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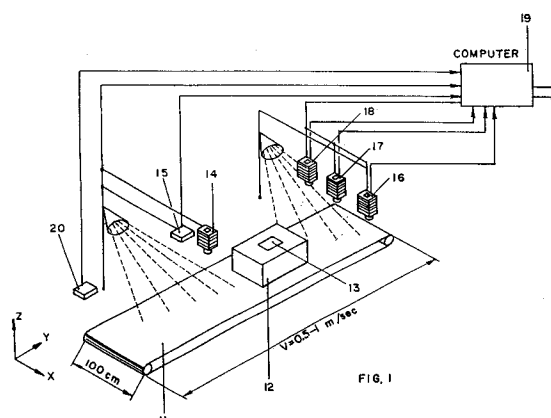
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(54) **Parcel sorting system.**

(57) A system for the sorting of parcels as they move on a conveyor in a sorting establishment of a Post Office or of a parcel delivery company. The system is capable of locating the label on the parcel bearing data of the addressee, and establish its dimensions. The coordinates of the label are determined by a low magnification camera, and scanning cameras are used for a sharp line scan of the data on the label, means being provided for displaying the data and for ultimately sorting the parcels according to the said data.

There is also provided a method for sorting parcels moving on a conveyor belt by acquiring the data on the relevant label and using the data for the sorting of the parcels according to their destination.

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