

[0233] FIG. 18B is a perspective view of the diced battery cell and LED after it has been formed into a lighting device in which the sheet 1600 in which the battery is deposited becomes an outer case. The LED can be activated by enabling the switch 1604. By enabling the switch 1604, the LED can be turned on. The sheet 1600 acts as an outer case of the lighting device formed 1620.

[0234] FIGS. 18C and 18D show another embodiment of the invention for a lighting device. In this particular embodiment, again a strip 1600 is provided with a switch 1602 and an LED 1604. In this particular embodiment, the LED is positioned so that it extends beyond the length of the sheet 1600. In this particular embodiment, the sheet 1600 is rolled along its longer dimension around the LED 1604 to form an elongated case having the LED 1604 at one end of the case and a switch 1602 at the other end of the case. This forms a light emitting diode light 1630 in which the dice sheet 1600 is part of the case.

[0235] FIGS. 19A, 19B and 19C, in some instances, is necessary to keep the battery portions 1110 and 1110' of a power source or energy source flat and not curved when it is formed.

[0236] FIG. 19A shows a sheet 1300 which includes a plurality of individual cells such as 1110 and 1110' which are an elongated strips and include fold lines, such as 1710. FIG. 19B is a plan view of a diced strip 1700 including a plurality of battery cells 1110, 1110' and 1110". It should be noted that the battery cells 1110", which are located near one end of the strip 1700, are smaller than the battery cells formed at the other end of the strip 1700. For example, battery cell 1110" has a very thin width while the battery cell 1110 is roughly more rectangularly shaped. The strip 1700 is folded successively along fold lines 1710 to form a box of cells, as shown in FIG. 19C. The smaller cells 1110" are in the inside or inner core of the box while the larger cells 1110 form the outer sides of the box. Each of the cells 1110, 1110' and 1110" and the cells in between those particular cells are placed in series with one another. The end result is a cubically formed battery cell 1720, as shown in FIG. 19C.

[0237] FIG. 20 is a cutaway side view of an enclosure portion that includes a sheet having a plurality of battery cells. It should be noted that we have discussed thus far that a sheet of battery cells, such as the one shown in FIG. 15H, can either be placed on the outside surface of an enclosure or on the inside surface of an enclosure or it can be formed or deposited upon an inside or outside surface of the enclosure. FIG. 20 shows that an enclosure portion 1800 having an interior surface 1801 and an exterior surface 1802 can be injection molded around a battery formed on a sheet. The battery could be a single battery, as is shown in FIG. 15B, or it could be a multi-celled battery, as shown in FIG. 15H. In other words, a sheet 1820 including one or more, or at least one battery cell 1110 formed by the above methods, could be held within a mold and a suitable plastic could be injection molded about or around the battery cell 1820. The mold could also include pins that electrically connect the battery 1820 to the interior surface 1801 of the enclosure portion 1800. The pins are shown by reference numerals 1821 and 1822.

[0238] FIG. 21A is a flow chart that depicts a process for recycling device enclosure portions or for recycling batteries 1110 or battery cells 1110. Because the battery cell 1110 and

batteries made from a number of these battery cells 1110 can be recharged many, many times, it is contemplated that any electronics associated with this circuit may become obsolete over time and, therefore, a method of recycling the batteries is also part of this invention.

[0239] The first step, depicted by reference numeral 1900, is to determine if the electronics within a circuit are obsolete. Electronics are typically obsolete due to technology advances in the electronics, which may occur over a number of years. If the electronics are obsolete, then the battery 1110 or series of cells 1110 may be removed from a device cover or enclosure portion, as depicted by reference numeral 1910. The next step is to replace the old electrical components with new electrical components, as depicted by reference numeral 1920. This first process is useful for enclosure portions where the battery or number of cells 1110 cannot be easily removed from the enclosure portion.

[0240] A second process is shown in FIG. 21B. The second process shown in FIG. 19B is useful for devices in which the battery 1110 may be removed easily from the enclosure portion. As before, the first step, depicted by reference numeral 1930, is to determine if the electronics are obsolete. If they are, the battery 1110 is merely removed from the case for the enclosure portion and recycled for use in another enclosure portion having a similar contour, as depicted by reference numeral 1950.

[0241] In some embodiments, multiple cells are stacked in the original device, the manufacture method would include connection tabs that are coupled together to form the appropriate cell capacity and voltage for some particular electronic device. Upon reaching the end of the device's life, such battery stacks could have the tabs clipped or otherwise disconnected from each other so that the battery stack could be disassembled and re-assembled in a different capacity/voltage configuration.

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[0242] FIG. 22A shows a schematic circuit of an embodiment of a device 2200 having an integrated battery 2320 and circuit 2330 sharing a common terminal 2318. In other embodiments, more than one terminal is common between battery 2320 and circuit 2330, for example, when battery 2320 includes a stack having plurality of series-connected cells, and circuit 2330 connects to two or more different taps in the cell stack (e.g., if each cell of a two-cell stack provided an open-circuit potential of 3.6 volts, circuit 2330 could connect to the top of the cell stack for a portion of its circuitry needing 7.2 volts, and also to a center tap of the cell stack for a portion of its circuitry needing 3.6 volts, or a split voltage battery supply could be wired to provide a ground connection at the center tap and plus and minus 3.6 volts at the top and bottom of the stack). Common terminal 2318 connects battery 2320 to circuit 2330, and optionally can be brought out as a connection to other components. In some embodiments, common terminal connects the cathode of battery 2320 to circuit 2330; in other embodiments, terminal 2318 connects the anode of battery 2320 to circuit 2320 as shown in FIG. 22A. In some embodiments, circuit 2330 includes one or more conductors 2317 that are used to connect to other components and/or to the other connections