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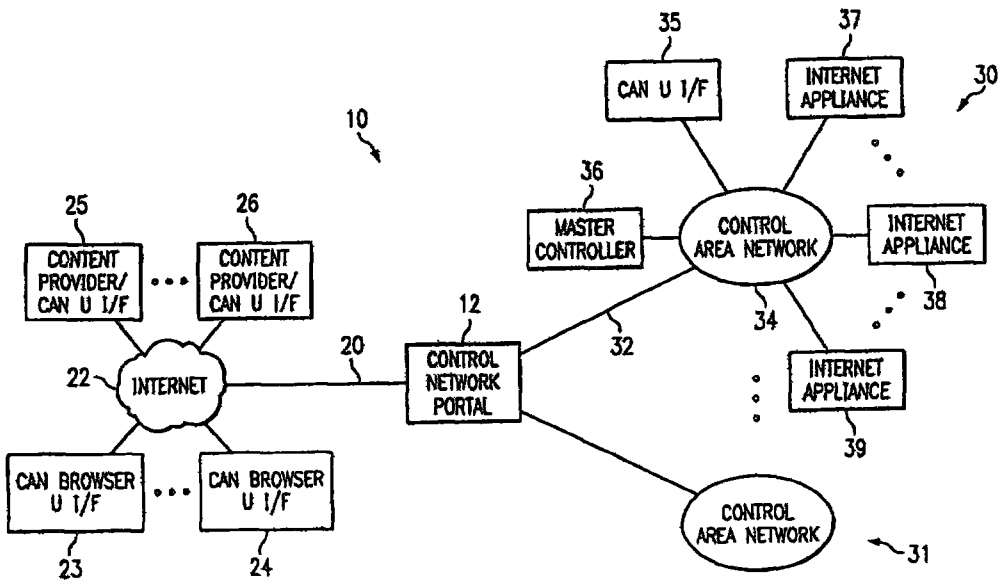
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(57) Abstract

A control system coupled to the Internet includes at least one device (37–39), a master controller (36) operable to control the operations of the at least one device (37–39), a network (34) interconnecting the at least one device (37–39) and the master controller (36), at least one Internet application (23–26) executing on a node in the Internet, and a control network portal (12) coupled between the network and the Internet operable to enable the Internet application (23–26) to be controlled as a device coupled to the network under the control of the master controller (36).