ing register by the value of the funding data when a predetermined correspondence is found.

29. For use with a data center containing a programmed computer and a remotely located computerized postage meter having means for conditioning the postage meter to operate in either a first mode wherein the user of the postage meter can select an amount of postage to be printed or a second mode wherein the user can recharge the postage meter with a desired variable amount of postage, a funding register means which is rechargable with an additional desired variable amount of postage, a keyboard for entering information and a stored postage meter program for comparing a combination received from said data center with an internally generated combination, a method of funding said postage meter comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting an amount of postage to be added to said postage meter;
(b) establishing communications between the data center and a user of the computerized postage merer;
(c) communicating to the data center the selected amount of postage to be added to the postage meter;
(d) generating at the data center at least two numbers having a psuedo-random relationship to each other;
(e) processing the selected postage amount and one of the generated numbers at the data center to form a first combination;
(f) processing the first combination and the other of said generated numbers at the data center to form a second combination;
(g) communicating to the user of the postage meter at least a portion of the second combination;
(h) entering the selected amount of postage into the postage meter via said keyboard;
(i) generating at the postage meter at least two numbers having a psuedo-random relationship to each other;
(j) processing the selected postage amount and one of said generated numbers to form a first postage meter combination;
(k) processing the first postage meter combination and the other of said two generated numbers contained in said postage meter under the control of said postage meter program to form a second postage meter combination;
(l) entering at least a portion of the second combination received from the data center into the postage meter via the keyboard;
(m) comparing at least a portion of the second postage meter combination with at least a portion of the second combination received from the data center; and
(n) entering the selected amount of postage into said funding register means of said postage meter when the compared portions of the externally generated combination and the second postage meter combination have a predetermined relationship.

30. An electronic postage meter having an operating mode wherein the user may recharge the postage meter with a desired variable amount of postage, said postage meter comprising:

(a) a rechargeable funding register;
(b) means for receiving data representing a desired variable selected amount of postage;
(c) means connected to the postage-receiving means for generating an internal combination based upon the desired variable amount of postage entered into said postage meter;
(d) means for receiving an externally generated combination;
(e) means connected to said combination-receiving means for comparing the internally and externally generated combinations; and
(f) means responsive to said comparing means for recharging the funding register with the desired variable amount of postage when the internally generated combination has a predetermined relationship to the entered, externally generated combination. wardly directed force on the caps K as they pass through the prepressing, the heating, and the cooling zones of the heat sealing assembly **202**. The downwardly directed force is resisted by captivator blocks **196** which slide along the underlying plates **200**. In other words, the force applied to the caps K is not transmitted through the entire length of the container D as is the case with the machine A.

Thus, the relatively tall containers D, which are relatively weak from the standpoint of column strength, are sealed with the modified heat sealing machine B.

This invention is intended to cover all changes and modifications of the example of the invention herein chosen for purposes of the disclosure which do not constitute departures from the spirit and scope of the invention.

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