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(57) A franking machine (20) is provided with memory (28) to store a plurality of slogans and means to select one of the slogans to be printed alongside a franking impression on a mail item. The franking machine is provided with printing means (26) to print destination addresses at the same time as printing the franking and slogan. A database (31) contains destination address records which include slogan selection signals whereby a slogan to be printed in respect of each destination address is automatically selected.

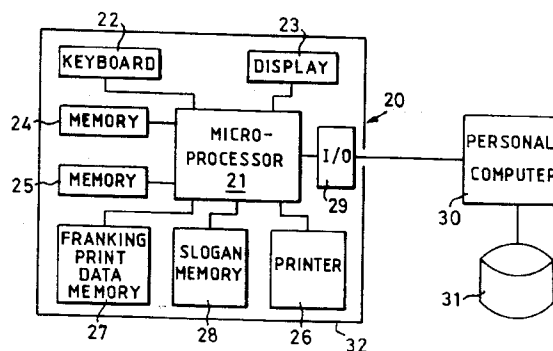


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