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(54) **Cash tray**

(57) The cash tray, according to the invention, is intended to put money, particularly coins, on it during commercial transactions and to present the advertising material placed on the monetary plate (2) of the cash tray.

The cash tray, according to the invention, is

equipped with the luminous system (3) comprising the light source (B) favourably formed by at least one LED diode connected with its poles to a microprocessor control system (A) powered by a current from the battery (D) and started by the piezoelectric transducer (C).

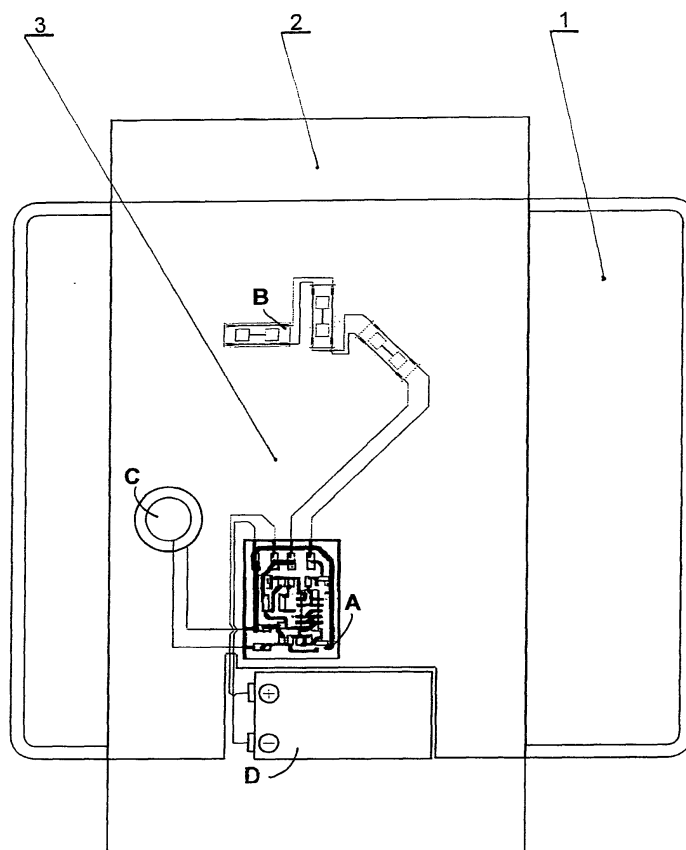


Fig. 1

Description

[0001] The subject of the invention is a cash tray, which is a device comprising the base and the monetary plate intended to put money, particularly coins, on it during commercial transactions and to present the advertising material placed on the monetary plate.

[0002] A characteristic feature of the cash tray known from the Polish P-378861 patent specification is that the front part of the cash tray is composed of two concave plates: the lower and upper ones, fixed to the recess in the cash tray base, and there is a free, flat space between the lower and the upper plate of the cash tray front part designed to put a replaceable advertising material in it.

[0003] The cash trays known and used so far do not expose in a sufficiently distinct manner the advertising material put on the monetary plate or sufficiently attract the customers' attraction and interest in the advertising material placed on the cash tray monetary plate.

[0004] A characteristic feature of the cash tray, according to the invention, comprising the base and the monetary plate, is that the cash tray base is equipped with a luminous system comprising the light source favourably formed by at least one LED diode connected with its poles to a microprocessor control system powered by a current from the battery and started by a piezoelectric transducer. The light source in the luminous system can illuminate in a continuous or pulsing mode. The pre-programmed illumination mode and time is controlled via the microprocessor control system. The light source formed by LED diodes in the luminous system makes up an advantageous diode segment of a closed loop.

[0005] The cash tray, according to the invention, is distinguished with its simple construction; it is composed of a small number of elements and it is reliable and cheap in operation. Thanks to the application of the luminous system in the cash tray, the advertising material placed on the monetary plate becomes more distinct and visible for the buyer. It brings an effect intended for the cash tray, according to the invention, in the form of the buyer's interest in the advertising material placed on the monetary plate.

[0006] The subject of the invention is shown in the Figure, where:

Figure 1 shows the cash tray with the luminous system installed inside it, top view.

Figure 2 shows the cash tray with the luminous system installed inside it, perspective view.

[0007] The cash tray, according to the invention, shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2, comprises the base 1, the monetary plate 2 and the luminous system 3 installed in the base 1 of the cash tray. The luminous system 3 of the cash tray is equipped with the light source B formed by several LED diodes connected by their poles to the microprocessor control system A, which is powered by a current from the battery D and started by the piezoelectric

transducer C. The LED diodes forming the light source B are interconnected by their poles in such a manner that they make up a diode segment of a closed loop. The function of the piezoelectric transducer C in the luminous system 3 of the cash tray, according to the invention, is to switch on and activate the microprocessor control system A, which controls the current from the battery D that results in the illumination of the light source B formed by LED diodes for a specified period of time in a continuous or pulsing manner, depending on the illumination mode and time pre-programmed in the microprocessor control system A. As soon as the illumination algorithm pre-programmed for the luminous system 3 is completed, the LED diodes go off and the microprocessor luminous system 3 is activated by the piezoelectric transducer C only after it receives another impulse from a coin dropped on the monetary plate 2.

[0008] The result of the installation of the luminous system 3 in the base 1 of the cash tray, according to the invention, is that each time the monetary plate 2 is hit by a coin dropping on the plate, the piezoelectric transducer C is activated by the activation of the microprocessor control system A, which results in the illumination of the light source B formed by LED diodes in a specified manner and for a specified period of time. The illumination mode and time of the light source B formed by LED diodes is pre-programmed, for instance, in the microprocessor control system A, for the illumination time in two ways: for 4 seconds as a continuous light and for 4 seconds as a pulsing light. The illumination of the light source B formed by LED diodes has such an effect that the advertising material placed on the monetary plate 2 attracts the customers' attention and interest in the advertising material, which is more visible for the customers.

Claims

1. A characteristic feature of the cash tray, according to the invention, comprising the base and the monetary plate, is that the cash tray base (1) is equipped with the luminous system (3) comprising the light source (B) favourably formed by at least one LED diode connected with its poles to the microprocessor control system (A) powered by a current from the battery (D) and started by the piezoelectric transducer (C).
2. A characteristic feature of the cash tray, according to claim 1, is that the light source (B) can illuminate in a continuous or pulsing way. The pre-programmed illumination mode and time is controlled via the microprocessor control system (A).
3. A characteristic feature of the cash tray, according to claim 1, is that the light source (B) formed by LED diodes in the luminous system (3) makes up an advantageous diode segment of a closed loop.

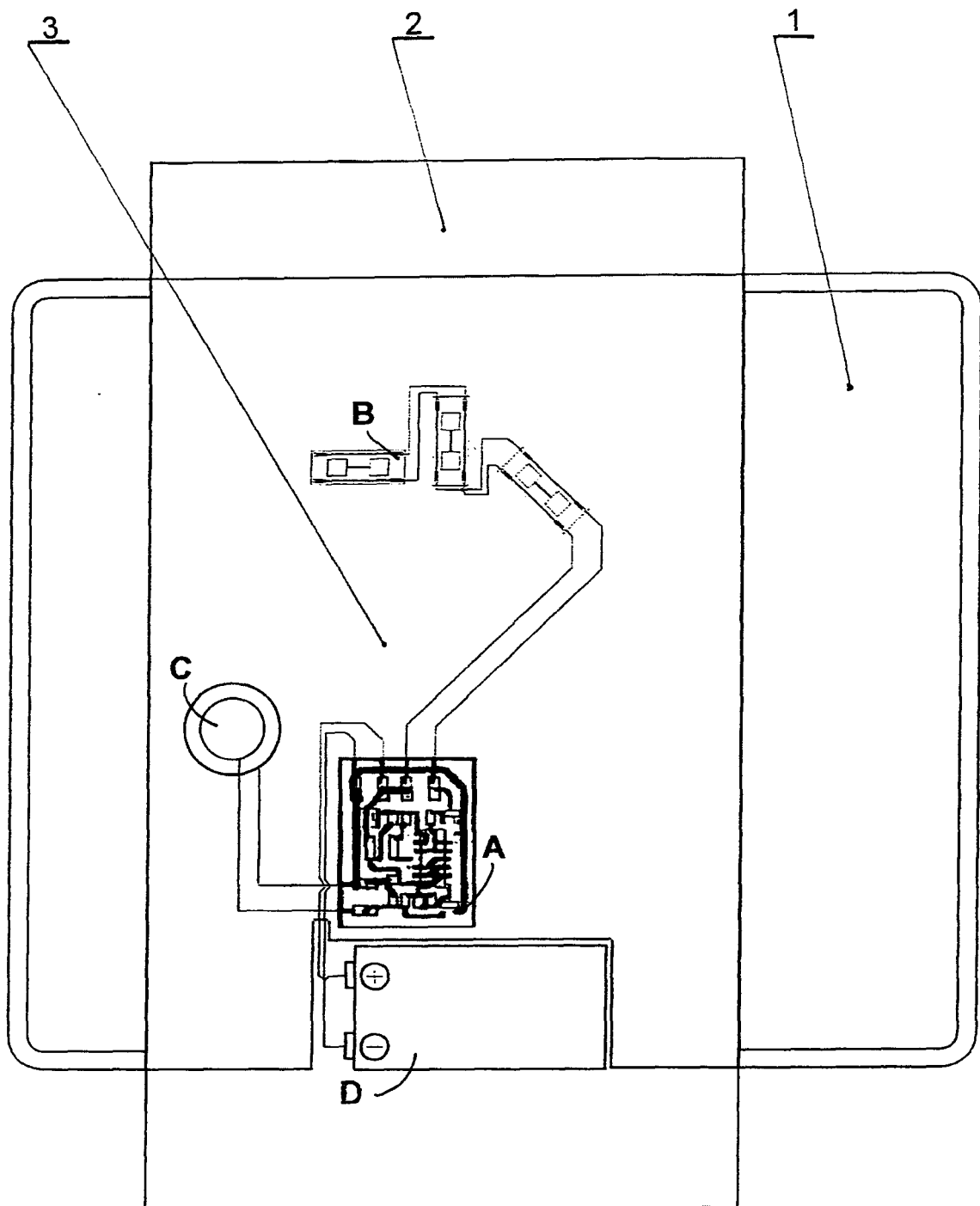


Fig. 1

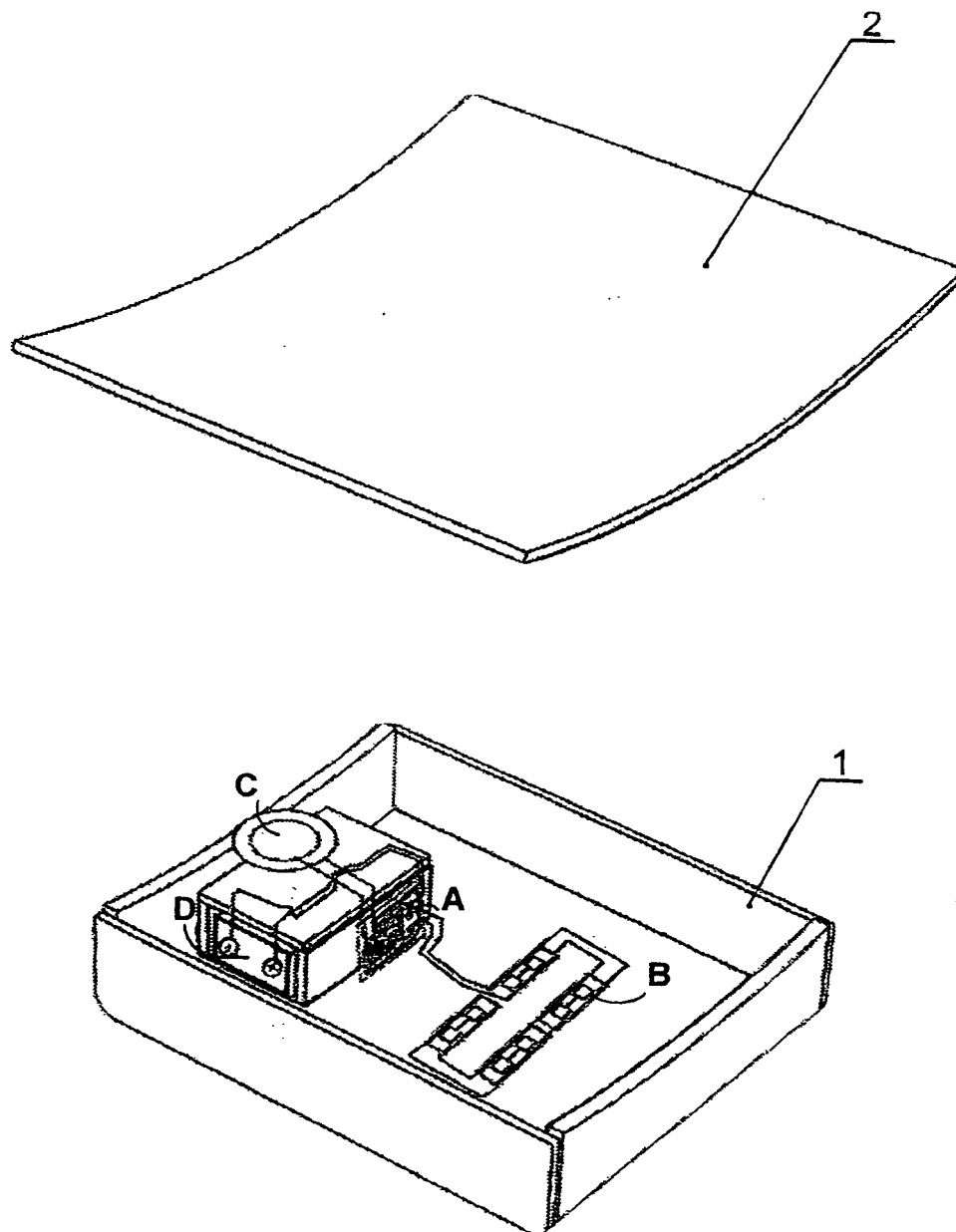


Fig. 2



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