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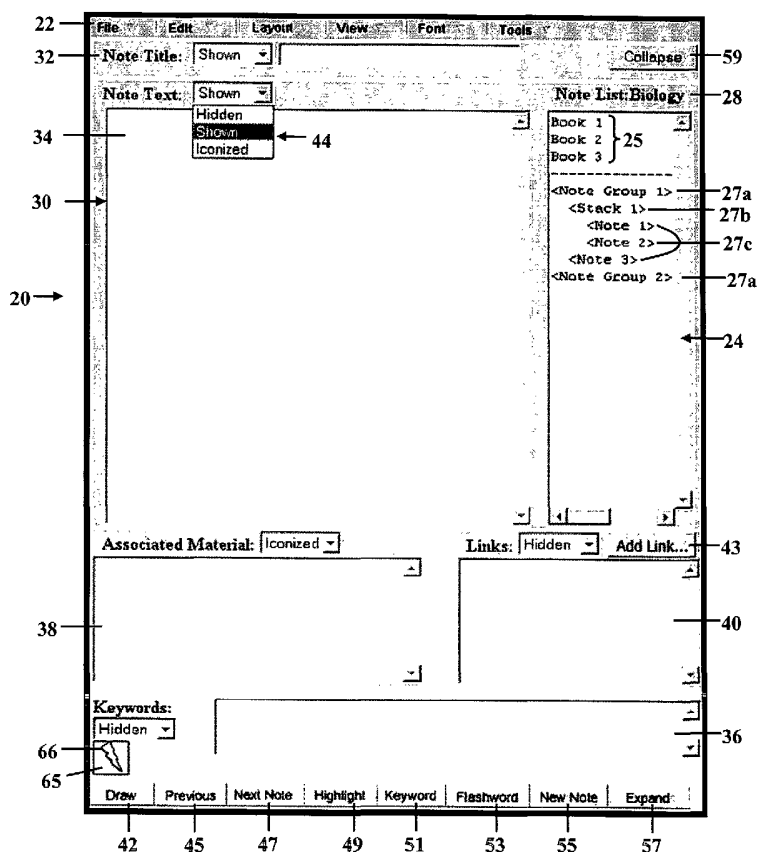
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(57) Abstract: A note taking program is provided which allows a user to take notes on an electronic note card (30) from content being read. The note card includes a list of keywords, a list of links to related material, and a field of associated material in addition to a note text field. The note cards are contained in groups, and each group of note cards can contain note card stacks. The program allows for searching of the note cards and displaying of the note cards in various different formats to facilitate review and organization of the note cards. Additionally, note cards can be enabled to be viewed as flashcards.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,806,079 A (Rivette et al.), 08 September 1998, col. 11, line 10 - - col. 16, line 11, col. 24, lines 48-64, figures 7B, 9, 10.	1-9, 21-22
A	US 6,154,757 A (Krause et al), 28 November 2000	10-26
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☒ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING

This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

Group I, claim(s) 1-9 and 21-22, drawn to a method of generating note cards by inputting data into a blank note card having text field, link field, keyword field, and associated material field.

Group II, claim(s) 10-15, drawn to a method of generating and reviewing flashcard by selecting words in a note card as flashword displaying the flashcard with the flashword highlighted or blanked out.

Group III, claim(s) 16-20 and 23-26, drawn to a method for organizing data of note cards into a matrix format by using search terms identified in the note cards.

The inventions listed as Groups I, II, and III do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the method for generating the notecards by entering data into specific data field as recited in group I is not related to the method of generating of flashcard recited in Group II, or the the organizing note cards in matrix cell recited in Group III, or vice versa. A different search is required for each of the Groups.