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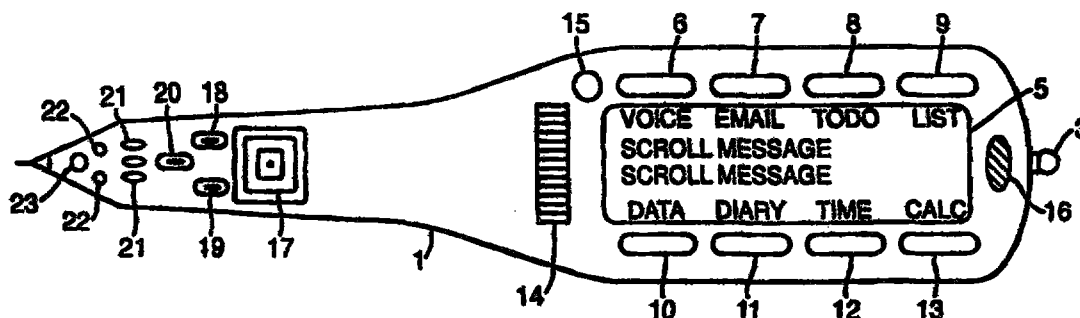
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(57) Abstract

A portable computer arranged to rest comfortably in the hand has a small display screen (5). Accelerometers capable of detecting movement of the pen with respect to gravity provide input to a microcontroller which selects from a number of viewing modes a response. The pen may be held in either hand and output message to the screen will be oriented according to the location of the pen. Full personal digital assistant functionality may be incorporated in a relatively small plastics casing and functions, such as calendar, contacts and the like may be incorporated.