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(54) **Entertainment machines.**

(57) A coin-operated entertainment machine system has one or more coin-operated game-playing machines (1, 2) such as fruit machines, and a separate coin-mechanism (16) which is connected to the machine or machines through a control link (13, 14). The coin-mechanism (16) may be in a separately housed, stand-alone structure (15). When used with two or more machine (1, 2), there may be a common coin mechanism (16) and the arrangement may be such that each machine (1, 2) is operable to the exclusion of the (or each) other machine (1, 2).

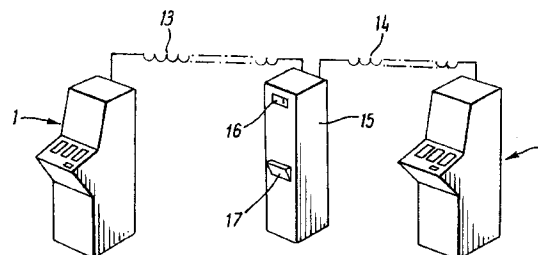


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