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⑯ Coin-released apparatus.

⑰ A system comprising coin-released apparatus (2) incorporates a coin validator (1) which monitors the acceptance ratio between the number of coins accepted for operation of the apparatus and the total number of coins (or purported coins) inserted into the apparatus. A central control unit (7) for the apparatus has a display (8) for the percentage acceptance rate and an alarm system (12) at a remote security unit (11) is arranged to be activated when the percentage acceptance rate falls below a predetermined lower limit, possibly indicating that users are attempting to feed false coins into the apparatus (2).

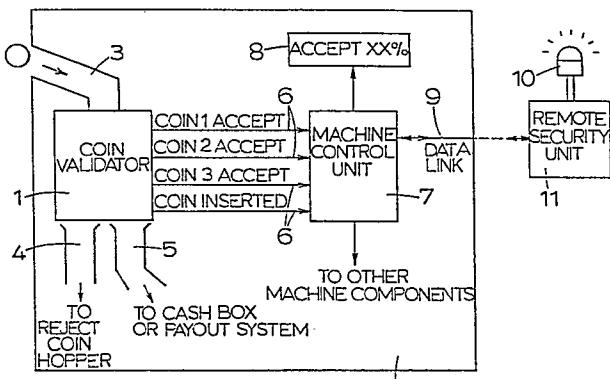


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