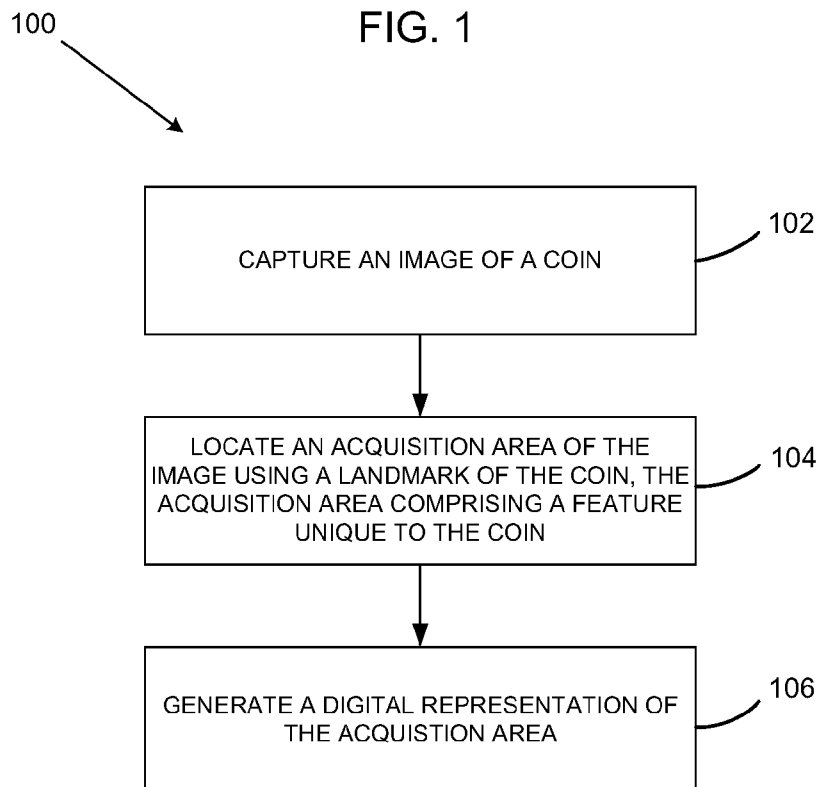




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(54) Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHENTICATION OF A COIN OR OTHER MANUFACTURED ITEM



(57) Abstract: A method includes: capturing an image of a coin, locating an acquisition area of the image using a landmark of the coin, the acquisition area comprising a feature unique to the coin and generating a digital representation of the acquisition area.



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