

IMPROVEMENTS TO SELECTING TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A telephone (100) and method (200) for identifying a telephone number associated with a name stored in a phone book located in a memory (116) of the telephone (100). The telephone and method
10 provide for receiving a data sequence (220) input by actuation of keys on a keypad (106) , each of the keys providing for selecting a plurality of characters such that the data sequence corresponds to a plurality of possible character strings. Next, a step of searching (230) provides for searching the phone book to identify at least one phone book character
15 string that matches any of the possible character strings. Thereafter, a step of identifying (240) provides for identifying the telephone number associated with the name stored in the phone book that includes the phone book character string.

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FIG. 2 accompanies this abstract.