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(54) Method and apparatus for currency discrimination and counting

(57) A document evaluation device comprises an input receptacle for receiving a stack of documents to be evaluated and a single output receptacle for receiving said documents after said documents have been evaluated. A transport mechanism transports said documents one at a time from said input receptacle to said output receptacle along a transport path. A discriminating unit includes a detector positioned along said transport path between input receptacle and said output receptacle. Said discriminating unit counts and determines the identity of said documents. The flagging means flags whether a documents meets or fails to meet a certain criteria.

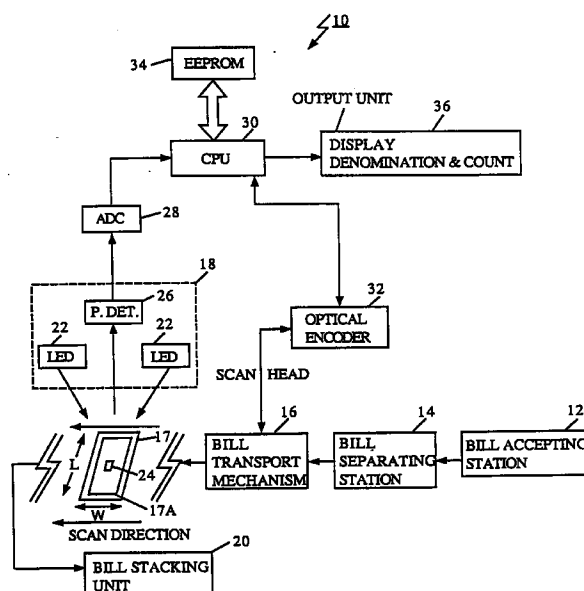


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