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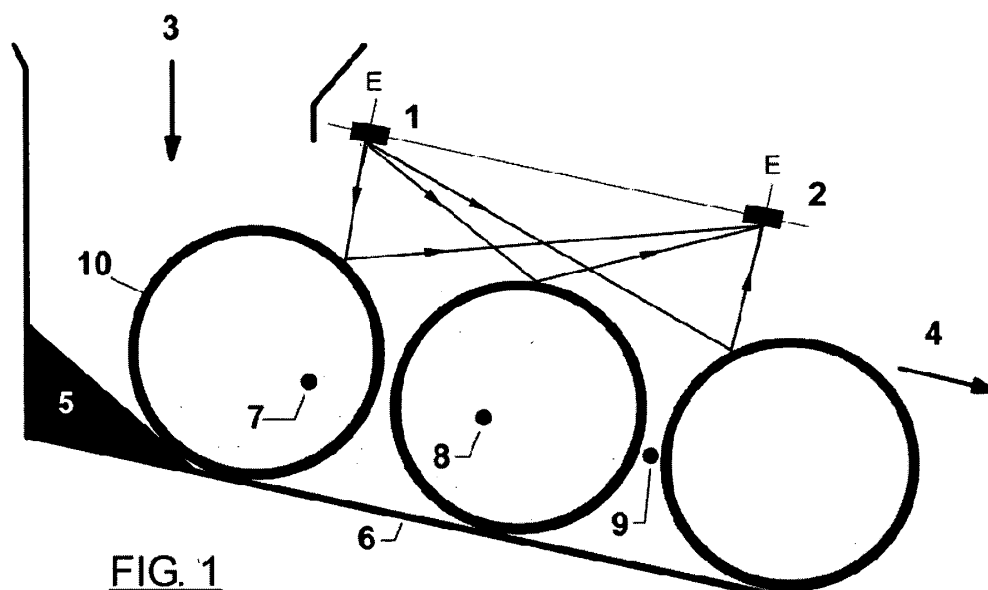
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(54) **System and method of coin selection**

(57) Coin selector system which comprises, at least:  
(i) a first light sender element (1);  
(ii) a second receiver element (2) of the light transmitted by the first sender element (1); and  
(iii) means to process the signal;

all of which is done in such a way that there is no significant coupling between the sender element (1) and the receiver element (2) without the presence of a coin (10), while there will exist a coupling at the interposition of the coin (10) edge.



**FIG. 1**



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