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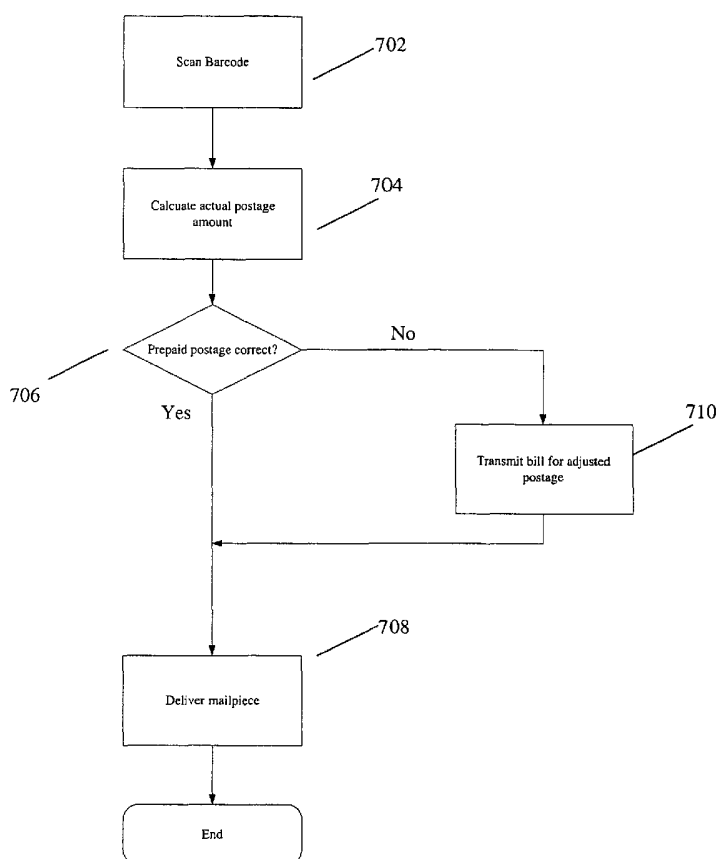
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comprise receiving payment for an amount of  
postage, affixing a postage indicia to a piece  
of mail, wherein the postage indicia includes  
the postage amount in a format readable only  
by machine, and adjusting the postage amount  
at a time subsequent to receipt of payment.

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