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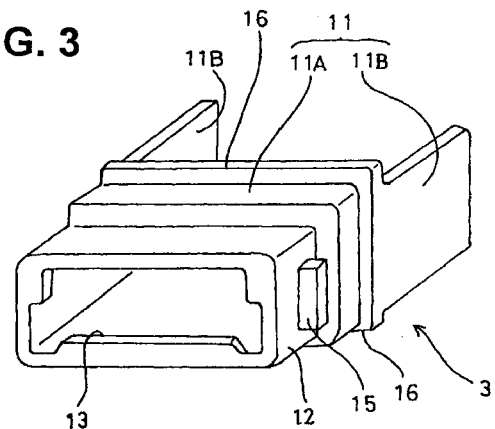
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(54) **A connector and a cap therefor**

(57) To provide a cap capable of preventing the deformation and breakage of tabs in a hood-less type male connector.

A cap 3 is integrally made of a synthetic resin, and a cap main body 12 for surrounding tabs projecting from the front end surface of a connector housing 1 is formed at a front part of the cap 3. Behind the cap main body 12 is formed an engaging portion 11 for engaging the cap 3 with the connector housing 1. The engaging portion 11 is comprised of a tubular portion 11A to be mounted on a front end portion of the connector housing 1 and a pair of elastic pieces 11B extending from the left and right side walls of the tubular portion 11A. Further, retainer protecting ribs 16 project upward and downward from a rear end of the tubular portion 11A so as to prevent retainers 8 in their standby positions from shifting to their locking positions.

**FIG. 3**



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