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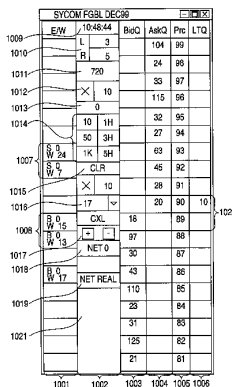
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and system for reducing the time it takes for a trader to place a trade when electronically trading on an exchange, thus increasing the likelihood that the trader will have orders filled at desirable prices and quantities. The "Mercury" display and trading method of the present invention ensure fast and accurate execution of trades by displaying market depth on a vertical or horizontal plane, which fluctuates logically up or down, left or right across the plane as the market prices fluctuates. This allows the trader to trade quickly and efficiently.

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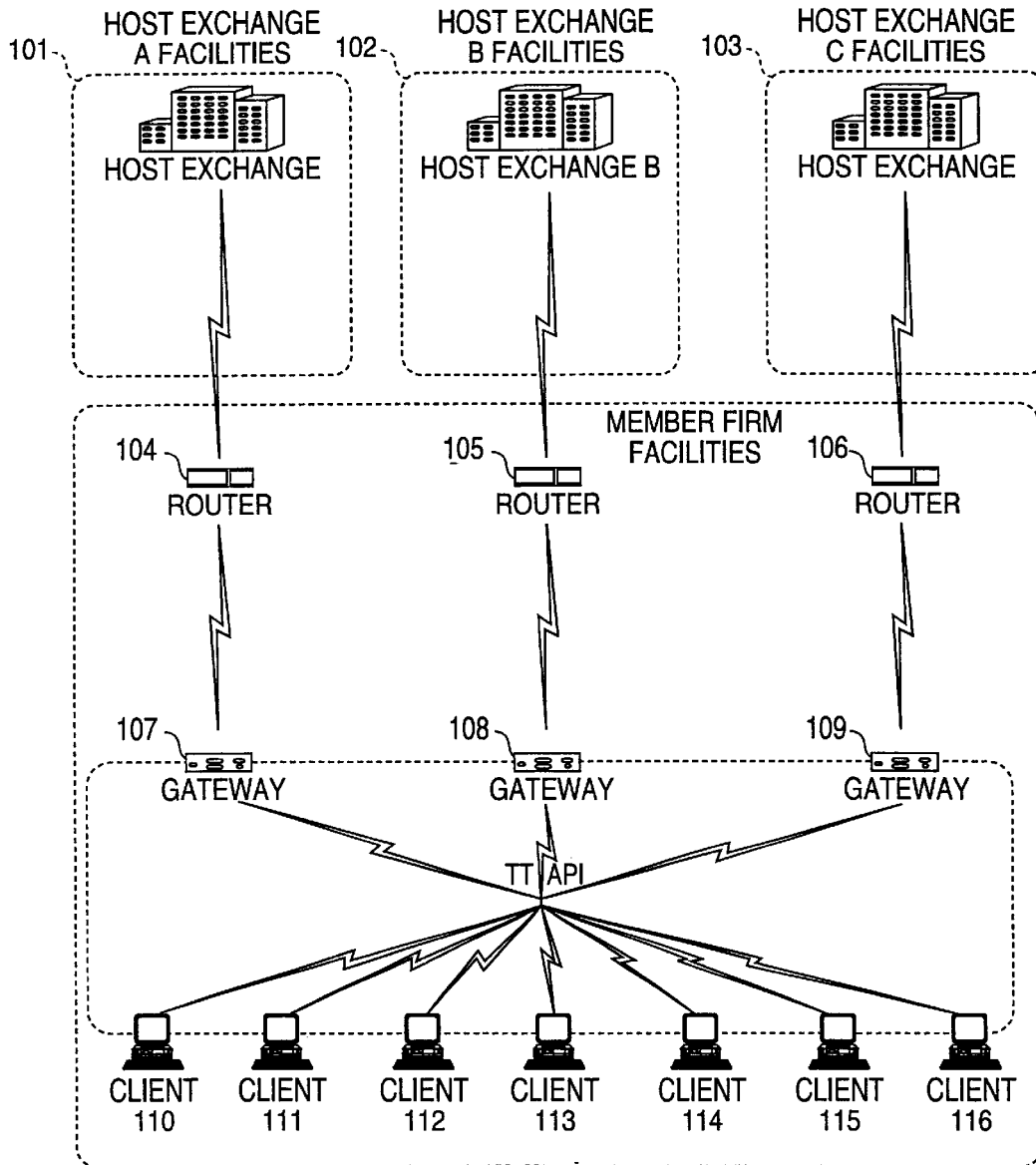
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FIG. 1

CONNECTION TO MULTIPLE EXCHANGES



**FIG. 2**

	201	202	203	204	205				
	Contract	Depth	BidQty	BidPrc	AskPrc	AskQty	LastPrc	LastQty	Total
1	CDHO	•	785	7626	7627	21	7627	489	8230
2			626	7625	7629	815			
3			500	7624	7630	600			
4			500	7623	7631	2456			
5			200	7622	7632	800			

FIG. 3

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E/W		10:48:44		BidQ	AskQ	Prc	LTQ			
1009	L	3			104	99				
1010	R	5			24	98				
1011	720				33	97				
1012	×	10			115	96				
1013	0				32	95				
1014	10	1H			27	94				
	50	3H			63	93				
1007	S 0 W 24	1K	5H		45	92				
	S 0 W 7	CLR			28	91				
1015	×	10			20	90	10			
1016	17	▽			18	89				
1008	B 0 W 15	CXL		18		89				
	B 0 W 13	+	-	97		88				
1017	NET 0			30		87				
1018	B 0 W 17	NET REAL		43		86				
1019				110		85				
				23		84				
				31		83				
1021				125		82				
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