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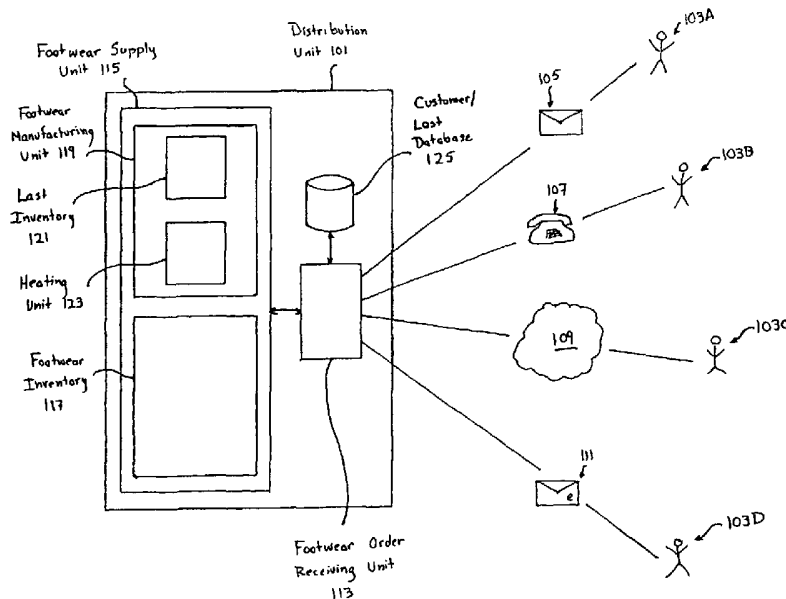
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(57) Abstract: A method whereby a customer (103) may purchase footwear through a remote communication channel (105, 107, 109, 111), and be assured that the purchased footwear will properly fit upon delivery. The customer (103) purchases footwear by designating the last that is used to construct the footwear. A customer may identify a particular last based upon careful measurement of the customer's feet. A customer may also identify a last based upon previous experience with footwear constructed using the last.

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