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[54] **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BUILDING, TESTING AND INTEGRATING A GRAPHICAL TOUCH USER INTERFACE**

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[57] ABSTRACT

A builder, tester, and runtime integration system and method for a graphical touch user interface, such as a point-of-sale (POS) touch screen interface system, is provided. The system and method may include a builder tool to create and modify the graphical interface, a tester tool for testing the interface, and a run-time system for actually executing the interface logic. Because the interface may be designed, modified and tested external to the run-time system, the design and maintenance may be performed by a non-programmer without ever changing run-time code. Additionally, the builder and tester may be designed to be general-purpose, and the run-time code may be reusable.

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NICE CONTROL EXAMPLES (TOUCH): PIZZA, PIZZAS, SPECIAL PEPPERONI, AS A MEAL, GUEST CHECK #1

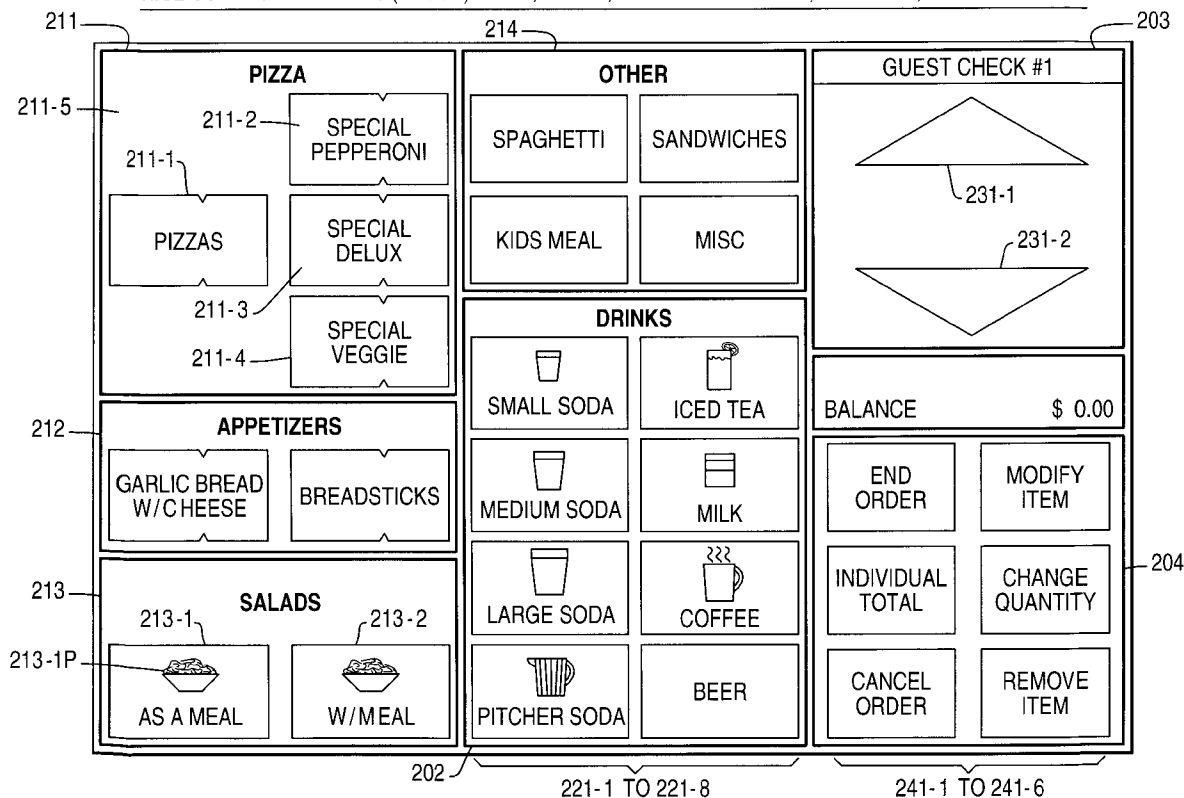


FIG. 1A

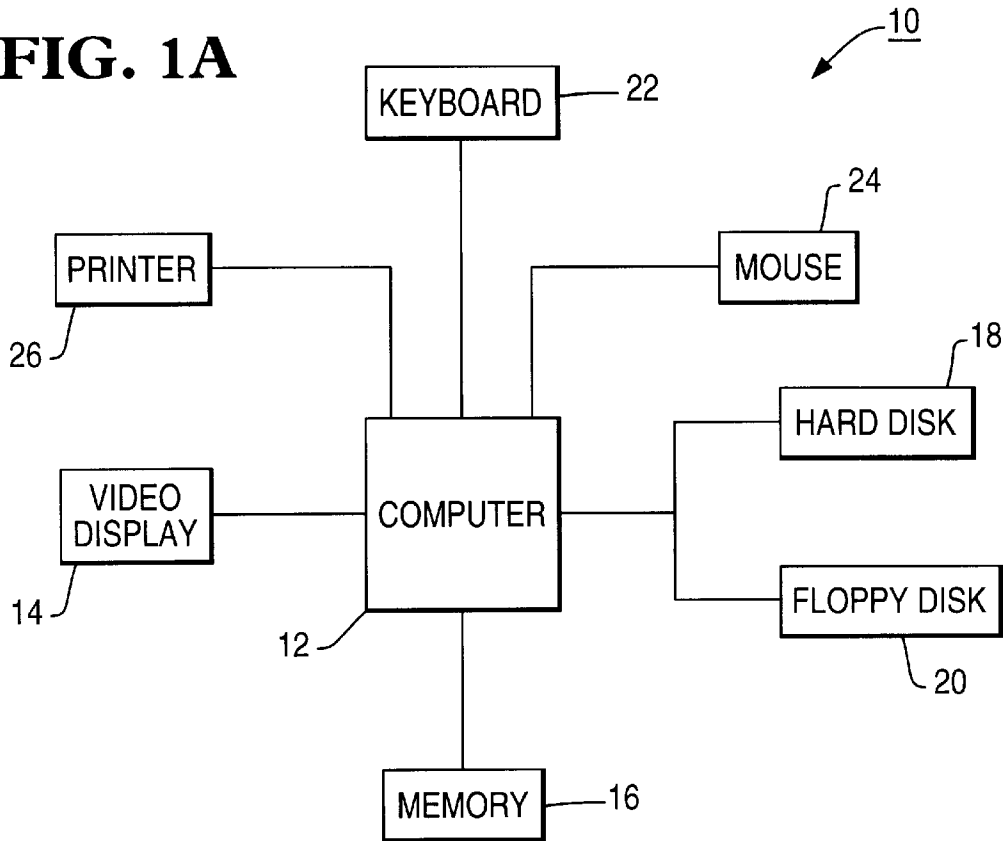
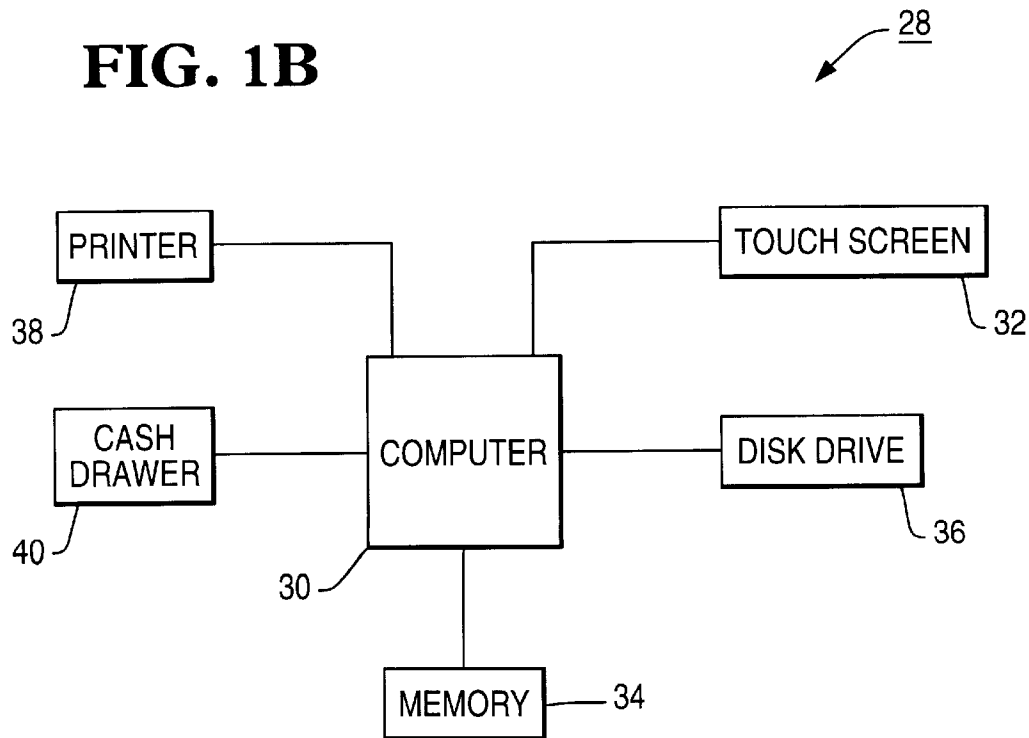


FIG. 1B



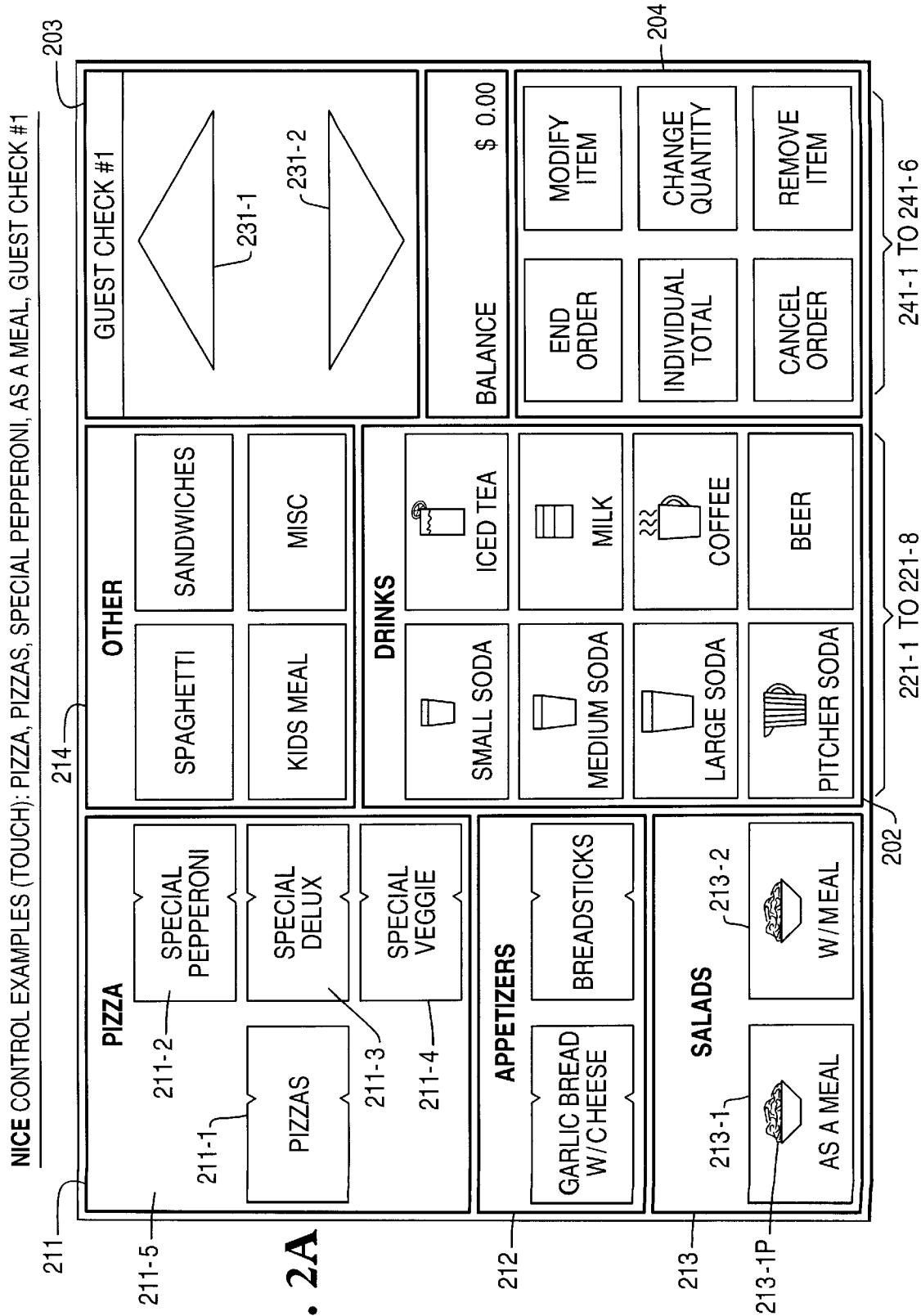


FIG. 2A

NICE CONTROL EXAMPLES (TOUCH): CASH, \$0.82, \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$20.00, KEYPAD, EDIT BOX

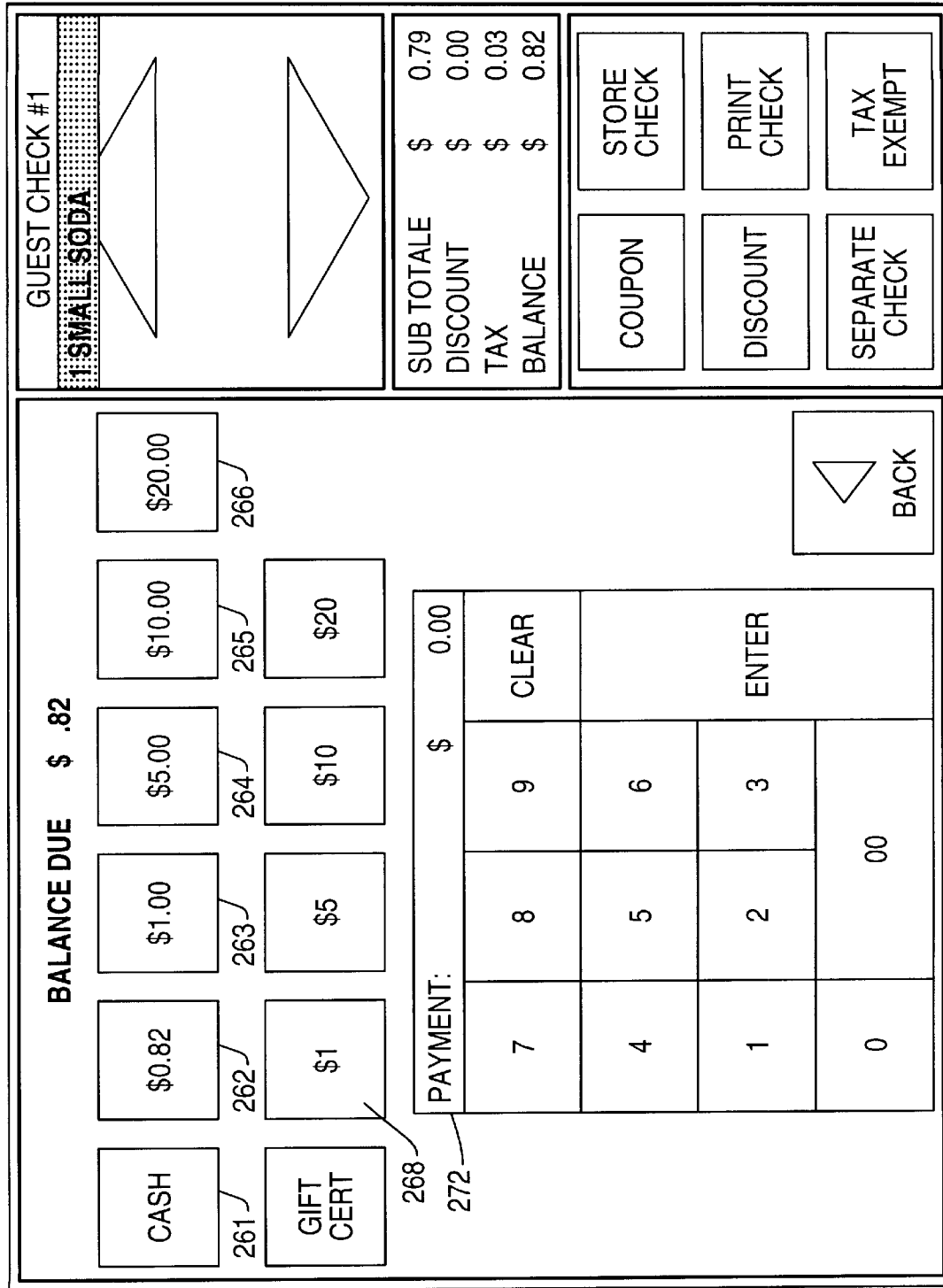


FIG. 2B

NICE CONTROL EXAMPLES (TOUCH): CASH DRAWER

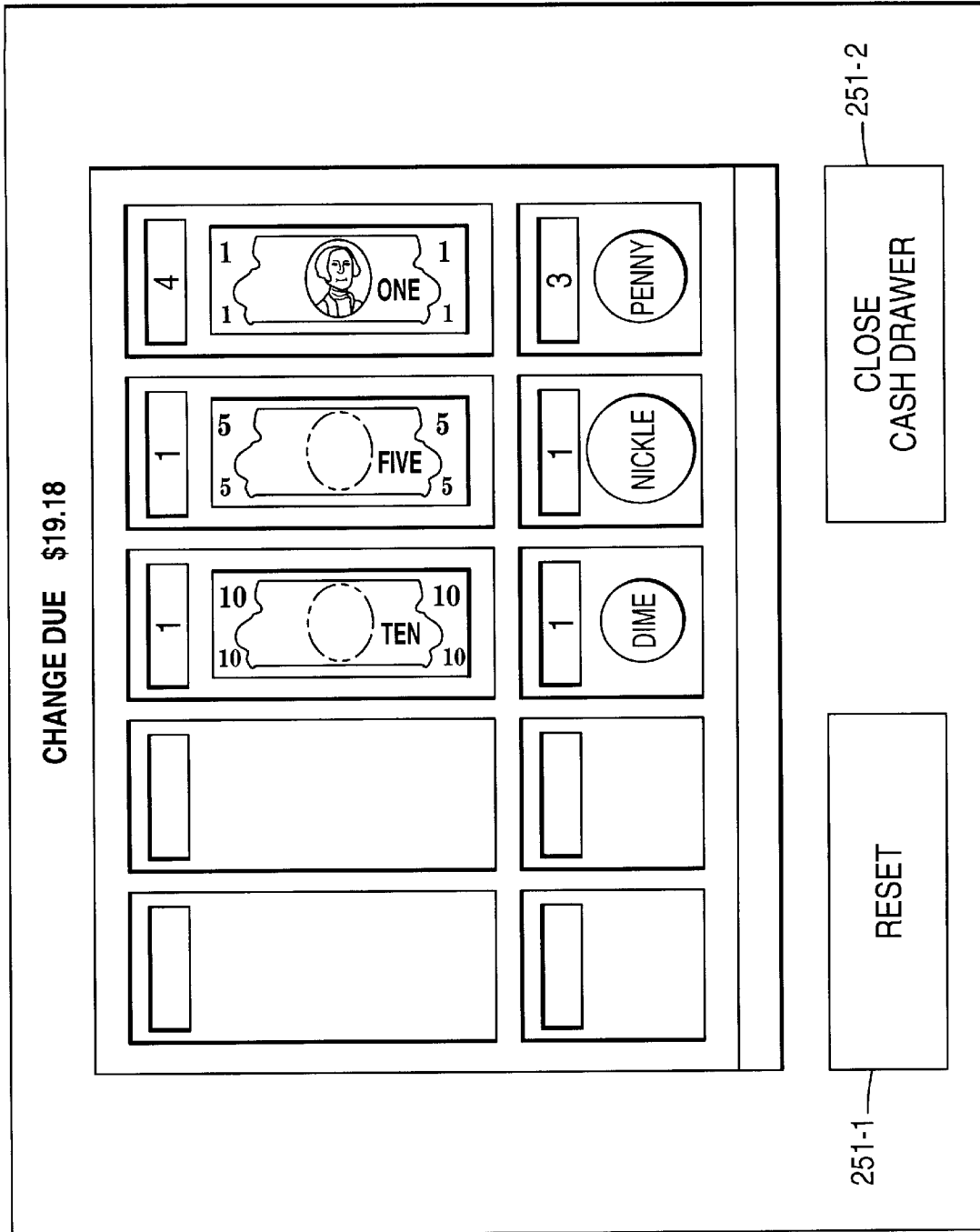


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