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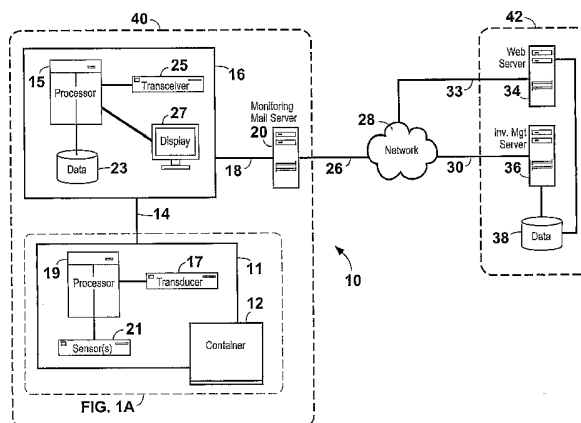
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(57) **Abstract:** An inventory management system (10) configured for use in association with at least one container (12) containing an amount of inventory material at a monitored location (40) is provided. The system includes at least one measurement instrument (11) operatively associated with the container (12), the measurement instrument (11) being configured to generate at least one data signal representative of the amount of the inventory material in the container (12), a telemetry unit (16) in communication with the measurement instrument (11), the telemetry unit (16) being configured to receive at least the generated data signal from the measurement instrument (11) and to convert the generated data signal into inventory information; a first server in communication with the telemetry unit (16) via an Internet connection, the first server configured to receive at least the inventory information from the telemetry unit; and, at least a second server in communication with the first server, the second server configured for receiving at least the inventory information from the first server into at least one data storage medium operatively associated with the second server to process the inventory information for presentation on at least one website.



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