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(54) **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT AND SYNCHRONOUS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WITH MENU GENERATION**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

An information management and synchronous communications system and method facilitates database equilibrium and synchronization with wired, wireless and Web-based systems, user-friendly and efficient generation of computerized menus and reservations for restaurants and other applications that utilize equipment with nonstandard graphical formats, display sizes and/or applications for use in remote data entry, information management and communication with host computer, digital input device or remote pager via standard hardwired connection, the internet, a wireless link or the like.

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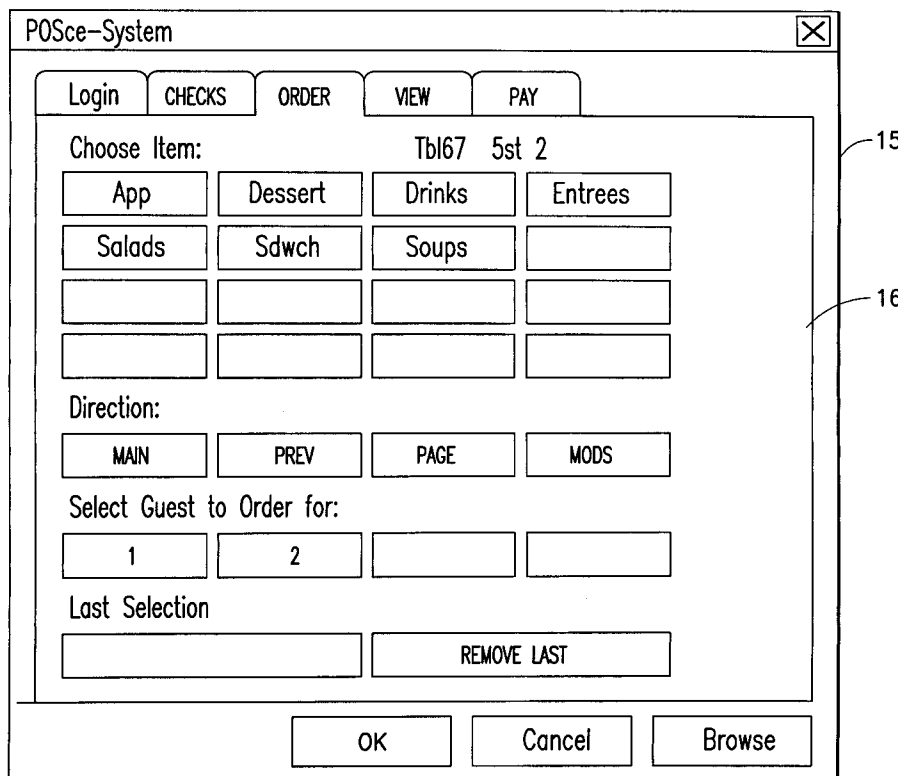
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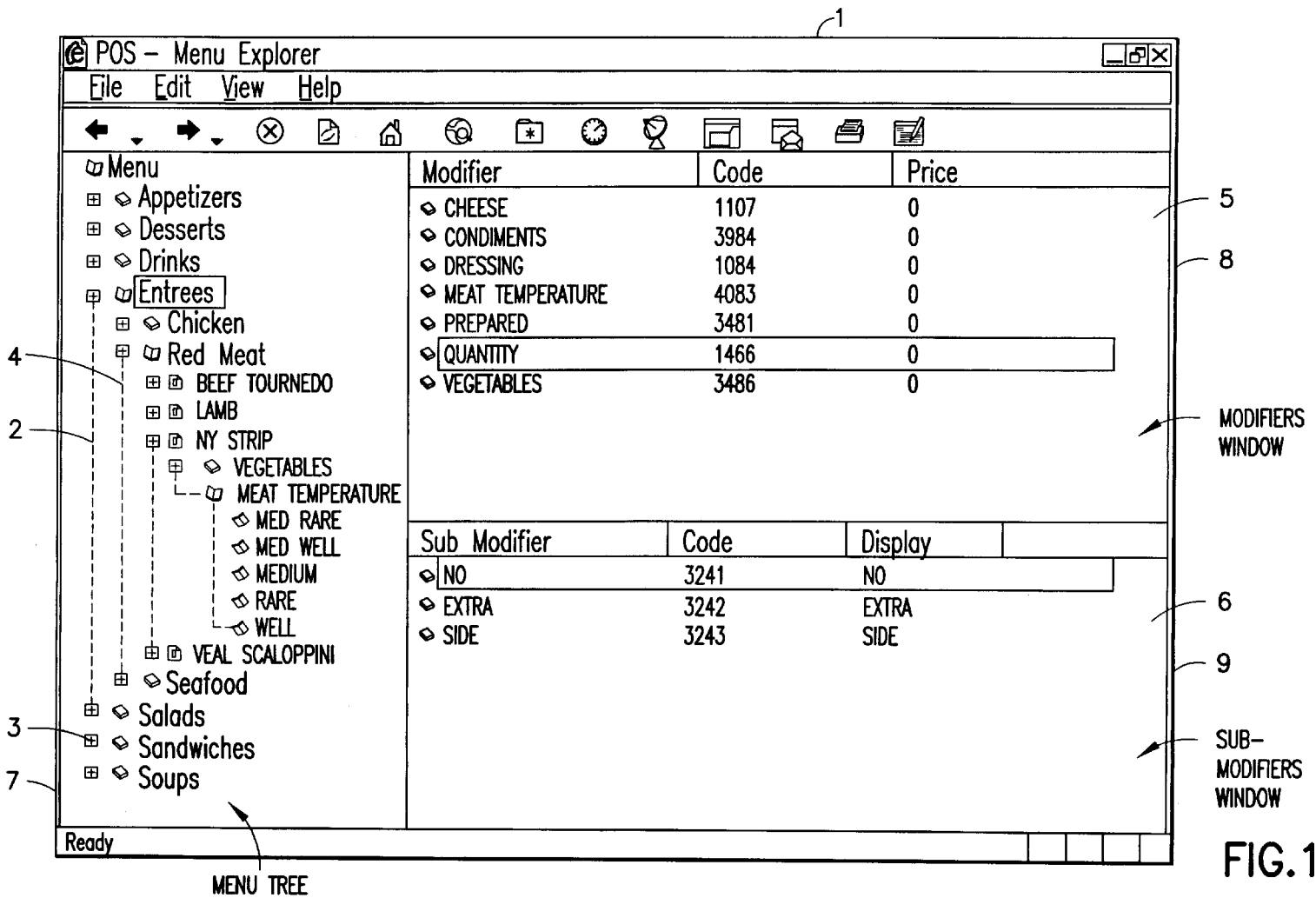
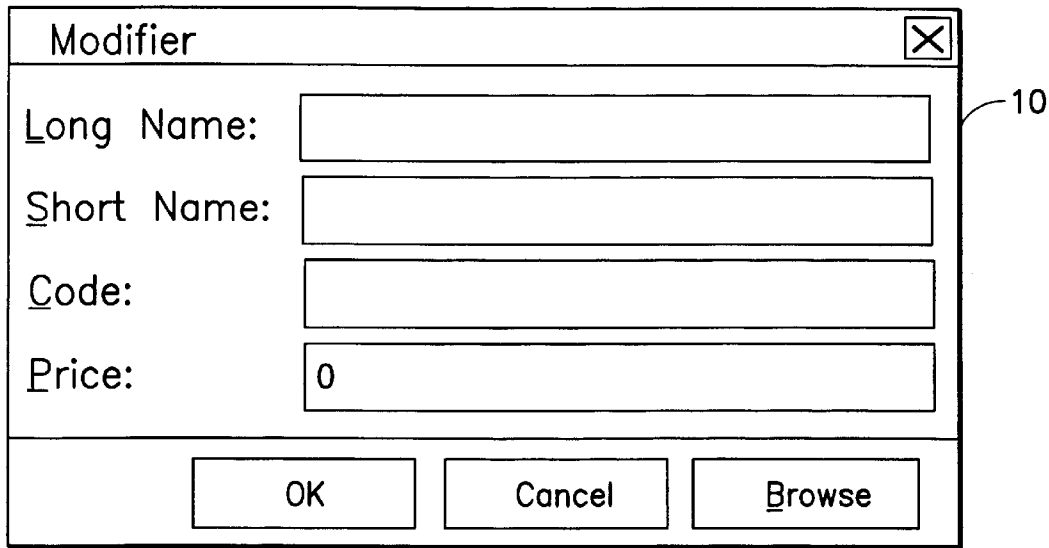
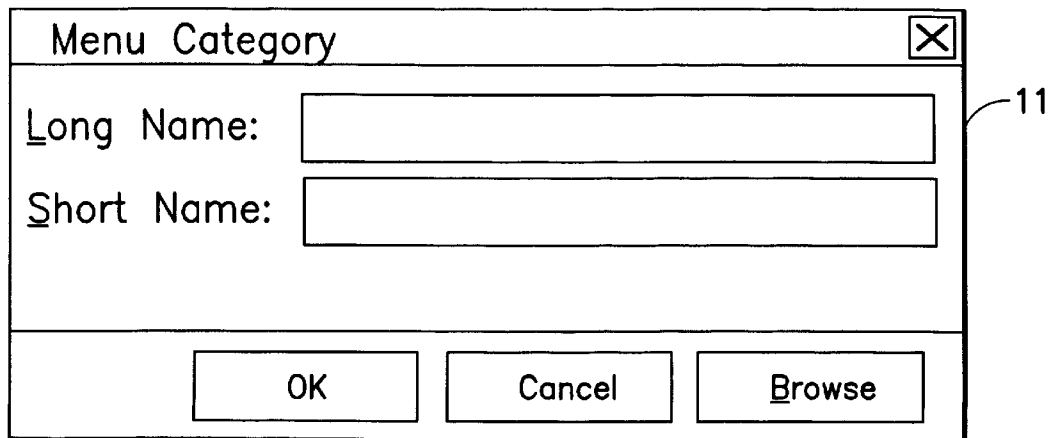


FIG. 1



A dialog box titled "Modifier" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains four input fields: "Long Name:", "Short Name:", "Code:", and "Price:". The "Price:" field contains the number "0". At the bottom, there are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Browse". A reference numeral "10" is positioned to the right of the dialog box.

FIG.2



A dialog box titled "Menu Category" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains two input fields: "Long Name:" and "Short Name:". At the bottom, there are three buttons: "OK", "Cancel", and "Browse". A reference numeral "11" is positioned to the right of the dialog box.

FIG.3

The image shows a software dialog box titled "Menu Item" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog contains several input fields and a text area. A callout line labeled "12" points to the right side of the dialog box.

<u>L</u> ong Name:	<u>C</u> ode:	
Chicken Alaska	5612	
<u>S</u> hort Name:	<u>P</u> rice:	<u>P</u> rep. <u>T</u> ime:
ChxAls	12.95	12
<u>R</u> ecipe		
Flame broiled brandy marinated Tender Chicken Breast topped with a creamy cilantro sauce. Served with steamed broccoli, carrots and zucchini. Spices include lemon pepper, paprika, ginger.!		
OK	Cancel	<u>B</u> rowse

FIG. 4

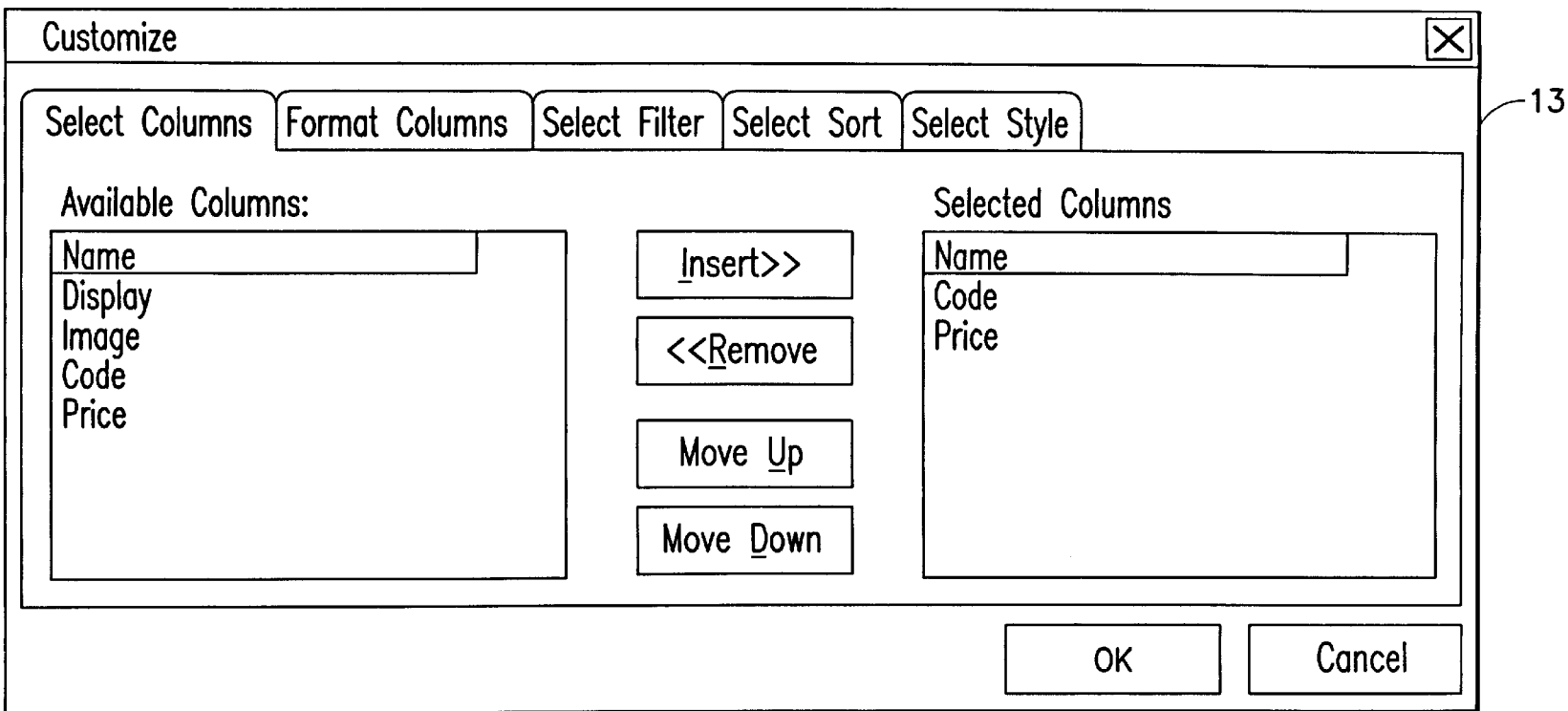


FIG. 5

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