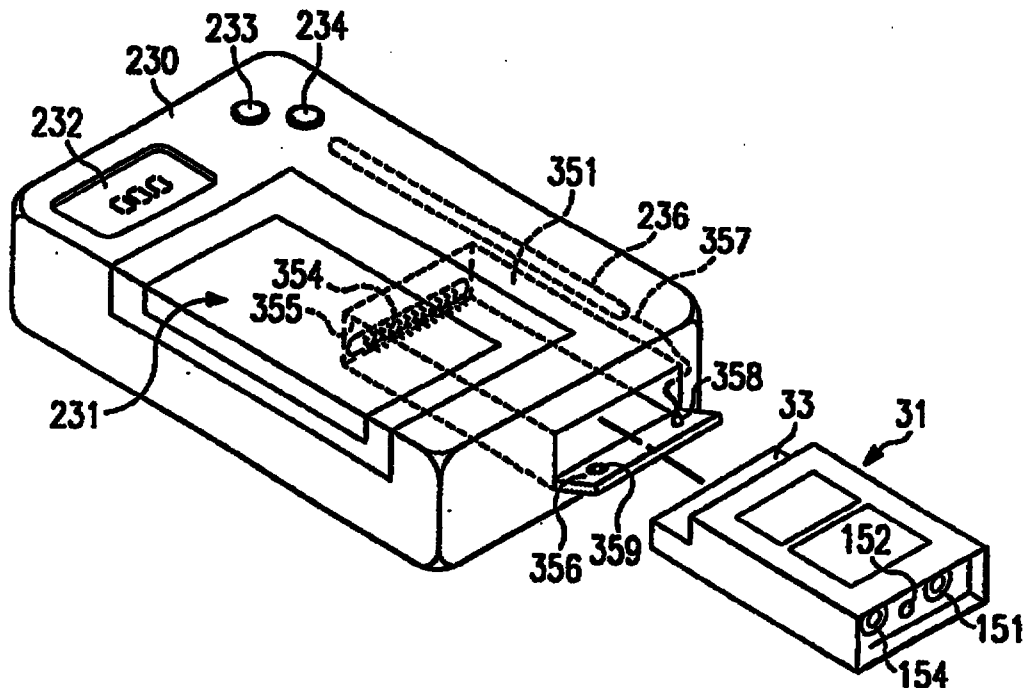


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A conventional utility meter (410) has numeric information supplied to a display (414). The utility meter (410) is modified by the addition of a module port (510) for a telecommunications module (31). The telecommunications module (31) receives the numeric information which is supplied to the display (414), and communicates that numeric information as data signals to one of the plurality of standardized wireless telephone networks.