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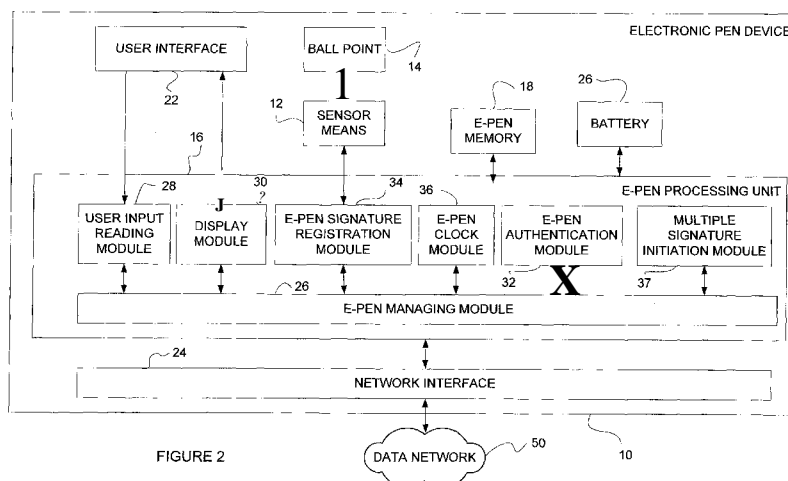
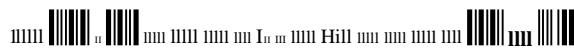


FIGURE 2

(57) Abstract: There is provided an electronic pen device configured to be used with a remote secure server for registering handwritten signatures, the secure server comprising an authentication database storing authentication information in connection with pre-registered users and a signature registration database for registering handwritten signatures, the electronic pen device comprising: an input/output (I/O) interface; a memory; a tip and capturing means connected thereto for capturing handwritten signatures; a network interface adapted to be connected to a data network, and a processing unit connected to the I/O interface, to the capturing means, to the memory and to the network interface. As another aspect of the invention, there is further provided a system for registering handwritten signatures. As another another aspect of the invention, there is further provided a method of authenticating handwritten signatures. As a further aspect of the invention, there is provided a method of signing a document by a plurality of contracting user. As a further further aspect of the invention, there is provided an electronic pen device configured to be used with a remote server for archiving handwritten information.





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Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows :

Claims 1-25 are directed towards a system and method of using an electronic pen device for capturing an electronic signature connected, via a network, to a database that stores personal identification information and uses the information to authenticate a user and allows him or her to store his or her signature in the database, for future use.

Claims 26-30 are directed towards an electronic pen device configured to be used with a remote server for archiving handwritten information by capturing the handwritten information and allowing the user to specify a folder identifier where the information will be classified.

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