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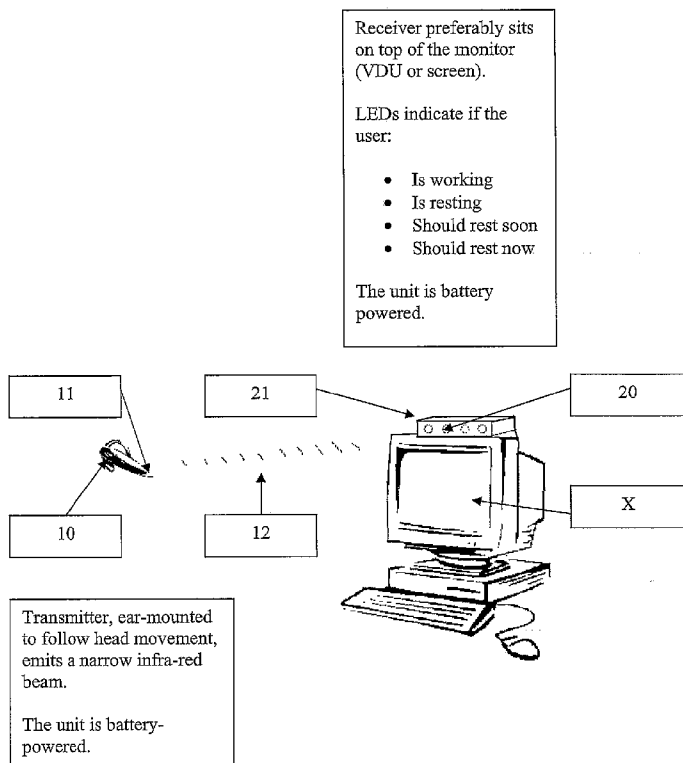
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TRANSMITTER & RECEIVER



(Apparatus 1)

(57) Abstract: a) a component for fitment to the head of the user - said head component having a transmitter to transmit a signal in the direction in which the user is looking, and b) a receiver component adapted to be placed adjacent to the user's computer screen - said receiver component receiving signals from the head component only when the user is looking at the screen, and said receiver component generating a warning signal when the user has been looking at the screen for more than a predetermined period of time. The apparatus of the invention may have applications for preventing visual impairment in other situations e.g. people who need to read for long periods of time, children playing computer games (where a game could be programmed to suspend or save for later resumption), or simply watching TV, etc.

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