Title: METHOD OF DRYING CLOTHING WITH AUTO SHUT OFF AND PRORATED BILLING

Abstract: The method of drying of the present invention includes providing a dryer (10) with a payment receiving means (18) providing a heat source (20) in thermal communication with the dryer (10). Clothes are then inserted into the dryer (10) and a means of payment to the payment receiving means (18) of the dryer (10) is provided. A drying cycle is then initiated (52) to operate the dryer (10). Moisture is sensed in the clothes (60) as the dryer (10) is being operated. The dryer (10) is turned off (62) when the moisture in the clothes exceeds a predetermined amount representing a dry load. Payment is received from the means of payment (56) while the dryer (10) is in operation. Payment is stopped from the means of payment when the dryer (10) has ceased operation. As a result, the user has paid only for the time for the dryer (10) to provide a dry load of laundry.
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