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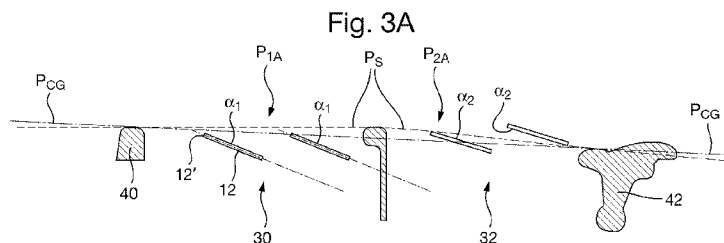
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(57) Abstract: A razor cartridge (10) has a housing (16), a guard (40) located at a front (18) of the housing and a cap (42) located at a rear (20) of the housing. A skin contact element (50) is disposed in the housing partway between the guard and the cap. A skin contact plane (P_s) defines a plane (P_{1A}) tangential to the guard and the skin contact element and a plane (P_{2A}) tangential to the skin contact element and the cap. One or more blades (12) are located between the guard and the skin contact element, each of the blades having a cutting edge (12') located at a distance y_1 between $70\mu\text{m}$ and $300\mu\text{m}$ and at an angle α_1 between 20° and 45° below the skin contact plane. One or more blades are located between the skin contact element and the cap, each of the blades having a cutting edge located at an angle α_2 above or below the skin contact plane, wherein α_2 is lower in magnitude than α_1 .