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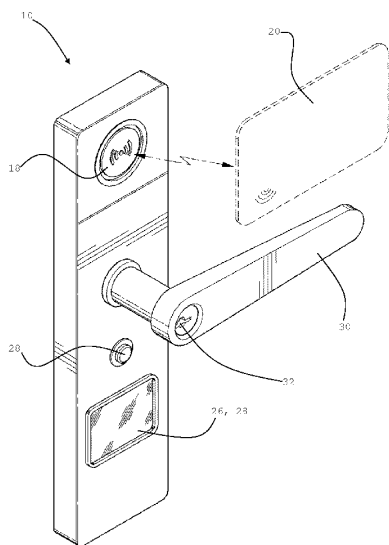


Figure 1.

(57) Abstract: Provided is an access control lock arrangement 10 for selectively securing an accessway 6. The arrangement 10 comprises a lock mechanism 12 configured to secure an access 8 to such accessway 6, and an actuator 14 configured to actuate the lock mechanism 12. Arrangement 10 also includes a controller 16 arranged in signal communication with the actuator 14 and comprising an interrogator 18 for interrogating a smart card 20 to obtain a financial identifier therefrom, as well as a network interface 22 configured for operative interfacing with a financial network 24 to verify said obtained financial identifier as payment confirmation. In this manner, upon verification of such payment confirmation, the controller 16 is configured to control the actuator 14 to actuate the lock mechanism 12 to facilitate access control.

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