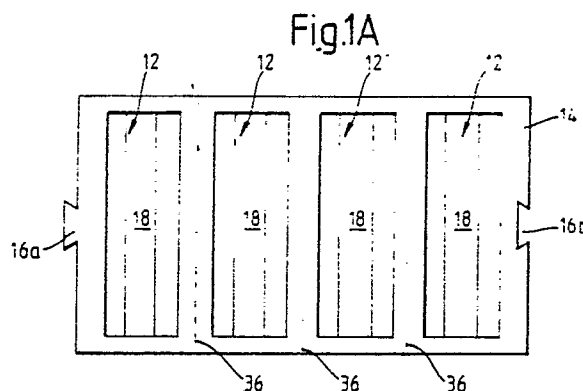
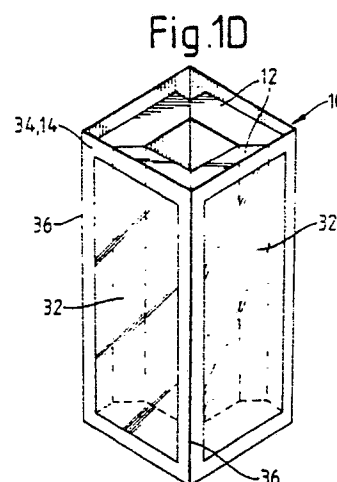
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(54) **Packages.**

(57) A package 10 comprises a plurality of three or more containers 12 and a retainer 16a,16b. The containers 12 are arranged linearly along an elongate flexible strip 14, and are preferably formed integrally with the strip of a plastics material so that each of the containers presents an opening 18 lying in the plane of the strip. The openings can be closed by a common tear-off foil 34 which is sealingly secured to the strip around all of the openings to permit fluids to be retained in the containers. The retainer 16a,16b is adapted to hold the strip in a ring-like structure in which each one of the containers is in abutment with the two containers adjacent to that container. The retainer could be of various forms, such as a sleeve, a box, an adhesive tape or a mechanical catch.





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