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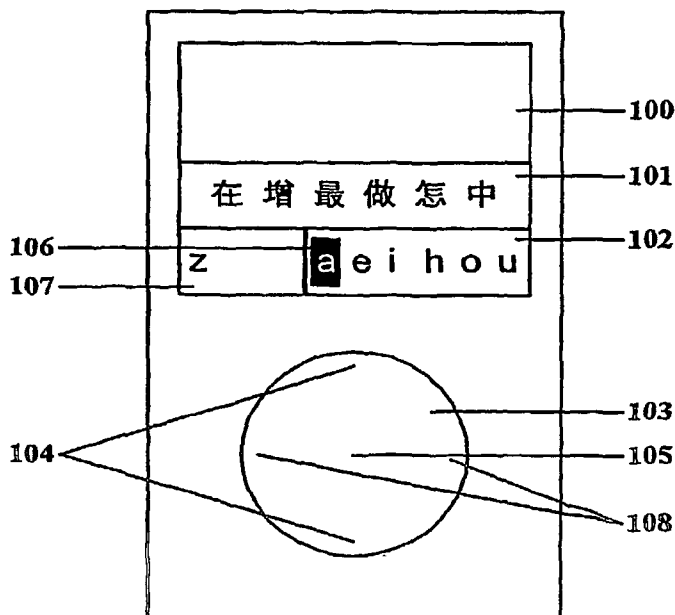
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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INPUTTING IDEOGRAPHIC CHARACTERS INTO HANDHELD DEVICES



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides an apparatus for inputting ideographic characters into a handheld device, characterized by comprising: a display including a first window for displaying ideographic characters and a second window for displaying symbols; a scrolling device for scrolling a cursor displayed either in said first window or in said second window; a first part that can be pressed, for switching, when said first part is pressed, said cursor from said second window into said first window; a second part that can be pressed, for selecting, when said second part is pressed, a symbol or an ideographic character where said cursor is displayed; and an ideographic character engine, for displaying in said second window symbols to be selected by said second part, displaying in said first window ideographic characters that are associated with a symbol string composed of all symbols that have been selected by said second part, and inputting into said handheld device

an ideographic character that has been selected by said second part. The apparatus of the present invention is a substitute for the keypad in handheld devices, used to input ideographic characters into handheld devices.

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