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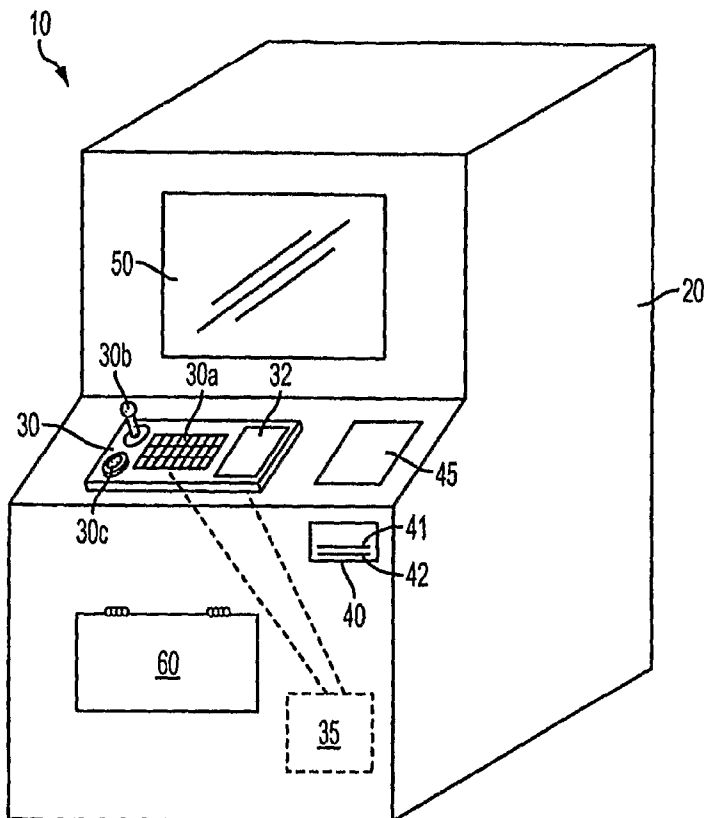
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(57) Abstract: In an embodiment, a user provides a customized greeting via an input device. The input device is in communication with a controller. In response to the customized greeting, the controller causes a confection to be shaped in accordance with the customized greeting. Once the confection is shaped, the confection is provided to the user. In an embodiment, the confection may be completely packaged before providing the confection to the user.

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