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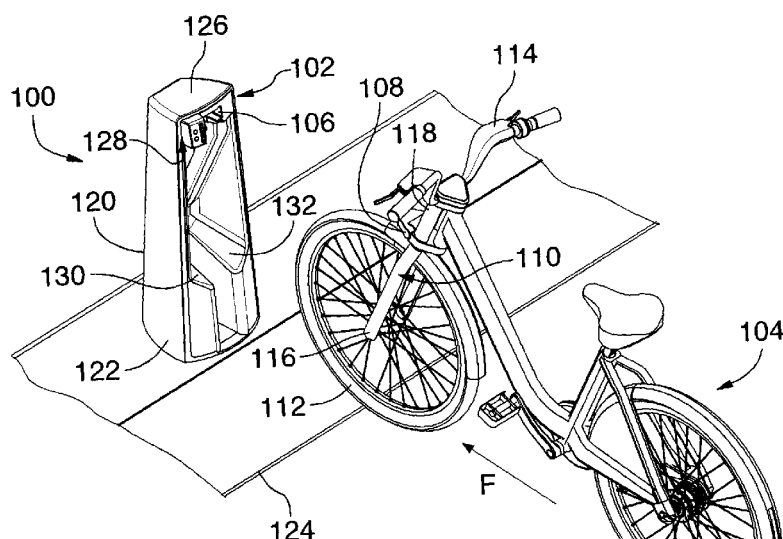


FIG.1

(57) Abstract: An electronic lock for re-
movably securing a movable item to a
structure, the electronic lock comprising
first and second complementary cooperat-
ing connecting members, each being fixed-
ly mounted to a respective one of the mov-
able item and the structure and being en-
gageable together in a lockable position;
and a securing assembly for securing the
first and second connecting members to-
gether when engaged in the lockable posi-
tion, the securing assembly comprising a
movable locking member operatively asso-
ciated to the first connecting member, a
locking aperture defined in the second con-
necting member, the locking aperture being
adapted for receiving the movable locking
member when the connecting members are
engaged together in the lockable position;
an actuator operatively coupled to the mov-
able locking member for actuating the mov-
able locking member between an unlocked
position enabling disengagement of the first
and second connecting members and a
locked position wherein the movable lock-
ing member engages the locking aperture,

and electronic control means for controlling selective actuation of the movable locking member.