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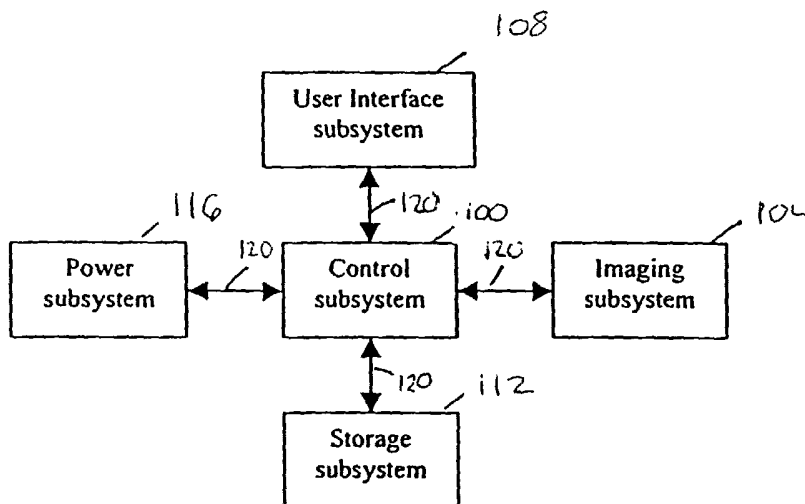
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(57) Abstract: A compact digital camera including a control subsystem, which itself includes a microprocessor, and an imaging subsystem and a power management subsystem, each in communication with the control subsystem. The imaging subsystem includes a retractable and extendable lens holder including a lens mount adapted to hold a lens assembly, a camera body surface and a biasing component positioned between the lens mount and the camera body surface. The biasing component is configured to move the lens assembly from a stored position to an operating position. The power management subsystem includes power selection-isolation circuitry, battery charging circuitry in communication with the power selection-isolation circuitry and power arbitration circuitry.

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Digital camera defined by electronic components

2. Claims: 19-22

Camera body

3. Claims: 23-24

Rechargeable camera power source

4. Claims: 25-34

Retractable and extendable lens holder

5. Claims: 35-37

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