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(54) GAMING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF GAMING INCLUDING INTERACTIVE GAMING SYMBOLS FOR PRODUCING DIFFERENT OUTCOMES

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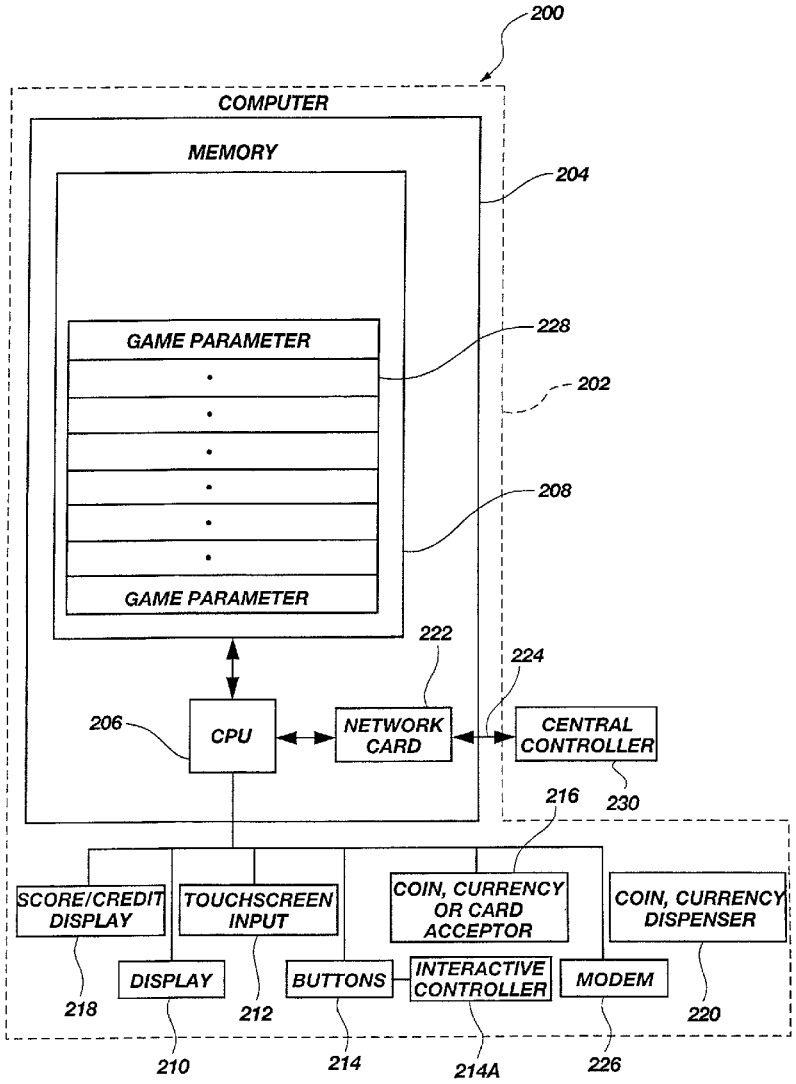
A gaming method and apparatus including at least one interactive gaming symbol. The interactive gaming symbol may operate either at random, or upon the initiation and direction of a player to perceptibly interact with and transform a gaming symbol into a randomly selected new symbol or an indication of an award. A newly transformed symbol may alter the outcome of the game depending on its position with respect to one or more paylines and depending on the newly resultant combination of symbols associated with such paylines. A gaming device incorporating the use of an interactive gaming symbol may also include an interactive controller to control the orientation, movement and actions of the interactive gaming symbol.