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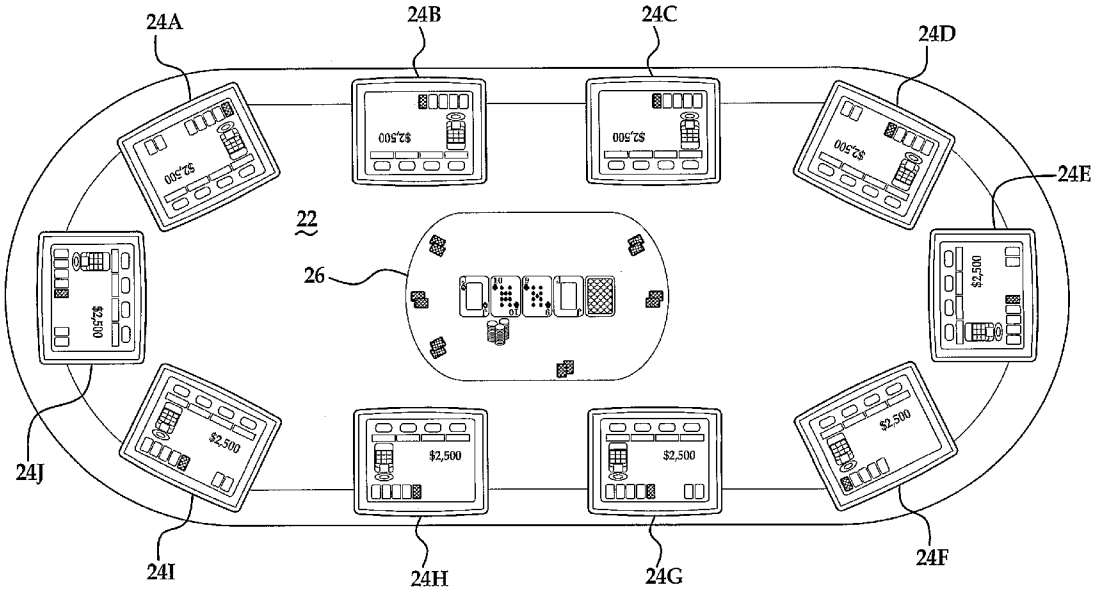

(57) Abstract: A system and method displays an electronic playing card to a player on a video display. The playing card has a back side and a front side. The system and method detect a triggering event and display at least a portion of the front side of the electronic playing card in response to the triggering event.

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