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(54) **SYSTEM FOR RECONFIGURING A PERIPHERAL DEVICE BY DOWNLOADING INFORMATION FROM A HOST AND ELECTRONICALLY SIMULATING A PHYSICAL DISCONNECTION AND RECONNECTION TO RECONFIGURE THE DEVICE**

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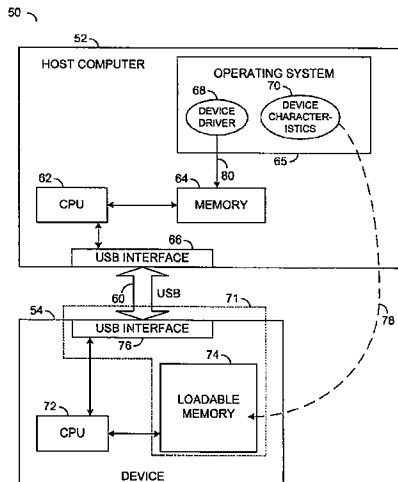
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A system and method for reconfiguring a peripheral device connected by a computer bus and port to a host from a first generic configuration to a second manufacturer specific configuration is provided in which the configuration of a peripheral device may be electronically reset. A peripheral interface device for a standardized computer peripheral device bus and port is also provided in which a physical disconnection and reconnection of the peripheral device is emulated to reconfigure the bus and port for a particular peripheral device.

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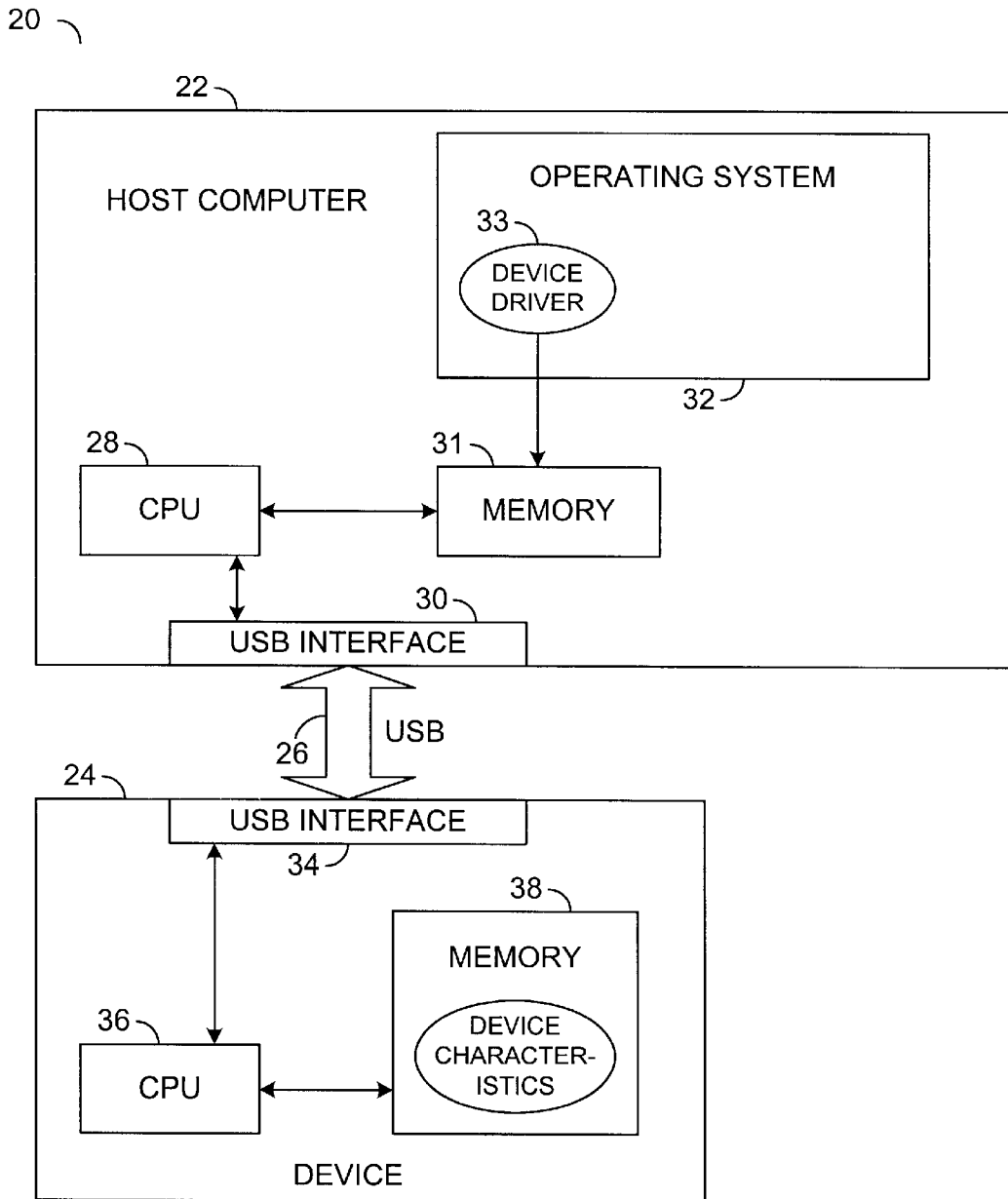


FIG. 1
(PRIOR ART)

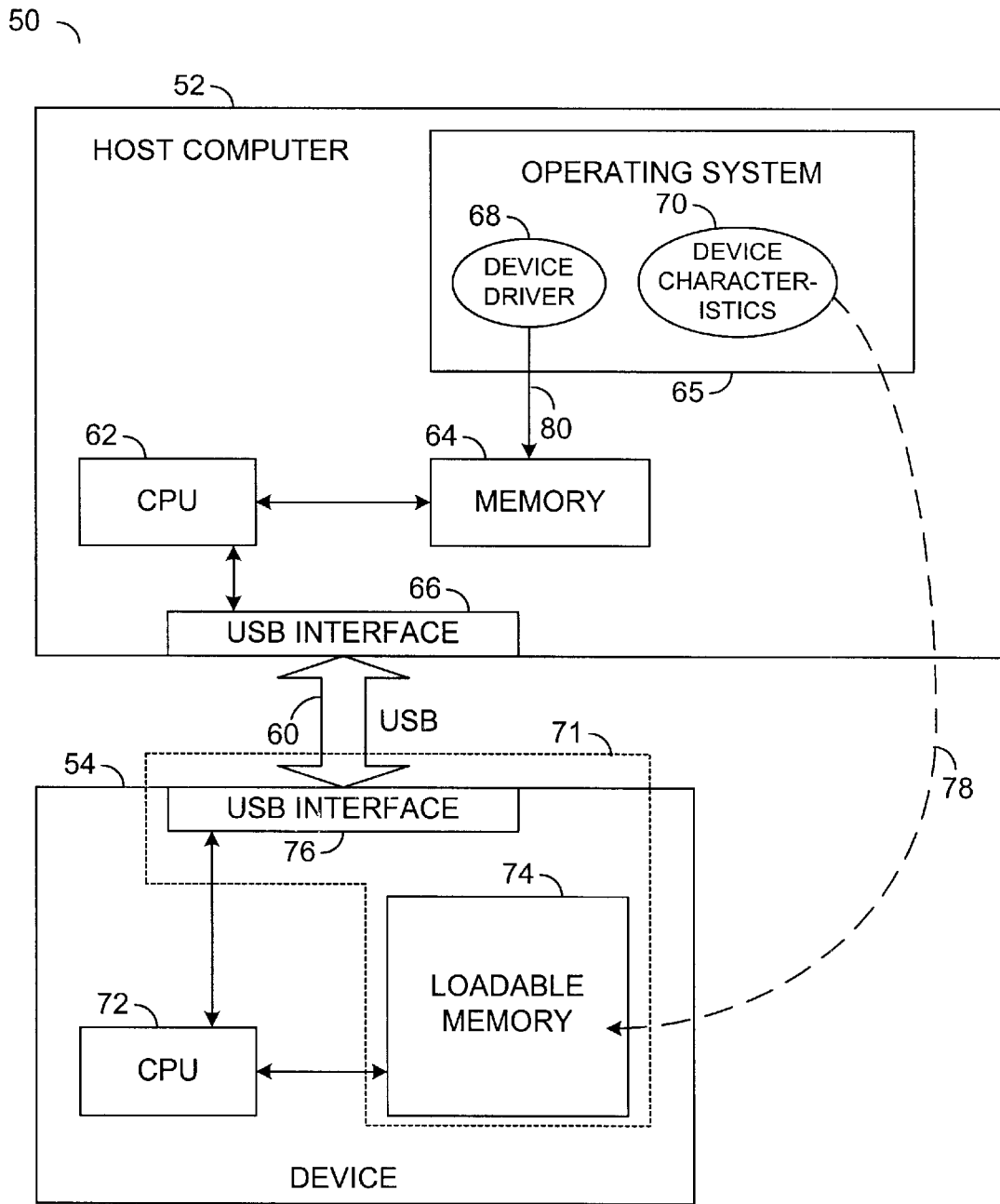


FIG. 2

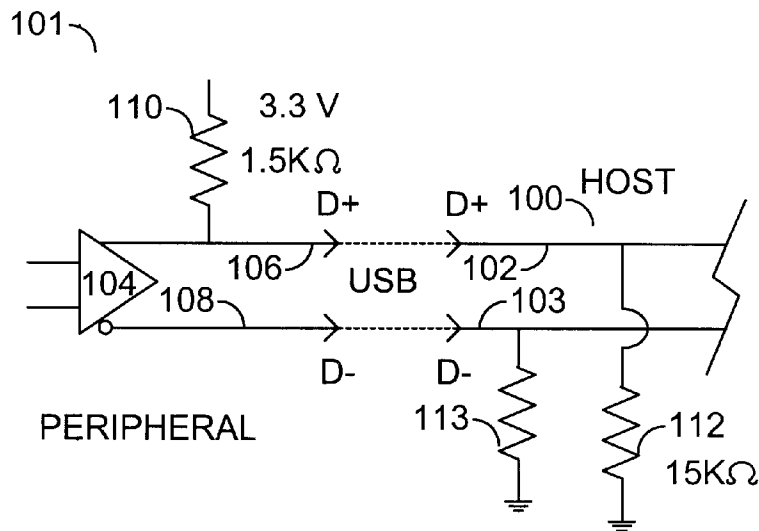


FIG. 3
(PRIOR ART)

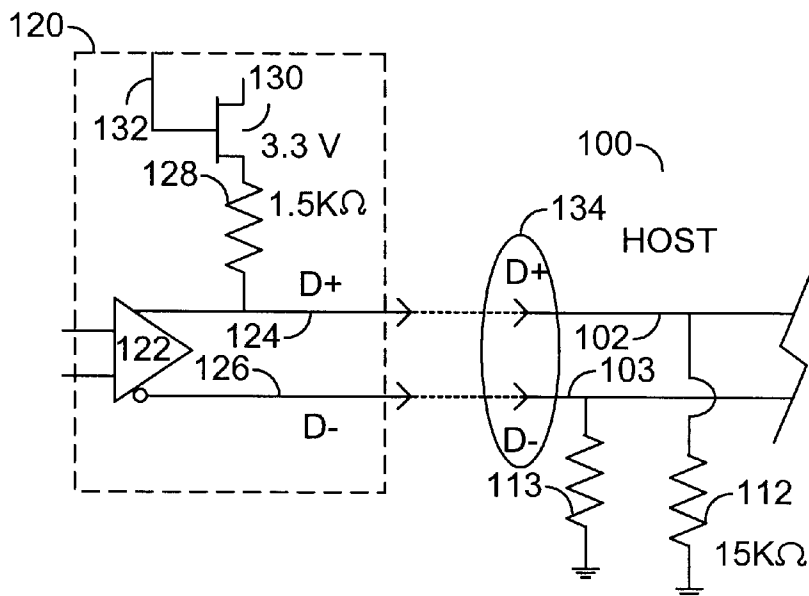


FIG. 4

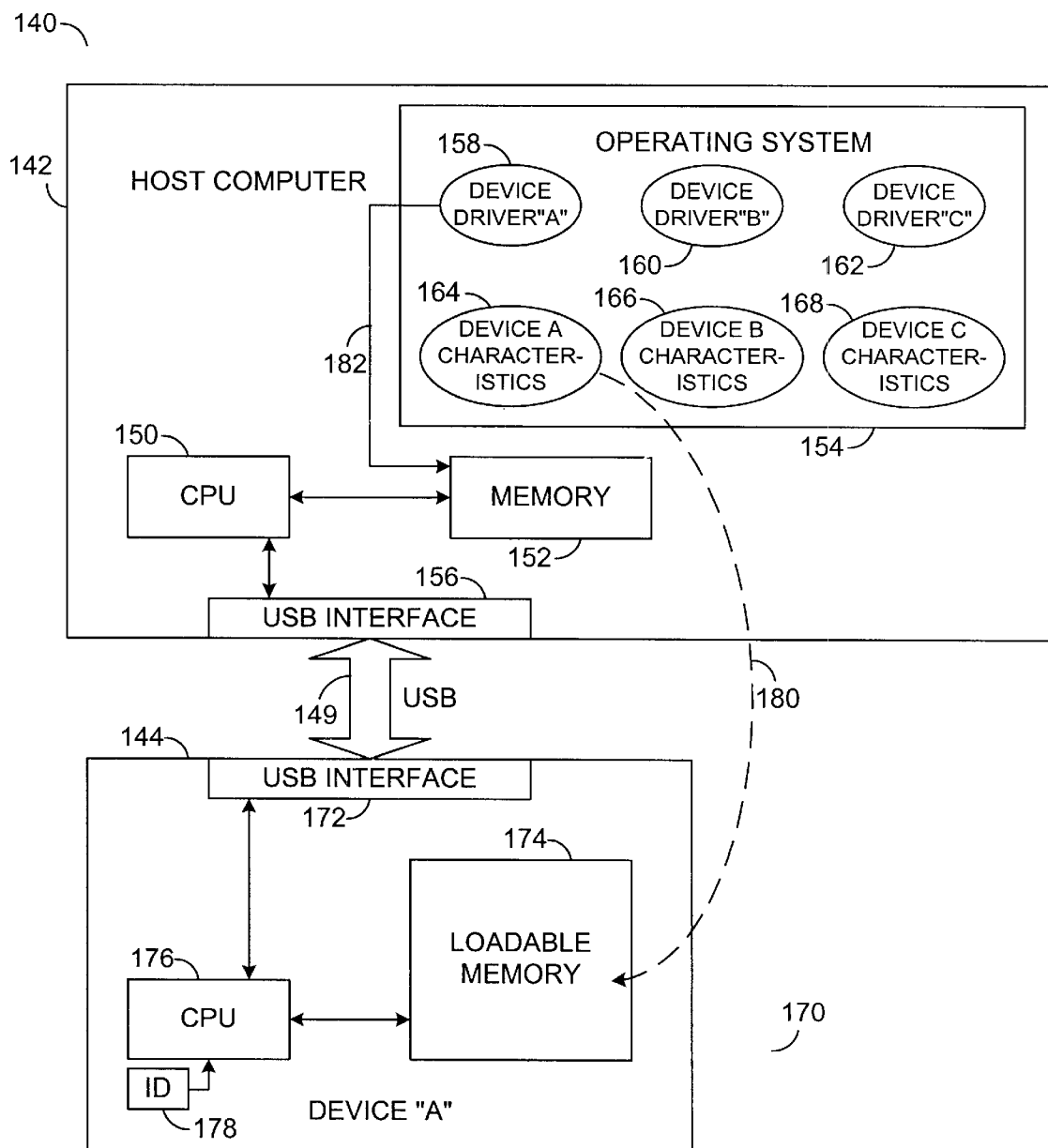


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