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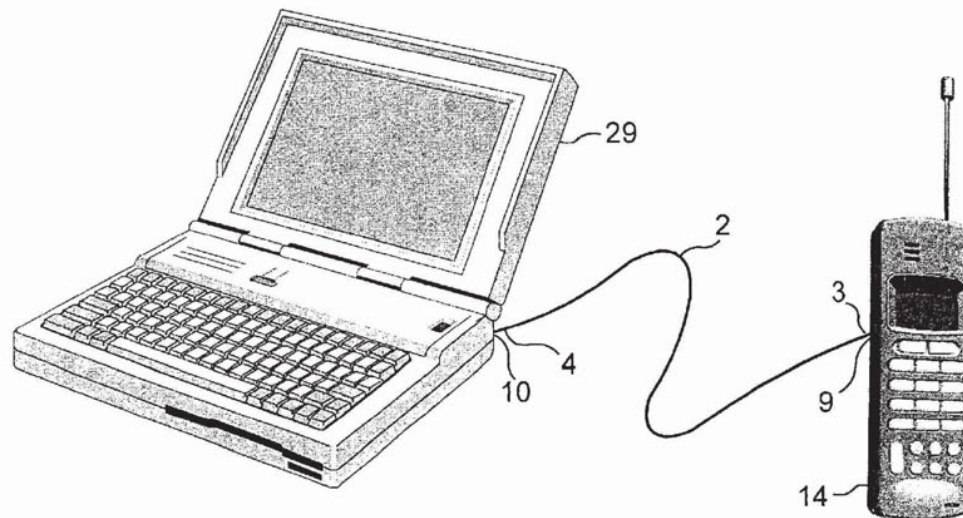
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A battery charging circuit is described in which power is derived from a communications port such as a USB interface (22) and is supplied to a rechargeable battery of a communications device. The communications device, which may be a mobile radio telephone, can be charged from the power supply or internal battery of a laptop computer equipped with a USB port and connected thereto with a suitable cable thereby avoiding the need for a user to carry a dedicated battery charger for the radio telephone.

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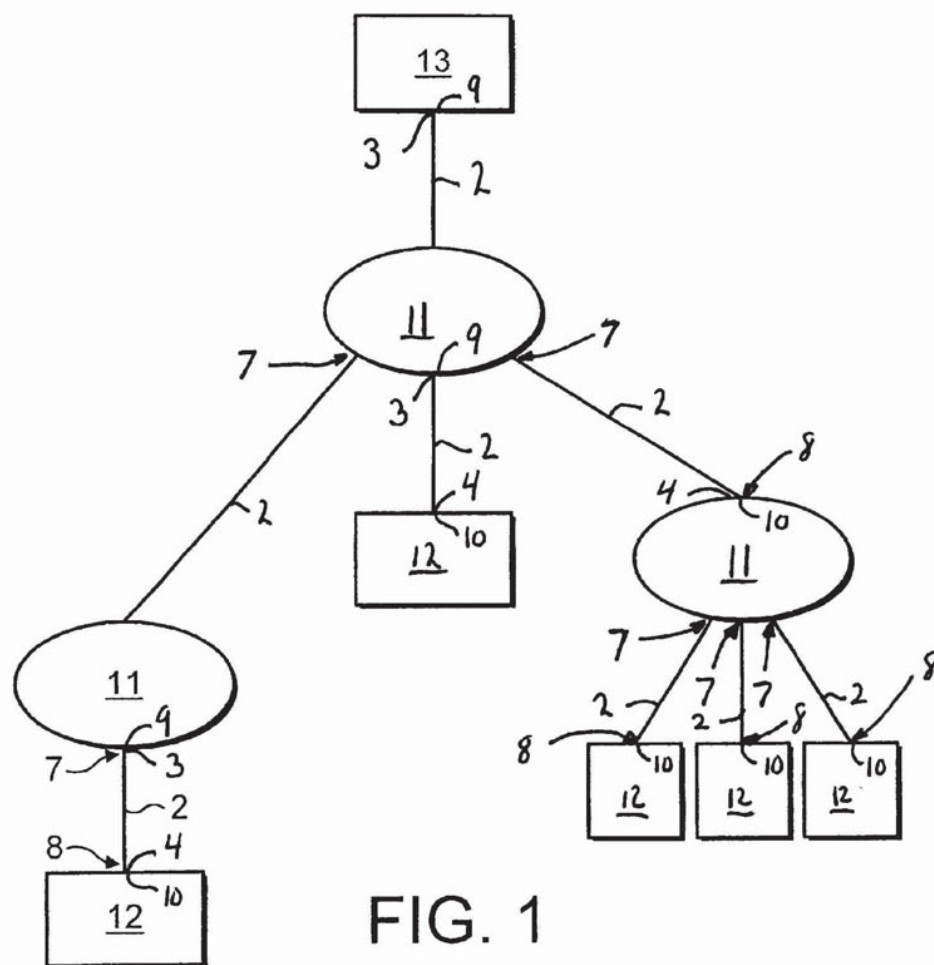


FIG. 1

(PRIOR ART)

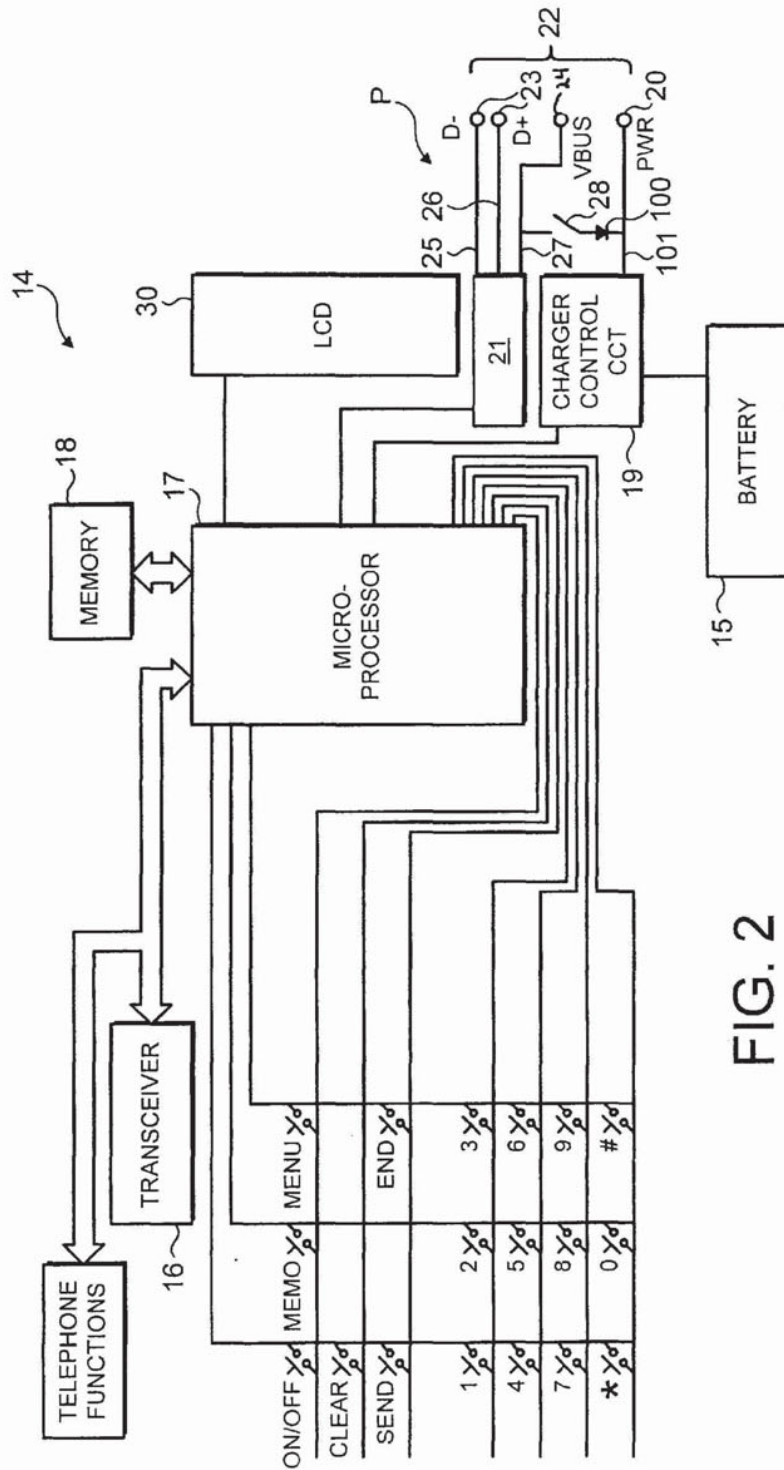


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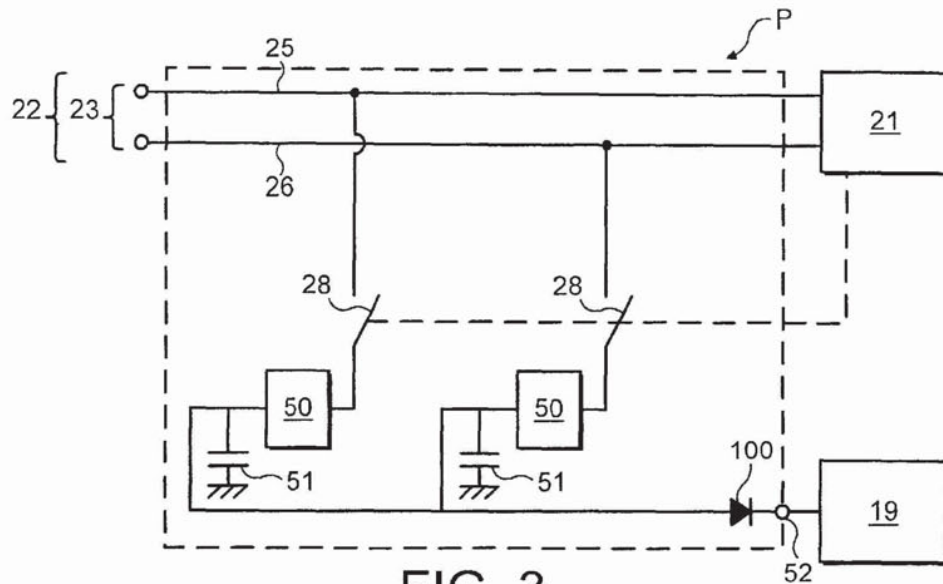


FIG. 3

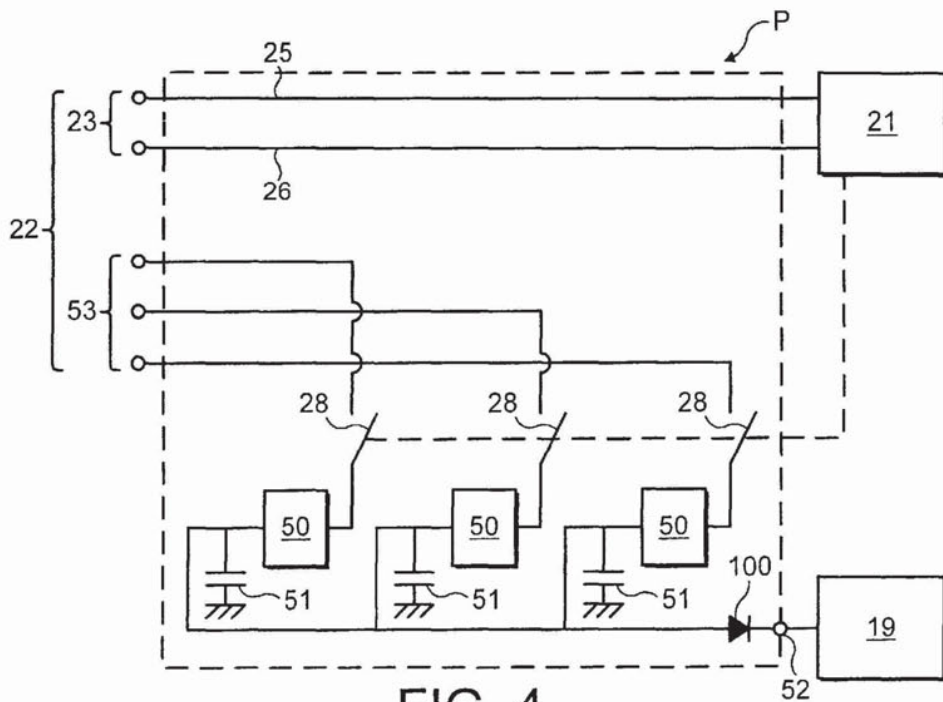


FIG. 4



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