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(54) DEVICE FOR PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS, DATA COLLECTION AND DATA PROCESSING, AND A CIRCUIT CARD

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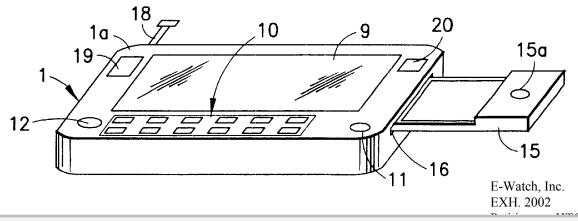
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(57) ABSTRACT

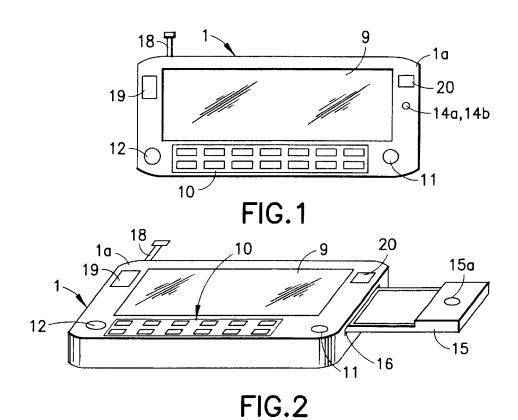
The object of the invention is a device for personal communication, data collection and data processing, which is a small-sized, portable and hand-held work station comprising a data processing unit (2); a display (9); a user interface (10, 11); a number of peripheral device interfaces (12, 17); at least one memory unit (13); a power source, preferably a battery (3); and an application software. According to the invention the device also comprises a camera unit (14). The camera unit (14) comprises a camera (14a), preferably a semiconductor camera, and optics (14b) connected thereto, which are placed in the housing (1) of the device. Alternatively, the camera unit (14) is fitted on a PCMCIA card (15) which can be connected to the PCMCIA card slot (16) of the device. An object of the invention is also a PCMCIA card (15) provided with a camera unit (14).

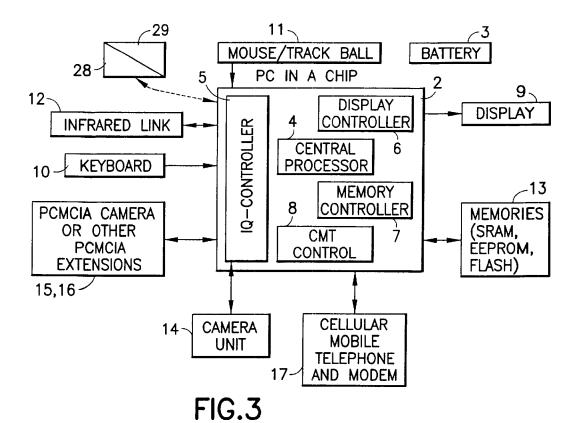
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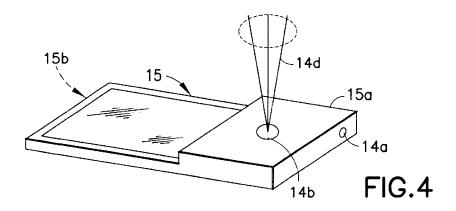




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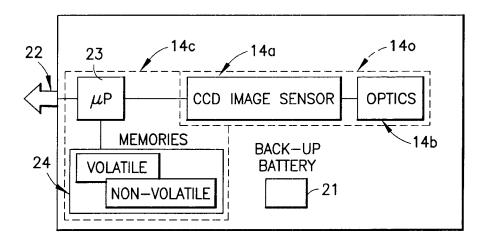
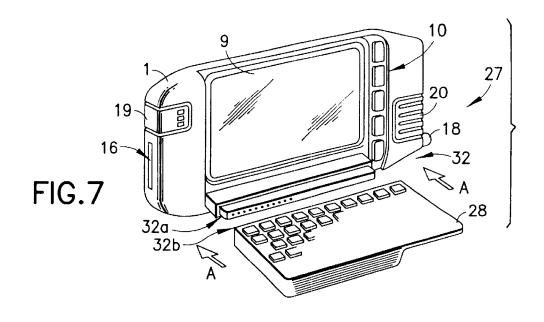
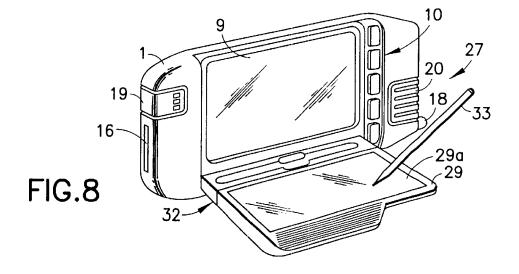


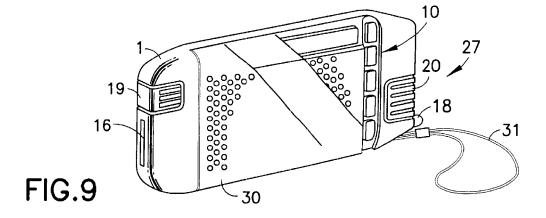
FIG.5 36 36 20 16 15a -15 19 NOKIA 34a 10 14a,14b 11 35a FIG.6





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DEVICE FOR PERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS, DATA COLLECTION AND DATA PROCESSING, AND A CIRCUIT **CARD**

This is a continuation of copending application Ser. No. 08/444,224 filed on May 18, 1995.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The object of the invention is a device according to the 10 introductory part of claim 1 for personal communication, data collection and data processing. The device consists of a small-sized housing comprising a data processing unit which contains a data processor with peripheral circuits and memory units, a display, a user interface, a number of 15 camera unit; peripheral device interfaces, a power source, preferably a battery, and application software.

Another object of the invention is a circuit card according to the introduction of claim 8 which can be fitted to the card slot arranged in connection with a device intended for 20 digitizer pad instead of the keyboard; and personal communication, data collection and processing, in particular.

Personal communication devices and/or mobile organisers, such as notebook computers and the like, known from before, are small, light-weight, portable and hand-held $\,^{25}$ or laptop workstations. A number of accessories and application programs which offer service functions can be installed in such personal devices, when necessary A such notebook computer is disclosed in international patent application WO-93/14458.

The notebook computer can be equipped with an electronic scanner by means of which both text and figures can be read into the memory of the computer. This helps to eliminate the drawbacks of small keyboards, in particular. Data required in many connections, such as contact information included in business cards, can be read into the memory of the computer. However, electronic scanners comprise fine-mechanical parts which wear and may cause small notebook computers are problematic.

The general purpose of this invention is to provide a new device for personal communication, data collection and processing which improves communication especially between a user and the device. A special purpose of the 45 invention is. to provide a device for personal communication, data collection and processing which makes it possible to collect data efficiently and to communicate with the environment. This is accomplished by the characclaims 1-7.

Another purpose of the Invention is to provide a new interface card which makes it possible to improve the data collection systems of small microcomputers, in particular. This is accomplished by the characteristic features of the 55 invention, disclosed in claim 8.

An advantage of the invention is that one and the same device, personal communications, data collection and processing comprises an easy-to-use data collection device, efficient data processing equipment (programs) and data 60 transmission equipment.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention is described in the following in more detail with reference to the appended drawings in which:

FIG. 1 shows a device according to the invention for reanal communication data collection and processing in

which the data collection device is implemented by means of an integrated camera unit;

FIG. 2 shows another device according to the invention for personal communication, data collection and processing, in which the data collection device is implemented by a camera unit arranged in a PCMCIA card;

FIG. 3 shows a device for personal communication, data collection and processing, in the form of a block diagram;

FIG. 4 shows a PCMCIA card, i.e., a PCMCIA camera card comprising a camera unit as an essential part thereof;

FIG. 5 shows a block diagram of the camera unit;

FIG. 6 shows a device according to the invention, whose display illustrates an example of an application related to the

FIG. 7 shows a device according to the invention for personal communication, data collection and processing, comprising a replaceable keyboard;

FIG. 8 shows a device according to FIG. 7, comprising a

FIG. 9 shows the device of FIG. 7 when closed.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE **INVENTION**

FIGS. 1 and 2 show two application examples of the device according to the invention for personal communication. data collection and processing. A block diagram of such device is shown in general form in FIG. 3. The device according to the invention is called a notebook computer in the following.

A notebook computer is a small, portable work station. The external dimensions of its housing 1 are preferably in the order of 170 mm×85 mm×30 mm (length×width×height) and the weight 1000 g at the most, preferably 800 g or less. The device is preferably arranged to operate by one or more batteries 3 (FIG. 3) which are fitted replaceably inside housing 1.

The notebook computer comprises data processing unit 2 problems. Especially paper feeding arrangements fitted in 40 (FIG. 3) which is preferably arranged on one semiconductor chip. Data processing unit 2 comprises processor 4 which is preferably a low power RISC processor. Data processing unit 2 further comprises input/output controller 5, display controller 6, memory controller 7 and cellular mobile phone controller 8. In addition, data processing unit 2 comprises connection buses and cables between different controllers and the data processor which are not separately shown in the block diagram of FIG. 3.

The notebook computer further comprises display 9 teristic features of the invention, disclosed in appended 50 which is arranged, in the application examples of FIGS. 1 and 2, fixedly in connection with housing 1 on large side 1athereof which is essentially of a rectangular shape. Display 9 is provided, for example, by a liquid crystal display, The resolution of which is at least 640×200 pixels² and the dimensions in the order of 130 mm×70 mm. Display 9 is connected to display controller 6.

> The notebook computer also comprises keyboard 10 and/or mouse/track ball 11 as a user interface. Keyboard 10 and track ball 11 in this application are arranged fixedly to the notebook computer in the vicinity of display 9. The notebook computer preferably comprises Infrared link 12 by means of which the connection with peripheral devices, such as a printer, another microcomputer or the like is provided. Keyboard 10, mouse/track ball 11 and infrared link 12 are connected to input/output controller 5, as shown in FIG. 3.

The notebook computer further comprises one or more nemory units 13. The memory unit can be implemented by



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