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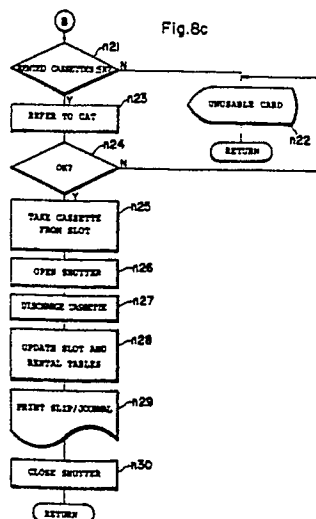
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54 **Automatic article renting machine.**

57 In an automatic article renting machine, when a customer rents a new article (e.g. videocassette), since the number of videocassettes now being rent by the customer is checked and an additional renting is prohibited when the checked number exceeds a predetermined value, it is possible to prevent limitless videocassette renting to the same customer and to urge the customer to return videocassettes. Further, since the rental fee and the rental period are adjusted according to days of the week, it is possible to make uniform the videocassette renting business through the week. Further, even when a bar code indicative of the videocassette number is defective and therefore non-readable, since the customer can return the defective videocassette by inserting an ID card and by indicating the videocassette number, it is possible to prevent the customer

from paying extra rental fee.





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