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(54) **Monitoring casino table game events**

(57) An electronic system is provided for recording data associated with gaming events in casino table games. Via an interface (16) data is received from a sorter (37) assigned to a roulette table (30) for sorting casino currency and for providing data associated with a value

of the sorted casino currency. Via an interface (13) data is received from a reader (21) assigned to a game table (20) other than roulette for reading electronic tags embodied in the casino currency the reader (21) covering a designated area of the game table (20),

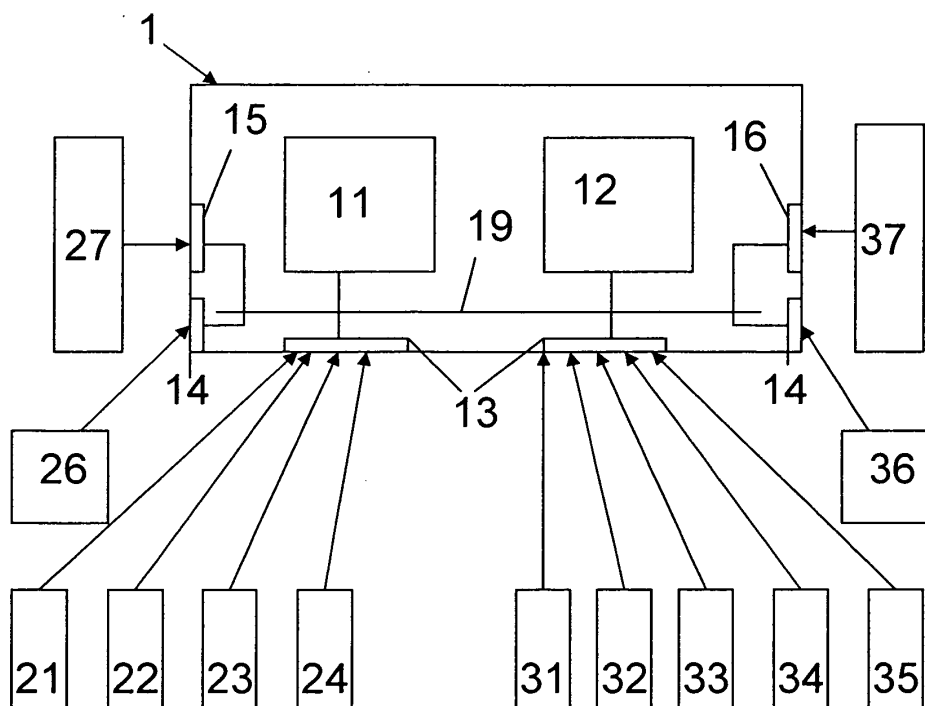


FIG. 1



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1. claims: 1-8, 16, 17

Electronic system for recording data associated with gaming events in casino table games, comprising receiving data from different casino tables regarding the casino currency, logging the data and analysing the data Claims 16 being the corresponding method. Claim 17 being the corresponding computer program. Solving the problem controlling the combined casino currency from all tables.

2. claims: 9-12

Roulette table game, comprising a sorter for sorting casino currency and for providing data associated with a value of the sorted casino currency, and an interface for sending data obtained from the sorter to a remote electronic system. Solving the problem of providing a roulette table game which can register the casino currency of the roulette table.

3. claims: 13-15

Table game other than roulette, comprising a reader for reading electronic tags embodied in a casino currency the reader covering a designated area of the game table, and an interface for sending data obtained by the reader to a remote electronic system. Solving the problem of providing a table game which can register the casino currency of the table.

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