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54 Franking machine.

57 A franking machine (11) is disclosed which comprises an electronic accounting and control device (19) with registers (20,21) for storing accounting data such as credit available and a printer (22) connected to and controlled by the accounting and control device. The machine has an input/output connection (23) for receipt of franking and addressing data from a computer (10) to control the franking machine (11) to print a franking impression (29) and destination address (32) on a mail item (30).

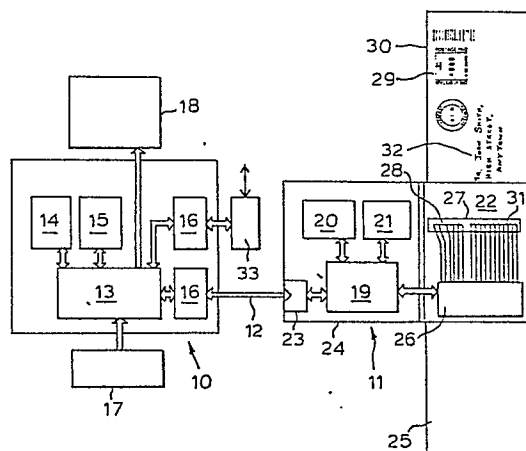


FIG.1.



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Y	DE - A1 - 3 132 765 (KUHLMANN) * Fig.; page 6, line 25 - page 7, line 2 * --	1,3,6-8	
P, A	DE - A1 - 3 712 100 (PITNEY BOWES) * Fig. 7 * --	1	
A	US - A - 4 636 975 (SODERBERG) * Fig. 1; column 2, line 64 - column 3, line 17 * ----	1	
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