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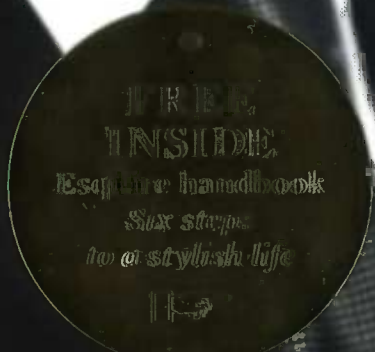
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TRAVEL CHARGERS

As John Lanchester, our technophile-about-town, reflects on page 140, there are few items more beneficial than an all-serving power adaptor. We put the best four (from left) through their paces.

PHILIPS POWER2GO

The added investment ensures greater freedom on the hoof: this polished block yields up to 60 hours of battery life to any number of electrical devices and includes adapters for the majority of laptop manufacturers. It comes ready charged, so works straight out of the box. Hallelujah. £129 (www.philips.co.uk)

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ONE-MINUTE GUIDE

TABLE TALK

For that inevitable lull in the lunchtime conversation, here's this month's topical starter for 10 – espionage

THE ORIGINAL SPYMASTER

One of the earliest and most successful British spies was Sir Francis Walsingham. A close confidant of Queen Elizabeth I, he foiled the Ridolfi, Throckmorton and Babington plots against the virgin queen, as well as convicting and executing Mary Queen of Scots for treason. Walsingham's network of European spies was unrivalled at the time, as was his use of counter surveillance, employing figures as diverse as the playwright Christopher Marlowe to throw his enemies off the scent.

TRUTH SERUMS

The drug used to coax information from captives has many guises, but the one most commonly referred to is sodium pentothal, a barbiturate anaesthetic that suppresses higher cortical brain functioning (and thus supposedly halts any fibbing). According to assassinated dissident Alexander Litvinenko, a truth serum codenamed SP-17 is widely used in Russia and was employed to drug presidential candidate Ivan Rybkin during the 2004 election (Rybkin dropped out of the race after his ordeal).

THE TRUSTY SIDEARM

The Walther Polizeipistole Kriminalmodell, or PPK, earned its spurs long before 007 slipped one into his tux: in 1945, Adolf Hitler killed himself with one. The gun's short barrel and reliability makes it an ideal choice for undercover agents and security details, although it was removed from service in the UK in 1974 when, during a kidnap attempt on Princess Anne, her bodyguard's Walther jammed and he was shot twice by Ian Ball. Today, Bond totes the newer P99.

BOND ALTERNATIVES

Bored of Fleming? Try John Le Carré, whose protagonist George Smiley is widely regarded as the anti-Bond, thanks to his more pragmatic persona. Middle-aged, less athletic and largely reliant on his wits, Smiley is more of a bureaucrat than a gun-toting playboy. His adventures (such as Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy) are as engaging today as they were when Le Carré introduced him in 1961. **£**

WINNING WORDS

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General H Norman Schwarzkopf, former commander of coalition forces in Iraq

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