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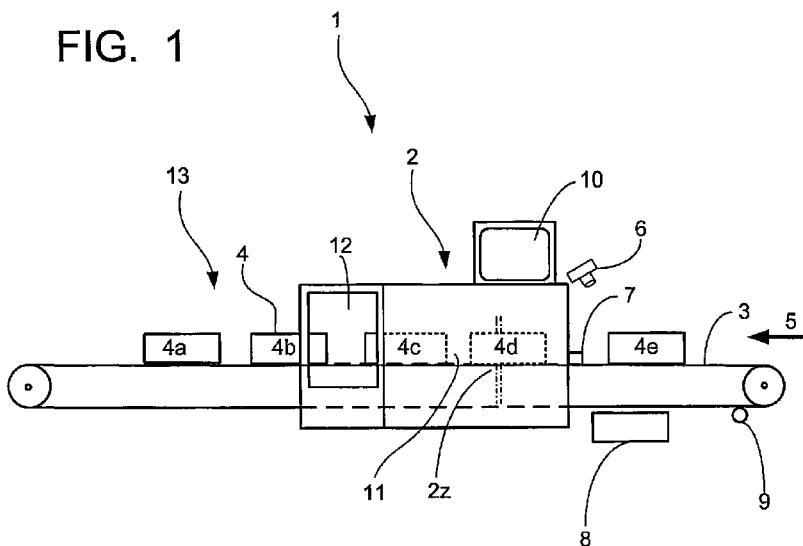
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FIG. 1



(57) Abstract: An article sensing and tracking system and computer system integrated and connected to present on a monitor screen, or screens, visual x-ray and photographic images of articles that are being passed through a scanner and visual indication of the physical location of the displayed articles within the system, enabling security personnel viewing a monitor screen to accurately track and maintain custody of the articles, until cleared, through examination of x-ray data and other information relating to the articles.

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