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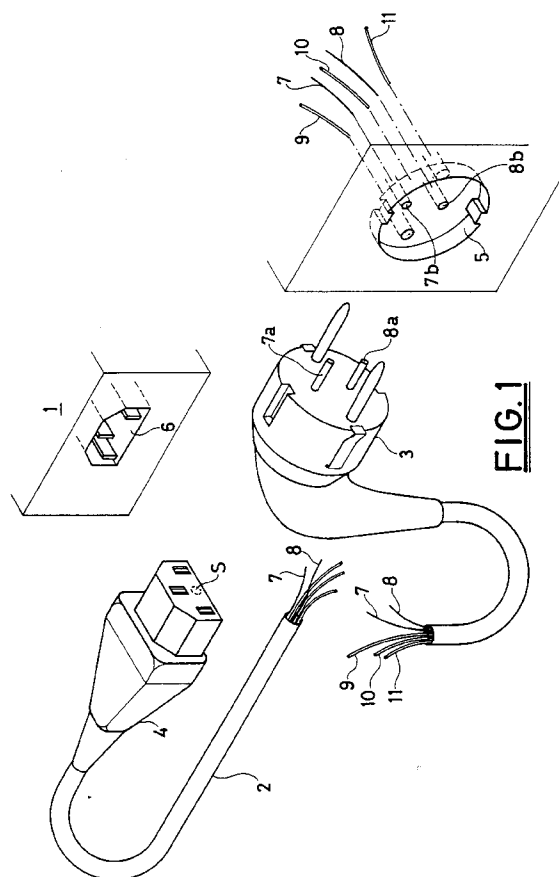
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(54) **Antitheft device for an electrically powered apparatus, incorporated in the power cord of the apparatus.**

(57) An antitheft device for electrically powered appliances, which may be substantially incorporated in the power supply cord of the appliances for determining the state of connection or disconnection by means of a programmable central processing unit capable of processing a bistable signal produced by means of said device and to actuate antitheft measures, permits to maintain an effective protection of said removable appliances also when a conventional alarm system must be entirely or partially deactivated in order to permit the access of authorized personnel to the premises housing said appliances. The system may be implemented by replacing a normal power supply cord of the appliance to be protected with a modified power supply cord into which sensor means are incorporated for establishing a state of connection or disconnection of the cord. The sensors may be of various type and may permit to detect also an eventual cutting of the power cord.





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