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(54) **Improved secure storage means**

(57) The present invention provides an improved method and apparatus for storing money. The apparatus includes a counter for counting money and a verifier for ensuring that the money is valid currency. It also includes a transmitter for transmitting the amount of money counted by the counter to third parties. Third parties may in-

clude, a transit company in order that it can determine when to collect money from the apparatus, the accounts department associated with the premises where the apparatus is situated or a financial institution in order that the relevant accounts can be immediately updated.

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