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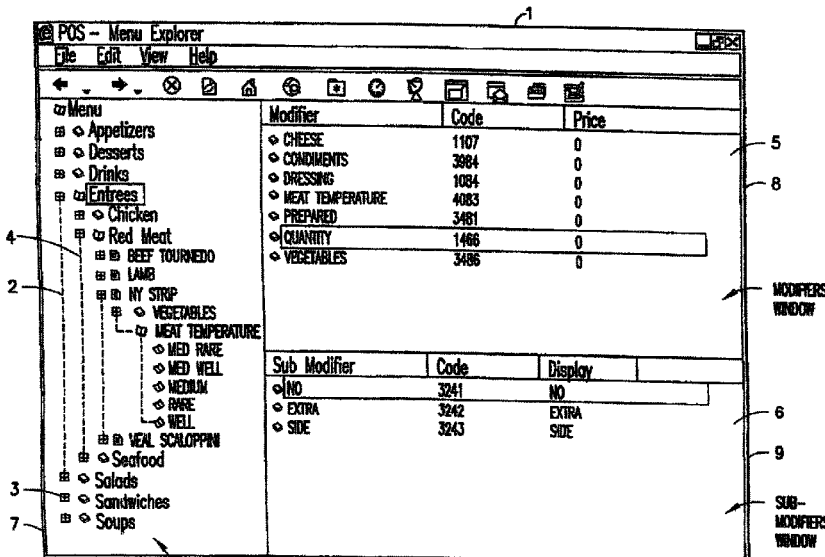
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An information management and synchronous communications system and method facilitates database equilibrium and synchronization with wired, wireless, and Web-based systems, user-friendly and efficient generation of computerized menus and reservations with handwritten/voice modifications 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, printer, or the like. Various operations employing automated telephone calls and/or messaging may, for instance, be performed. For example, desired reservation and/or appointment information may be automatically converted and conveyed to one or more entities via automated telephone call and/or messaging. As another example, information regarding reservation acceptability may be received and automatically converted via automated telephone can and/or messaging. Telephones may, for instance, be the only equipment required by the entities.

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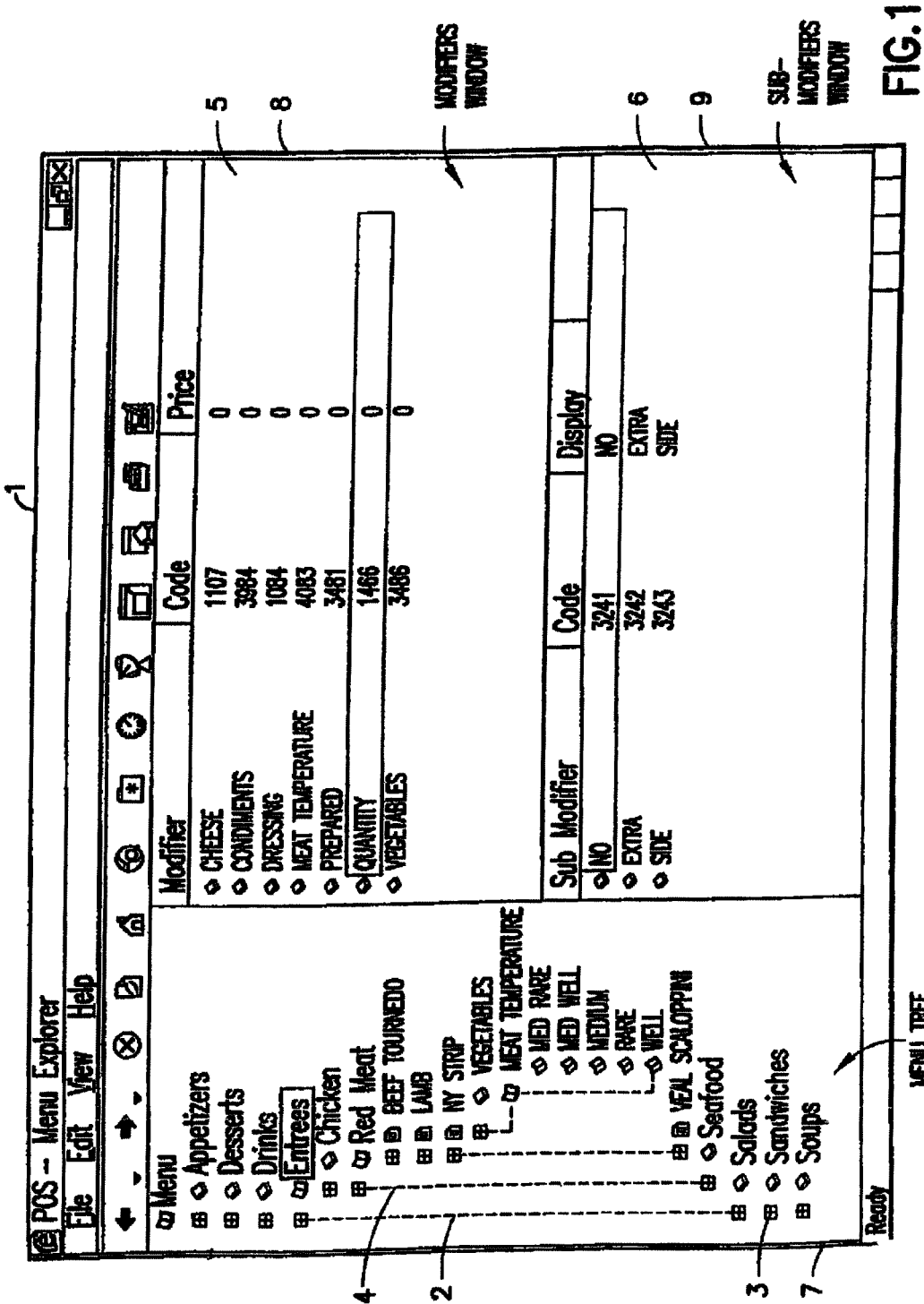


FIG. 1

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

FIG.2

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

FIG.3

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