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(54) **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ADDING EBOOK ASSOCIATIONS, TEXT AND SEGMENTS WITHIN TWO OR MORE DISTINCT EBOOKS OF DIGITALLY STORED LITERATURE**

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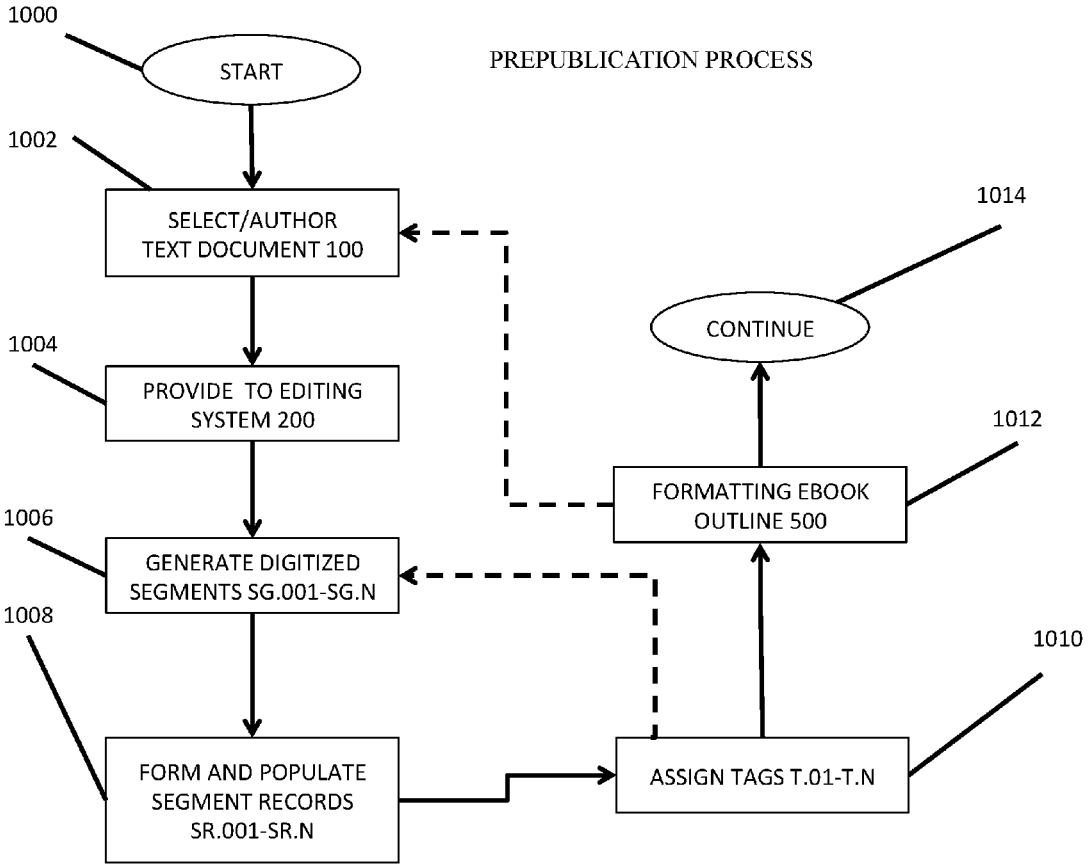
(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method and system are presented whereby the metadata describing segments of one or more digitized texts and the descriptors thereof may be inserted into the digitized text and edited by a human editor. The metadata may optionally describe the relationships between human-generated segments of a source text and the tags used to describe aspects of the segments, wherein the tags may describe narrative themes, places, characters, etc., and/or the relationships between the segments of text, the tags describing the segments of text, and data structures used to compare relationships between the tags on various segments of text ("nodes"). The text segments, narrative tags, and/or nodes may be associated across one or more ebooks, wherein the one or more ebooks are optionally placed within a collection having a collective metadata. When the text segments, the narrative tags and/or the nodes within and describing the one or more texts are edited, the associated individual or collective metadata is adjusted accordingly.



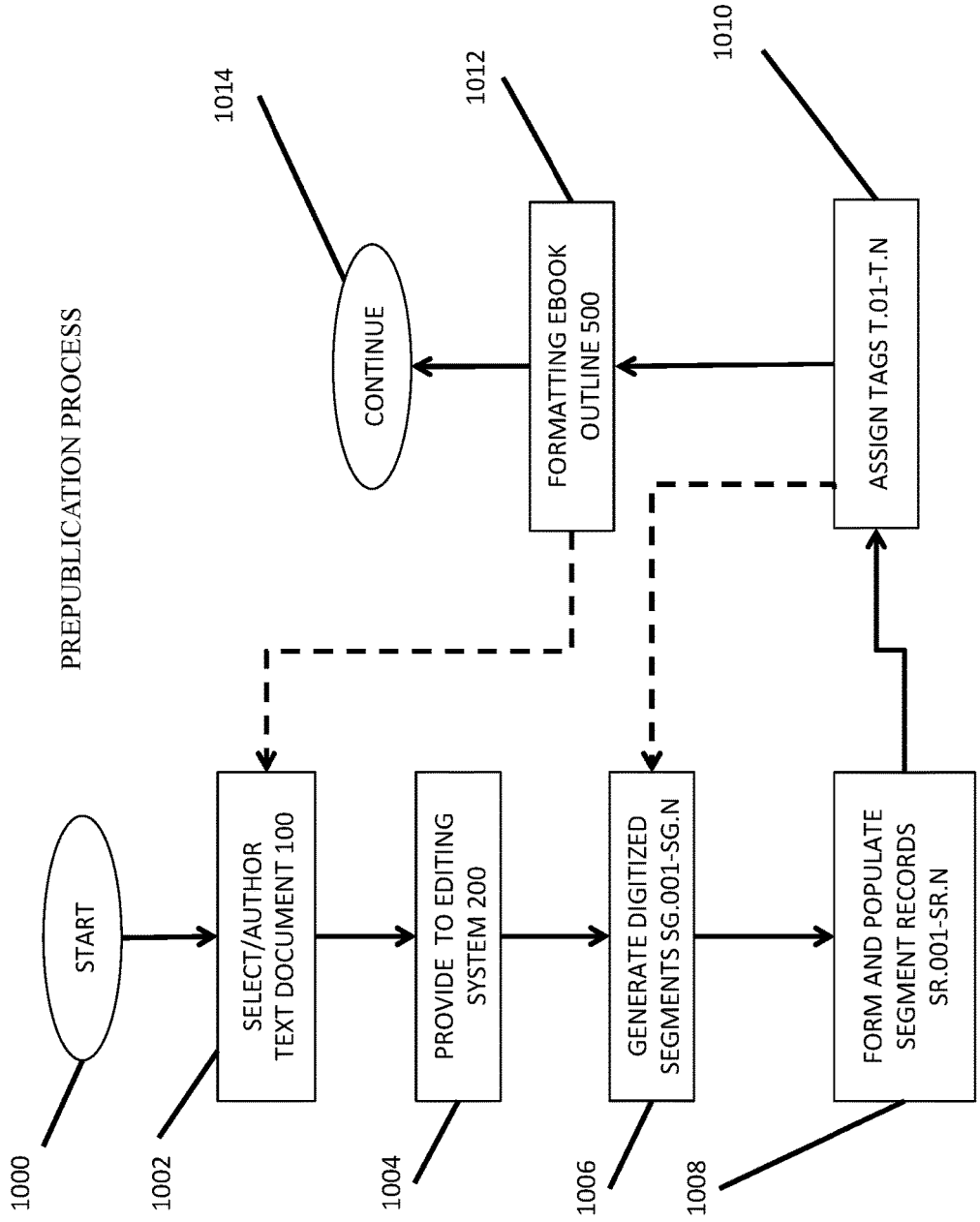

PREPUBLICATION PROCESS
START
SELECT/AUTHOR TEXT DOCUMENT 100
PROVIDE TO EDITING SYSTEM 200
GENERATE DIGITIZED SEGMENTS SG.001-SG.N
FORM AND POPULATE SEGMENT RECORDS SR.001-SR.N
ASSIGN TAGS T.01-T.N
FORMATTING EBOOK OUTLINE 500
CONTINUE
1000
1002
1004
1006
1008
1010
1012
1014

FIGURE 1

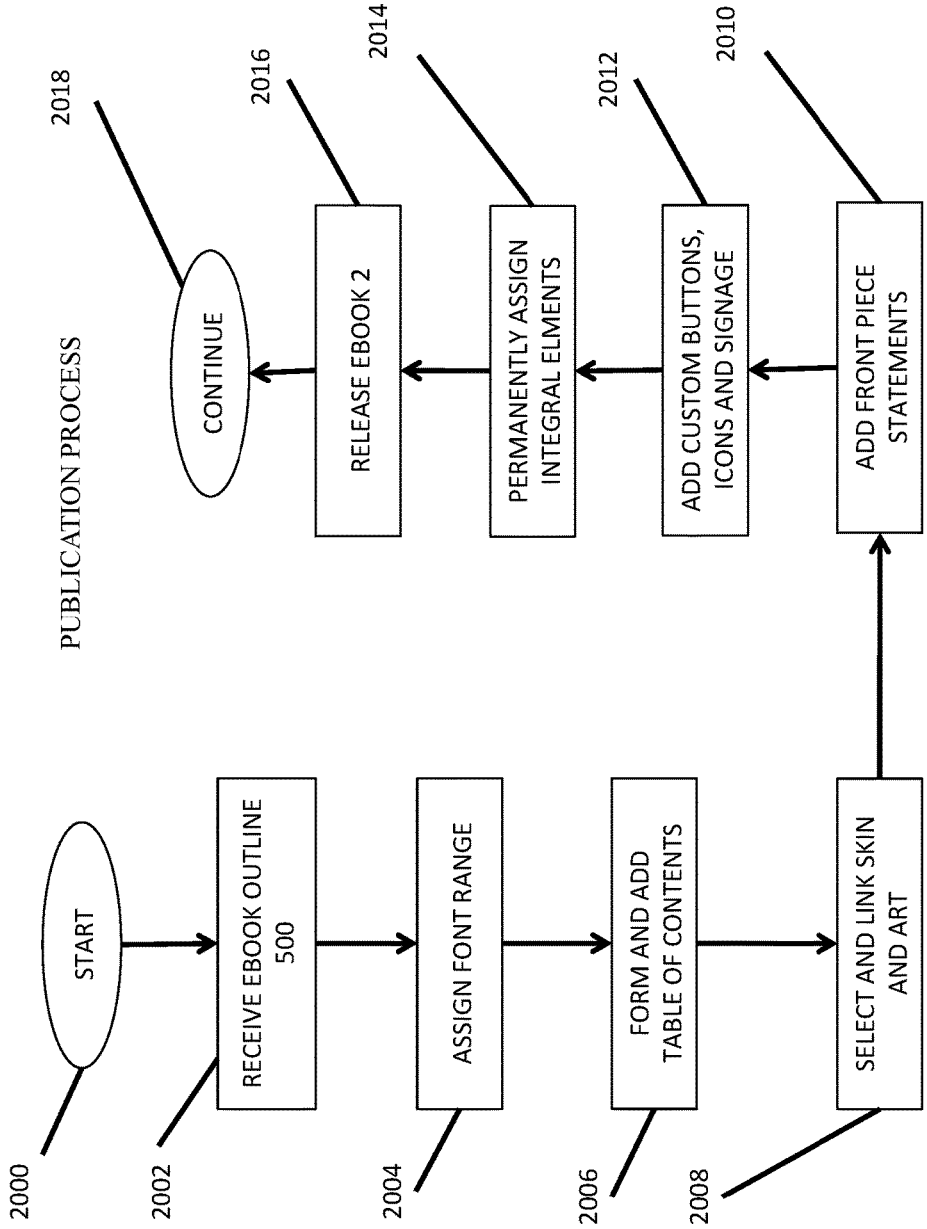

PUBLICATION PROCESS
START
RECEIVE EBOOK OUTLINE 500
ASSIGN FONT RANGE
FORM AND ADD TABLE OF CONTENTS
SELECT AND LINK SKIN AND ART
ADD FRONT PIECE STATEMENTS
ADD CUSTOM BUTTONS, ICONS AND SIGNAGE
PERMANENTLY ASSIGN INTEGRAL ELMENTS
RELEASE EBOOK 2
CONTINUE
2000
2002
2004
2006
2008
2010
2012
2014
2016
2018

FIGURE 2

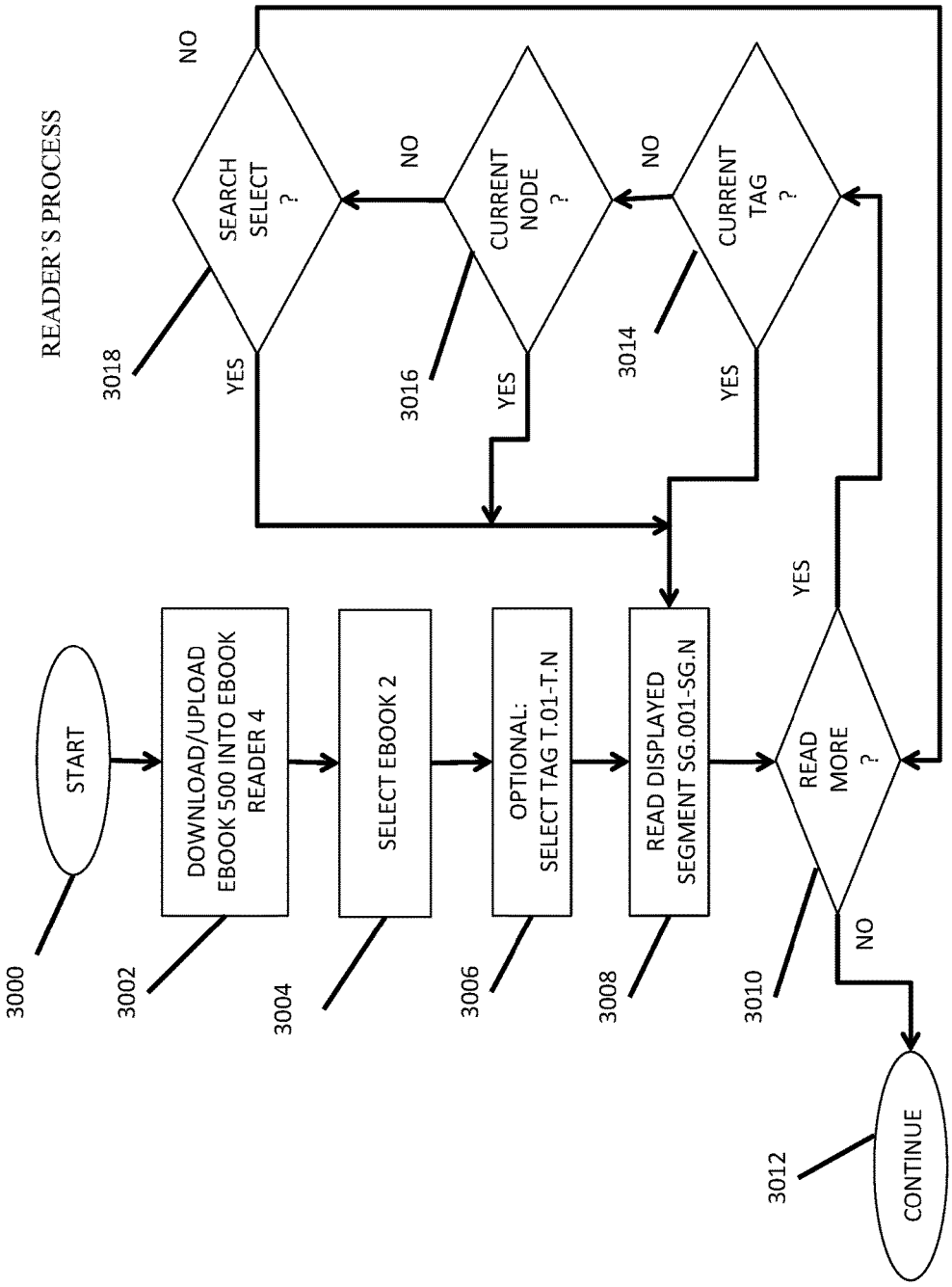
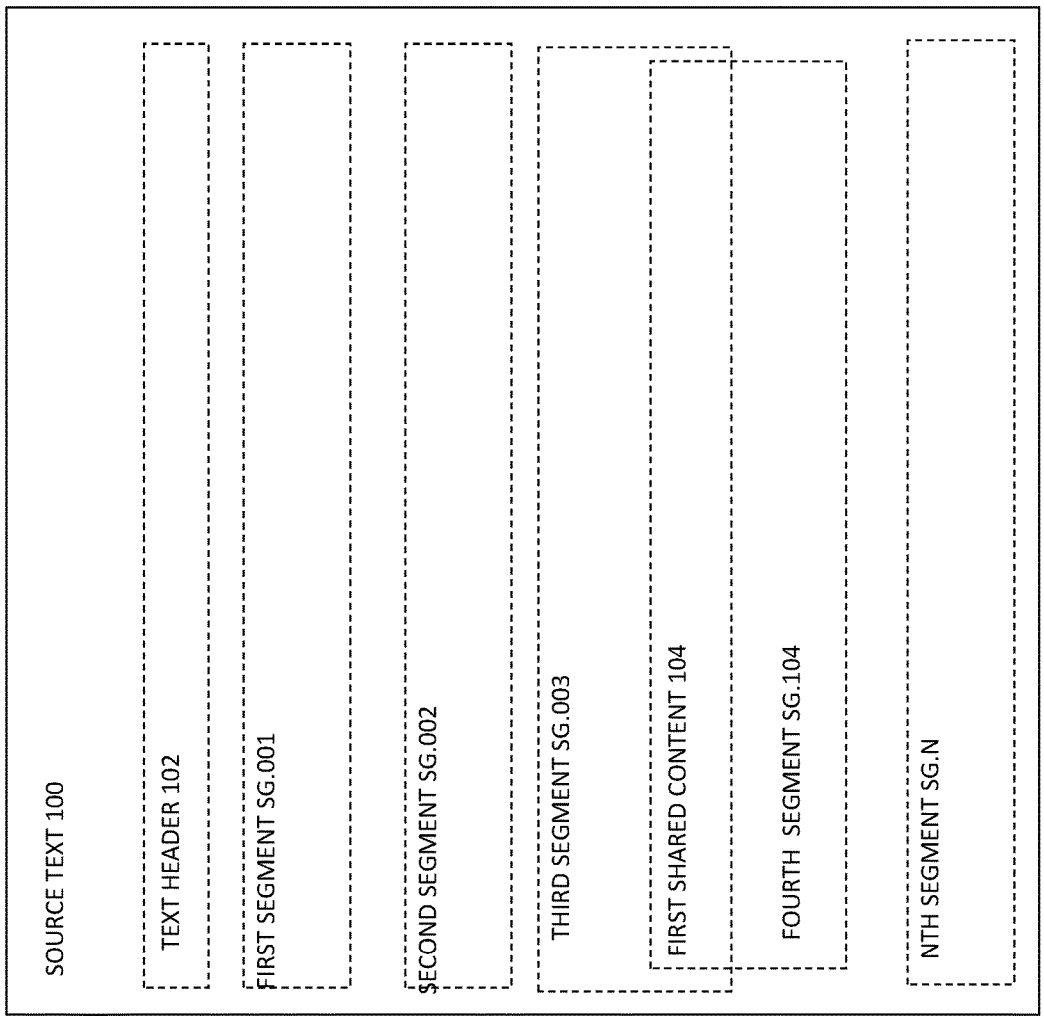

READER'S PROCESS
START
3000
DOWNLOAD/UPLOAD EBOOK 500 INTO EBOOK READER 4
3002
SELECT EBOOK 2
3004
OPTIONAL: SELECT TAG T.01-T.N
3006
READ DISPLAYED SEGMENT SG.001-SG.N
3008
READ MORE ?
3010
YES
NO
CONTINUE
3012
CURRENT TAG ?
3014
YES
NO
CURRENT NODE ?
3016
YES
NO
SEARCH SELECT ?
3018
YES
NO

FIGURE 3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TEXT HEADER 102
FIRST SEGMENT SG.001
SECOND SEGMENT SG.002
THIRD SEGMENT SG.003
FIRST SHARED CONTENT 104
FOURTH SEGMENT SG.104
NTH SEGMENT SG.N

FIGURE 4

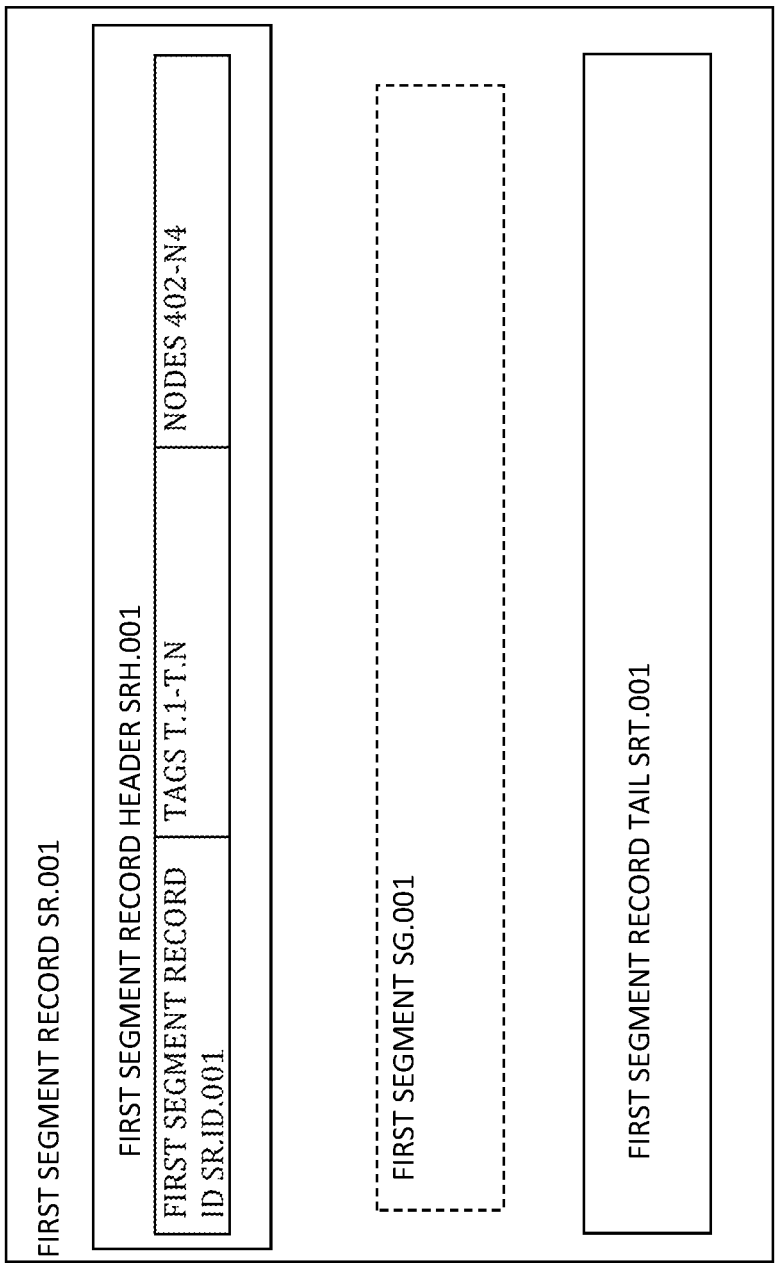

FIRST SEGMENT RECORD SR.001
FIRST SEGMENT RECORD HEADER SRH.001
FIRST SEGMENT RECORD ID SR.ID.001
TAGS T.1-T.N
NODES 402-N4
FIRST SEGMENT SG.001
FIRST SEGMENT RECORD TAIL SRT.001

FIGURE 5

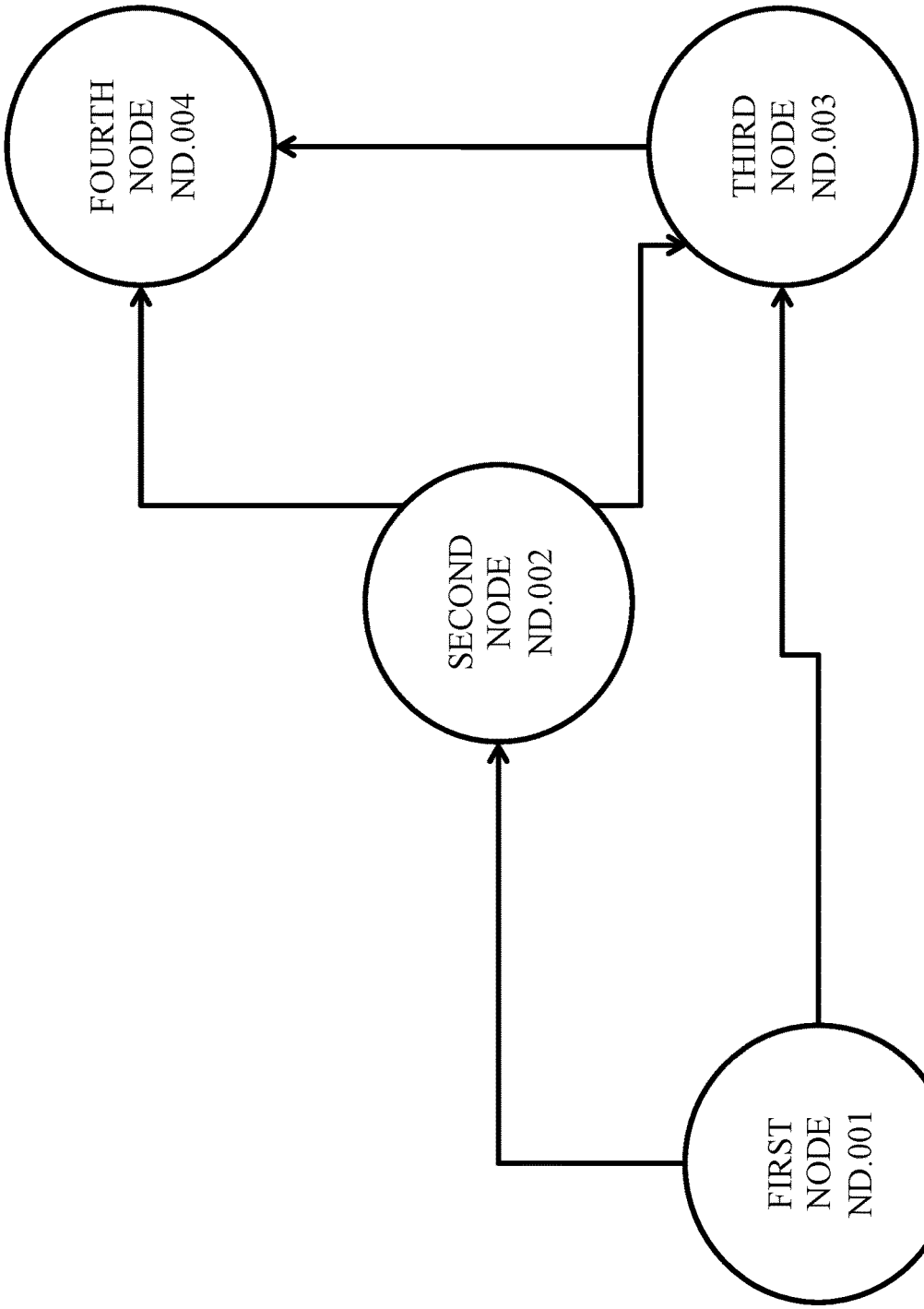

FOURTH NODE ND.004
THIRD NODE ND.003
SECOND NODE ND.002
FIRST NODE ND.001

FIGURE 6

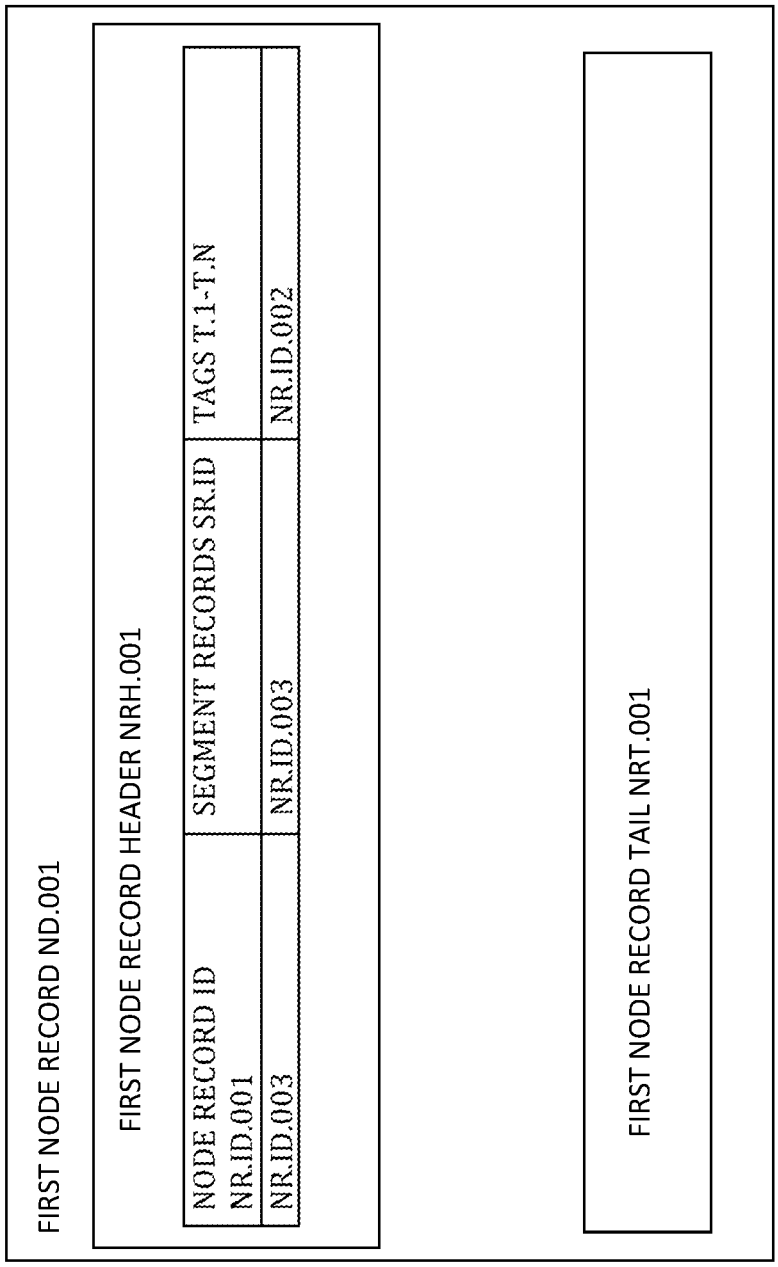
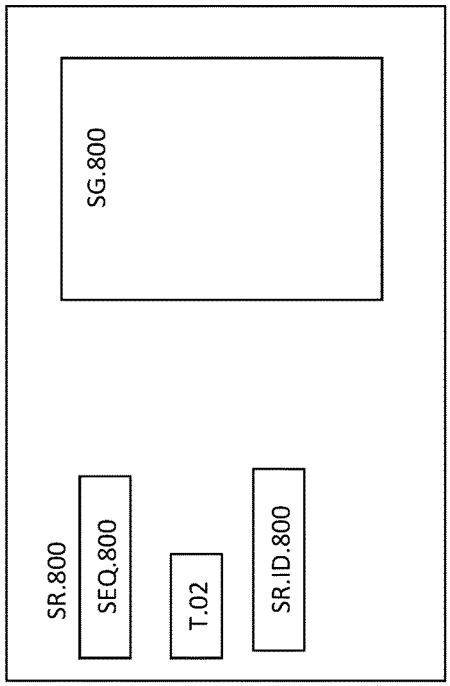

FIRST NODE RECORD ND.001
FIRST NODE RECORD HEADER NRH.001
NODE RECORD ID
NR.ID.001
SEGMENT RECORDS SR.ID
TAGS T.1-T.N
NR.ID.003
NR.ID.003
NR.ID.002
FIRST NODE RECORD TAIL NRT.001

FIGURE 7



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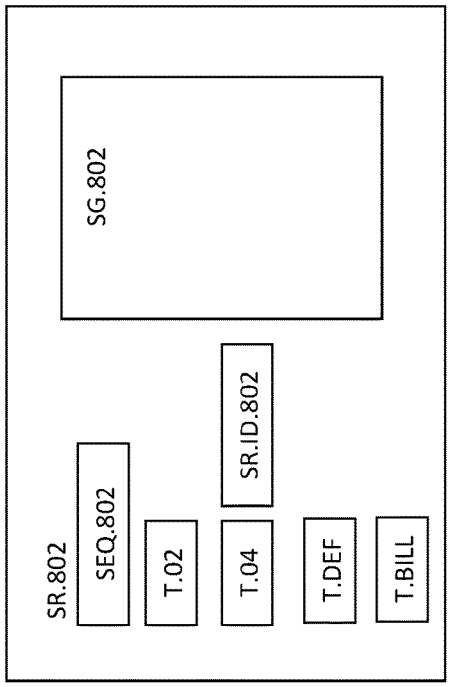

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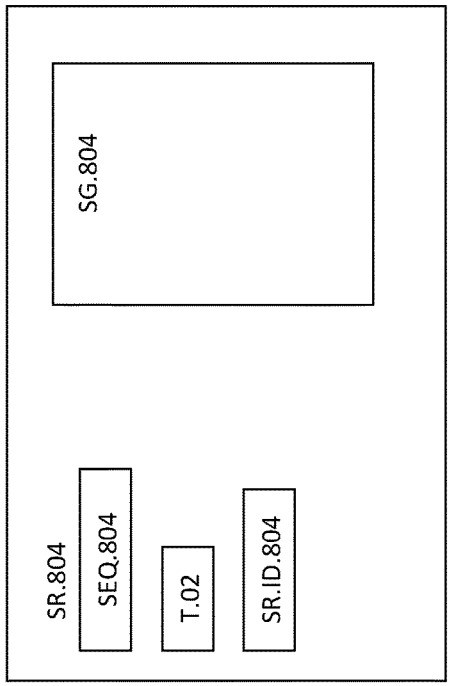

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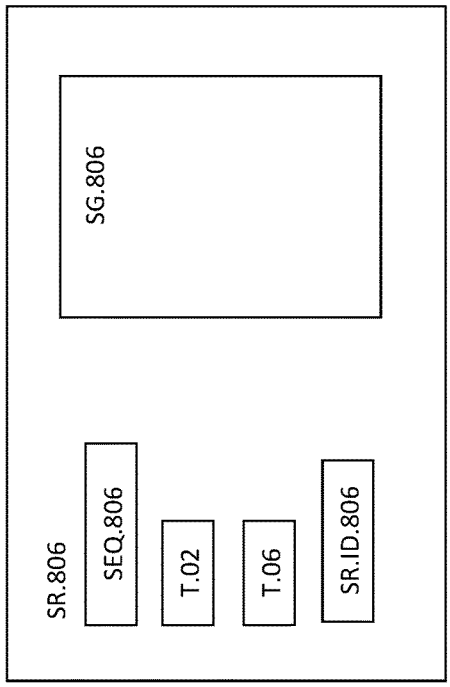

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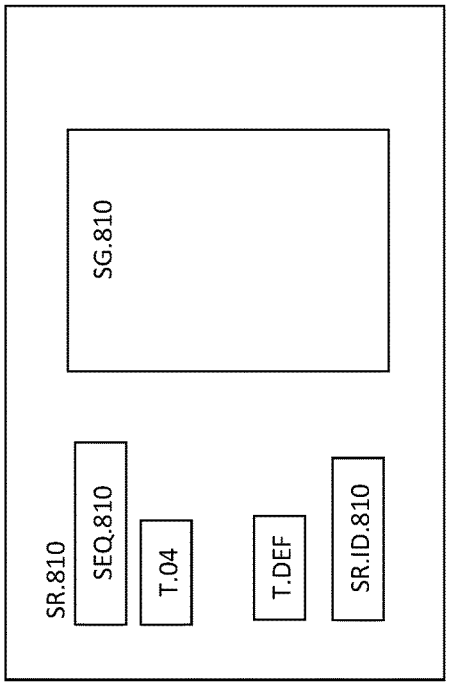

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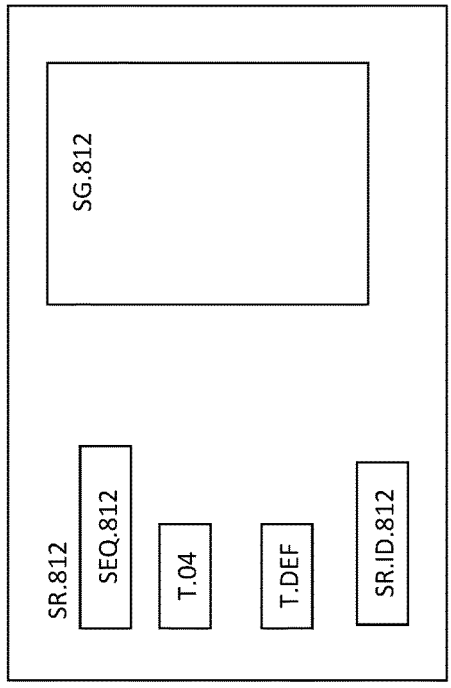

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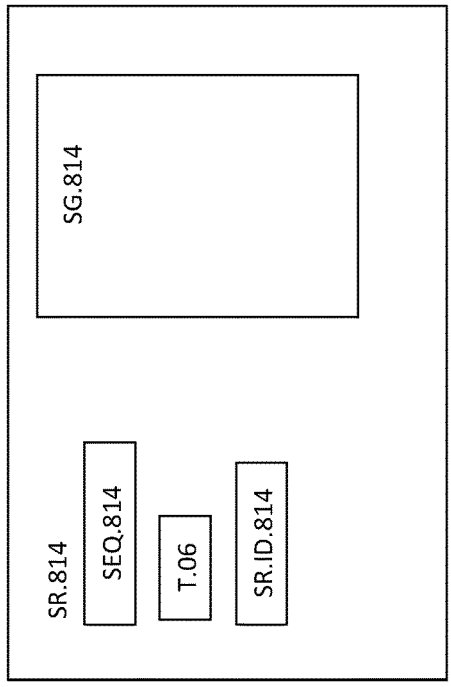

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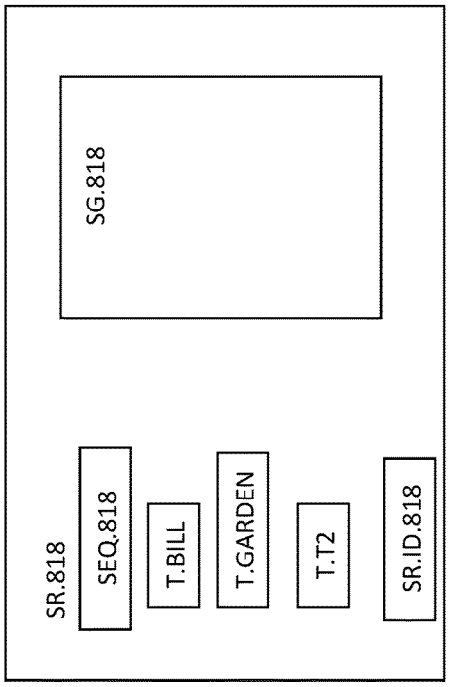

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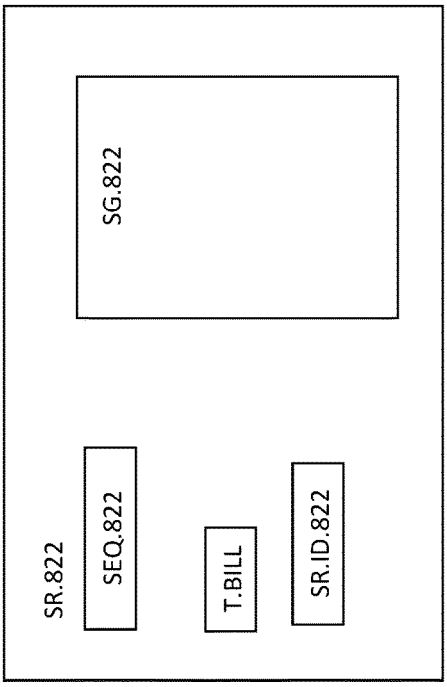

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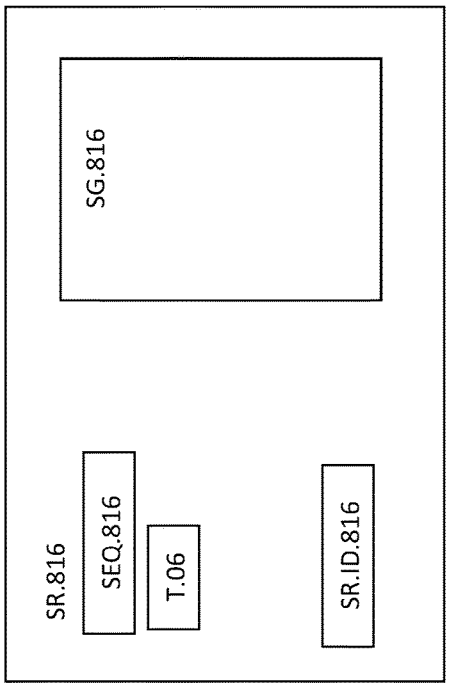

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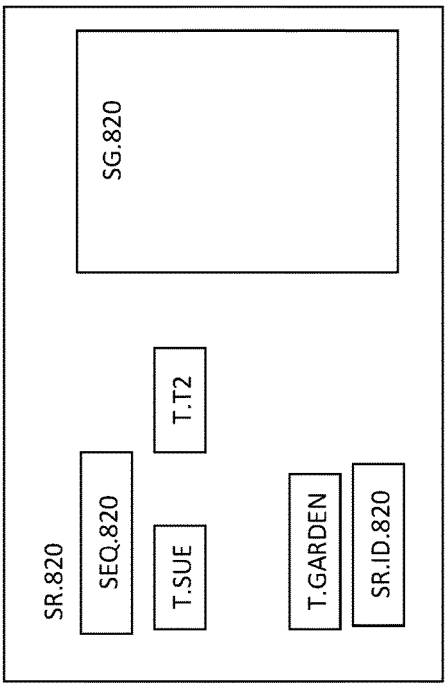

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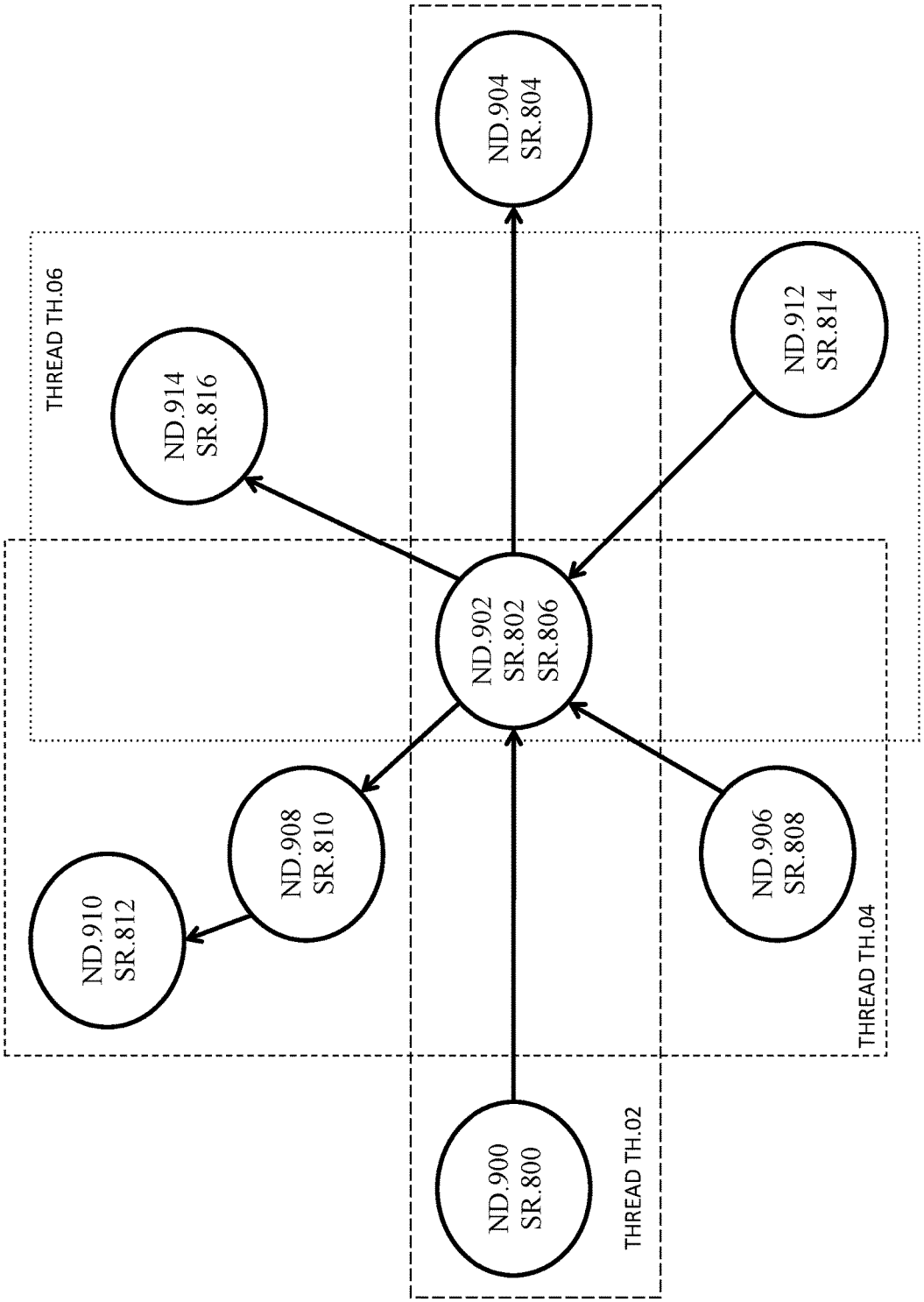

THREAD TH.06
THREAD TH.04
THREAD TH.02
ND.914
SR.816
ND.904
SR.804
ND.912
SR.814
ND.902
SR.802
SR.806
ND.908
SR.810
ND.906
SR.808
ND.910
SR.812
ND.900
SR.800

FIGURE 9

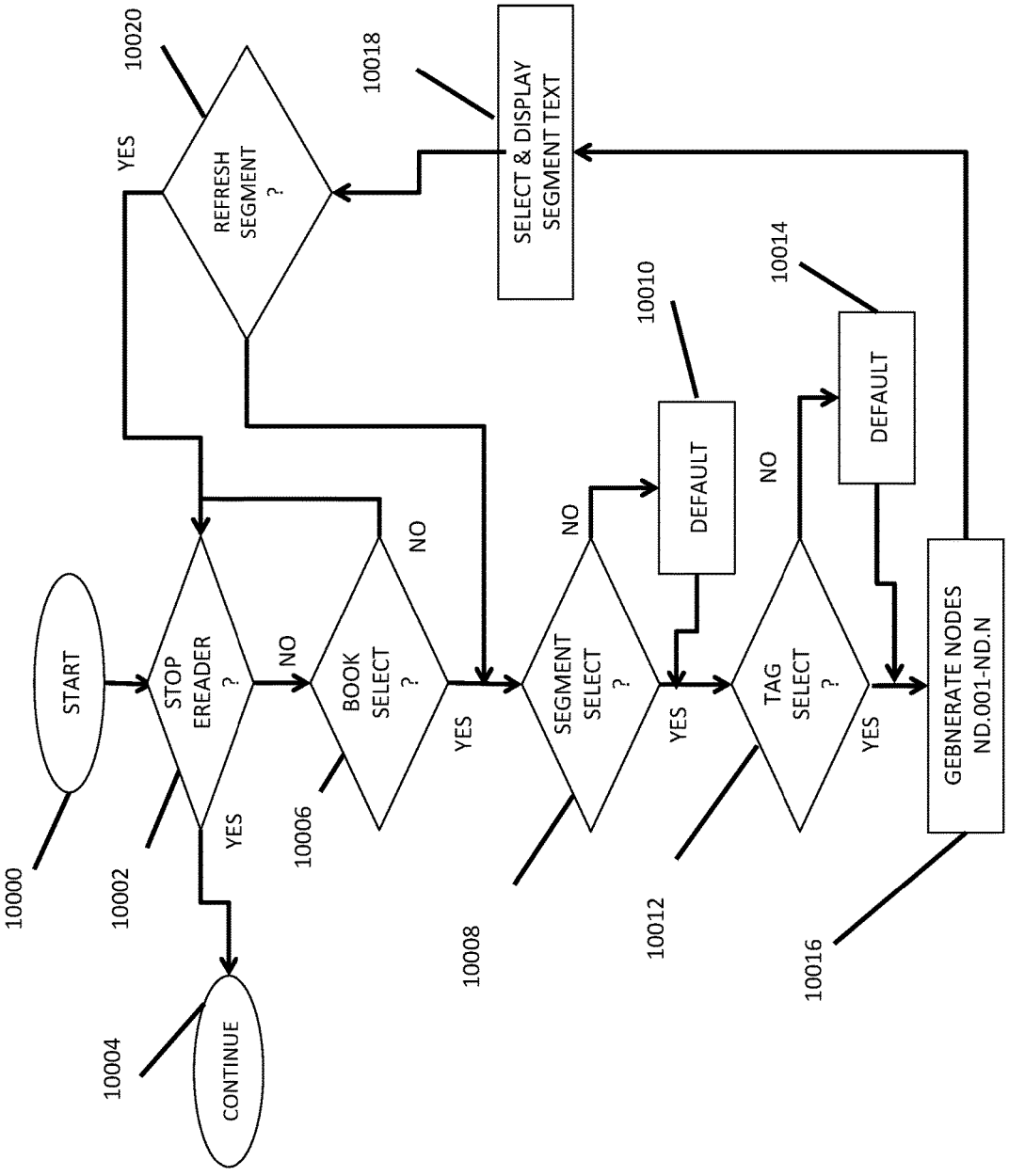

START
10000
STOP EREADER ?
10002
YES
NO
CONTINUE
10004
BOOK SELECT ?
10006
YES
NO
SEGMENT SELECT ?
10008
YES
NO
DEFAULT
10010
TAG SELECT ?
10012
YES
NO
DEFAULT
10014
GEBNERATE NODES ND.001-ND.N
10016
SELECT & DISPLAY SEGMENT TEXT
10018
REFRESH SEGMENT ?
10020
YES

FIGURE 10

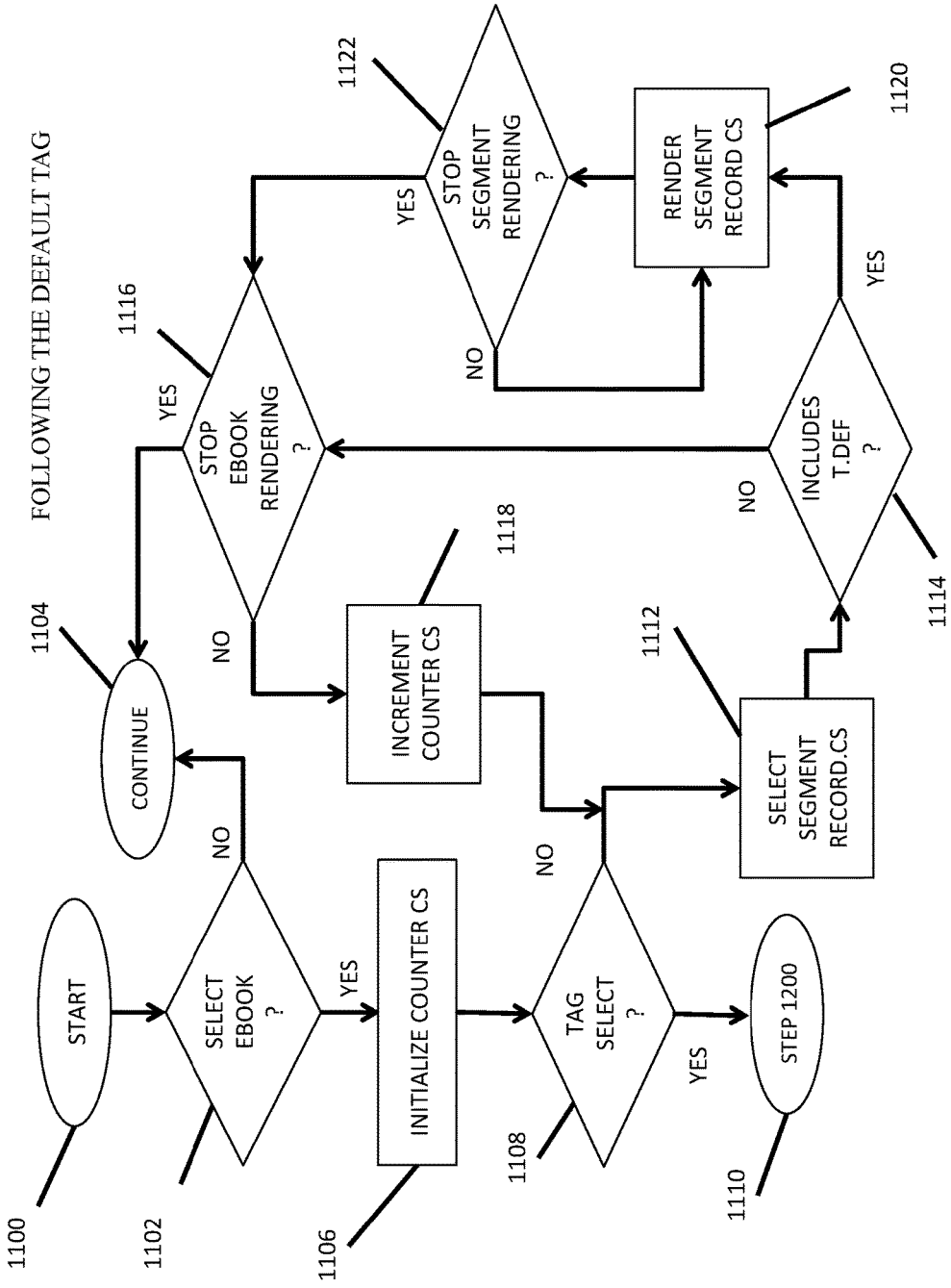

FOLLOWING THE DEFAULT TAG
START
1100
SELECT EBOOK ?
1102
NO
YES
INITIALIZE COUNTER CS
1106
TAG SELECT ?
1108
NO
YES
STEP 1200
1110
SELECT SEGMENT RECORD.CS
1112
INCLUDES T.DEF ?
1114
NO
YES
RENDER SEGMENT RECORD CS
1120
STOP SEGMENT RENDERING ?
1122
YES
NO
STOP EBOOK RENDERING ?
1116
YES
NO
INCREMENT COUNTER CS
1118
CONTINUE
1104

FIGURE 11

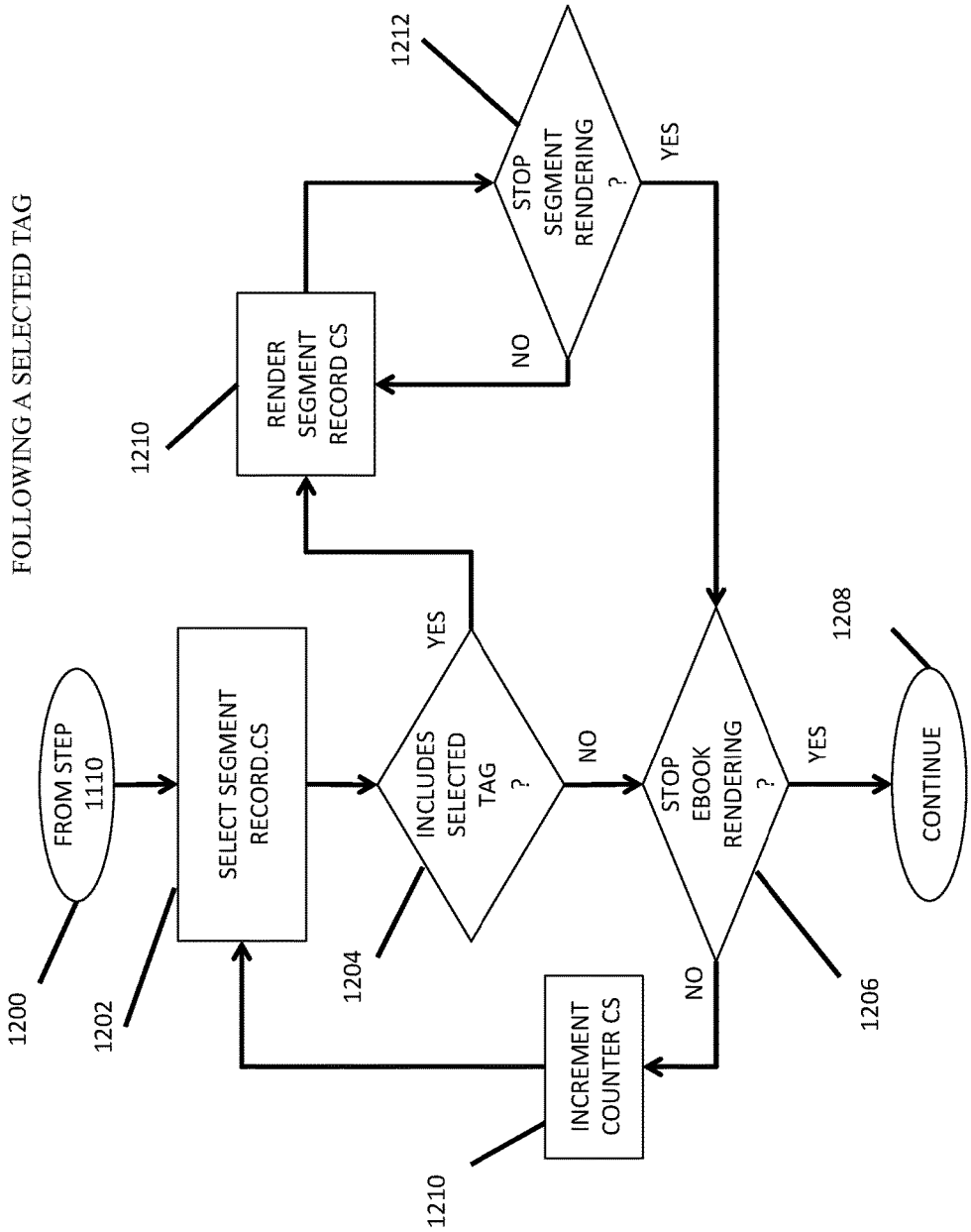

FOLLOWING A SELECTED TAG
FROM STEP 1110
SELECT SEGMENT RECORD.CS
INCLUDES SELECTED TAG ?
YES
NO
RENDER SEGMENT RECORD CS
STOP SEGMENT RENDERING ?
YES
NO
STOP EBOOK RENDERING ?
YES
NO
INCREMENT COUNTER CS
CONTINUE
1200
1202
1204
1206
1208
1210
1210
1212

FIGURE 12

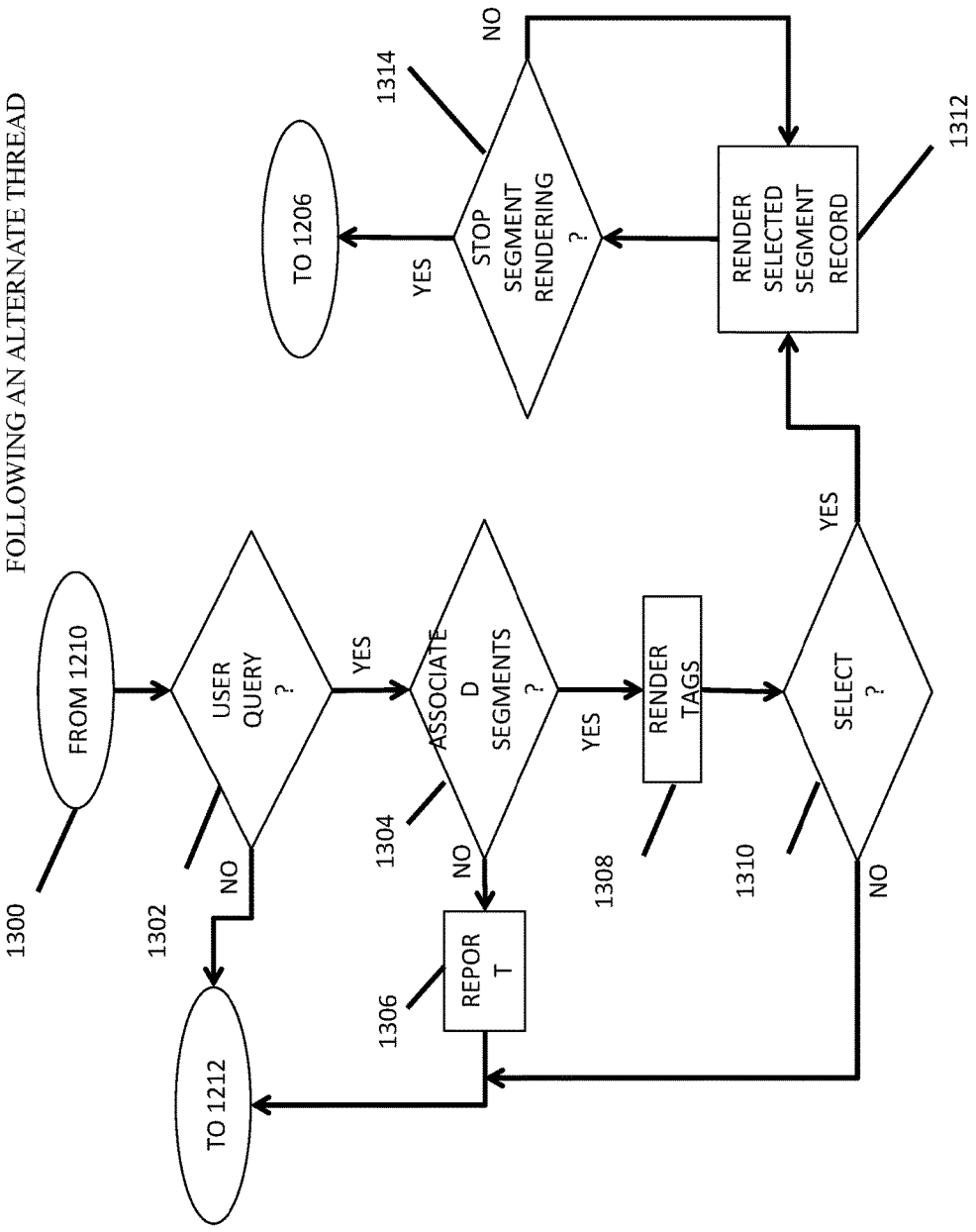

FOLLOWING AN ALTERNATE THREAD
FROM 1210
1300
USER QUERY ?
YES
NO
1302
ASSOCIATED SEGMENTS ?
1304
YES
NO
RENDER TAGS
1308
SELECT ?
1310
YES
NO
REPORT
1306
RENDER SELECTED SEGMENT RECORD
1312
STOP SEGMENT RENDERING ?
1314
YES
NO
TO 1206
TO 1212

FIGURE 13

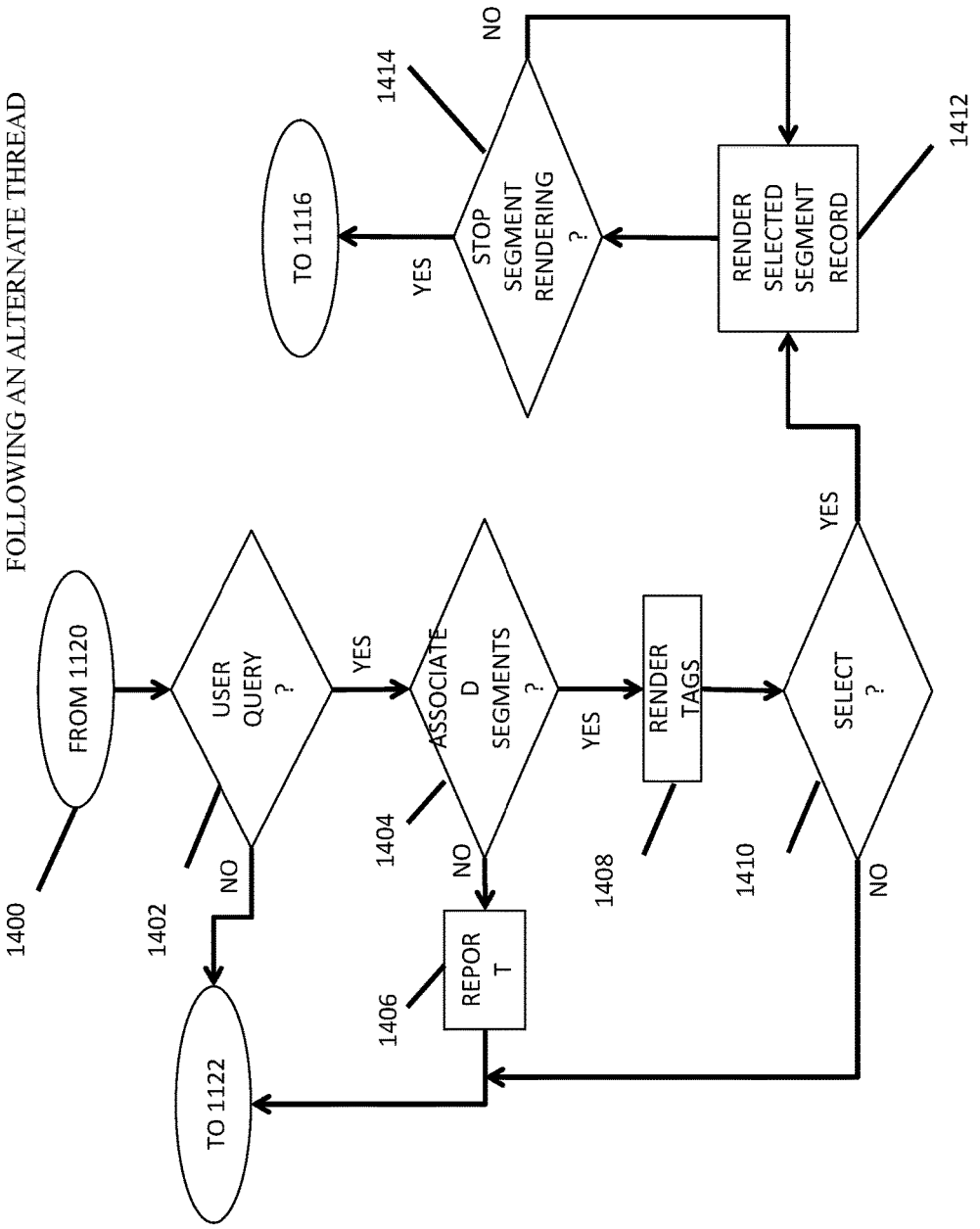

FOLLOWING AN ALTERNATE THREAD
FROM 1120
1400
USER QUERY ?
1402
YES
NO
ASSOCIATED SEGMENTS ?
1404
YES
NO
REPORT
1406
RENDER TAGS
1408
SELECT ?
1410
YES
NO
RENDER SELECTED SEGMENT RECORD
1412
STOP SEGMENT RENDERING ?
1414
YES
NO
TO 1116
TO 1122

FIGURE 14

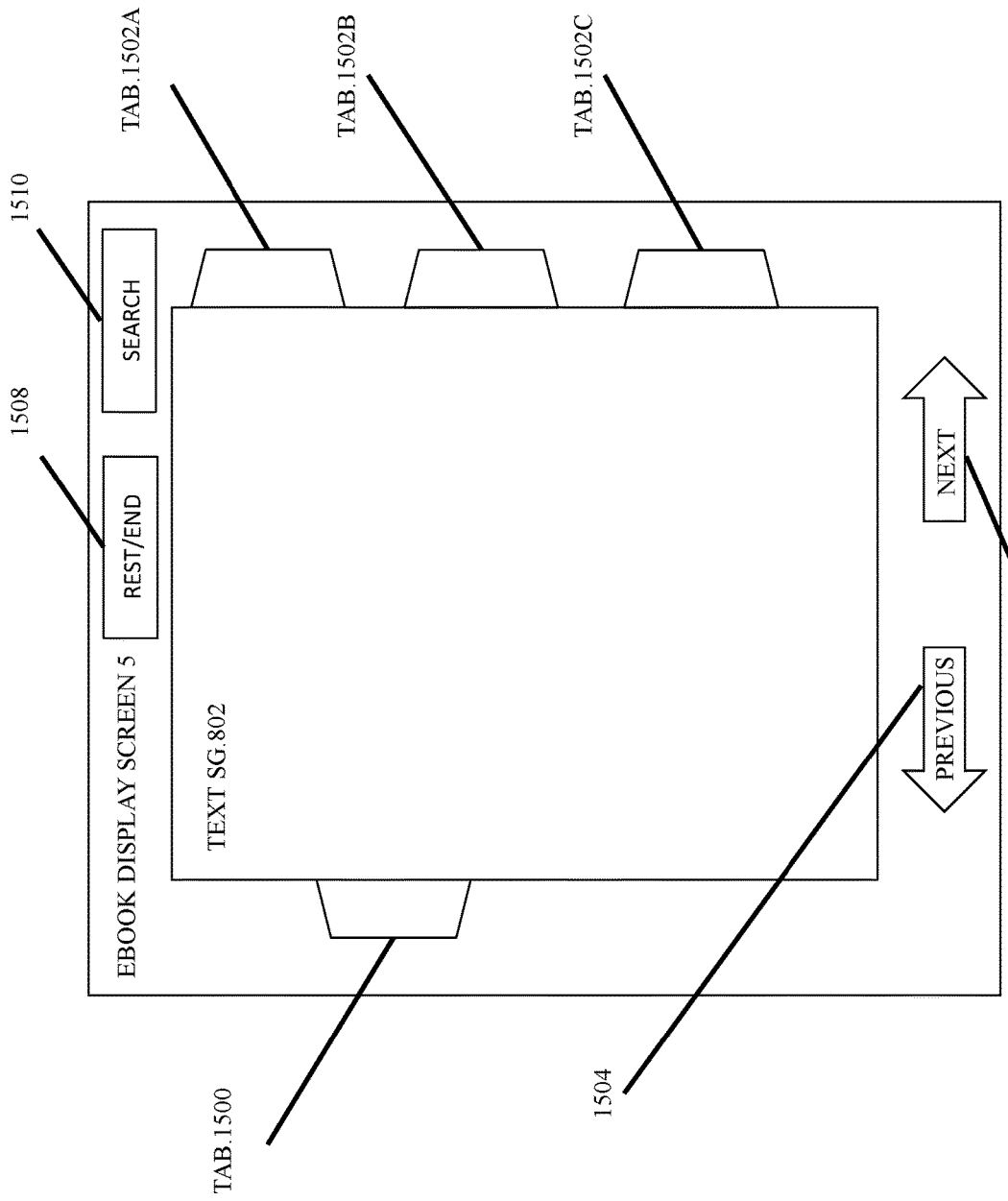

TAB.1502A
TAB.1502B
TAB.1502C
1510
1508
SEARCH
REST/END
EBOOK DISPLAY SCREEN 5
TEXT SG.802
NEXT
PREVIOUS
1506
TAB.1500
1504

FIGURE 15

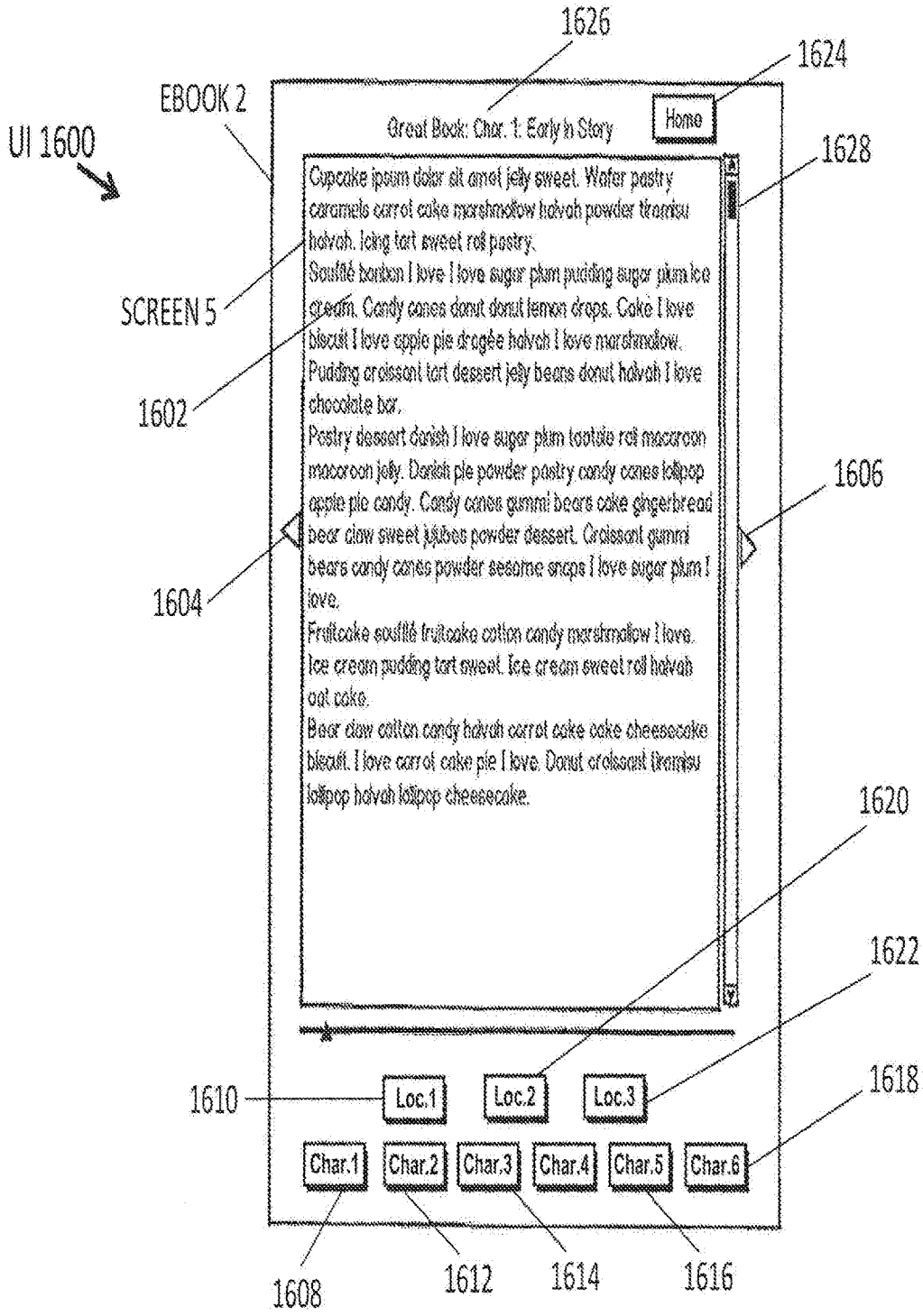
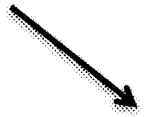

1626
1624
EBOOK 2
UI 1600
Great Book: Char. 1: Early'n Story
Home
1628
Cupcake ipsum dolor sit amet jelly sweet. Wafer pastry caramels carrot cake marshmallow halvah powder tiramisu halvah. Icing tart sweet roll pastry.
Soufflé bonbon I love I love sugar plum pudding sugar plum ice cream. Candy canes donut donut lemon drops. Cake I love biscuit I love apple pie dragée halvah I love marshmallow.
Pudding croissant tart dessert jelly beans donut halvah I love chocolate bar.
Pastry dessert danish I love sugar plum tootsie roll macaroon macaroon jelly. Danish pie powder pastry candy canes lollipop apple pie candy. Candy canes gummi bears cake gingerbread bear claw sweet jujubes powder dessert. Croissant gummi bears candy canes powder sesame snaps I love sugar plum I love.
Fruitcake soufflé fruitcake cotton candy marshmallow I love. Ice cream pudding tart sweet. Ice cream sweet roll halvah oat cake.
Bear claw cotton candy halvah carrot cake cake cheesecake biscuit. I love carrot cake pie I love. Donut croissant tiramisu lollipop halvah lollipop cheesecake.
SCREEN 5
1602
1604
1606
1620
1622
1610
Loc.1
Loc.2
Loc.3
1618
Char.1
Char.2
Char.3
Char.4
Char.5
Char.6
1608
1612
1614
1616

FIGURE 16

TAG TO LABEL TABLE 1700



PAIRID.01	1502	T.01
PAIRID.02	TAB 1502A	T.02
PAIRID.03	TAB 1506	NEXT SEGMENT RECORD
PAIRID.04	TAB 1500	T.04
PAIRID.05	CHAR.6	T.05
PAIRID.06	TAB 1502C	T.06
PAIRID.07	TAB 1504	PREVIOUS SEGMENT RECORD
PAIRID.08	PREVIOUS	T.08
PAIRID.09	LOC.2	T.09
PAIRID.10	CHAR.3	T.10
PAIRID.11	TAB 1502B	T.BILL
PAIRID.DEF	LABEL.DEF	T.DEF

FIGURE 17

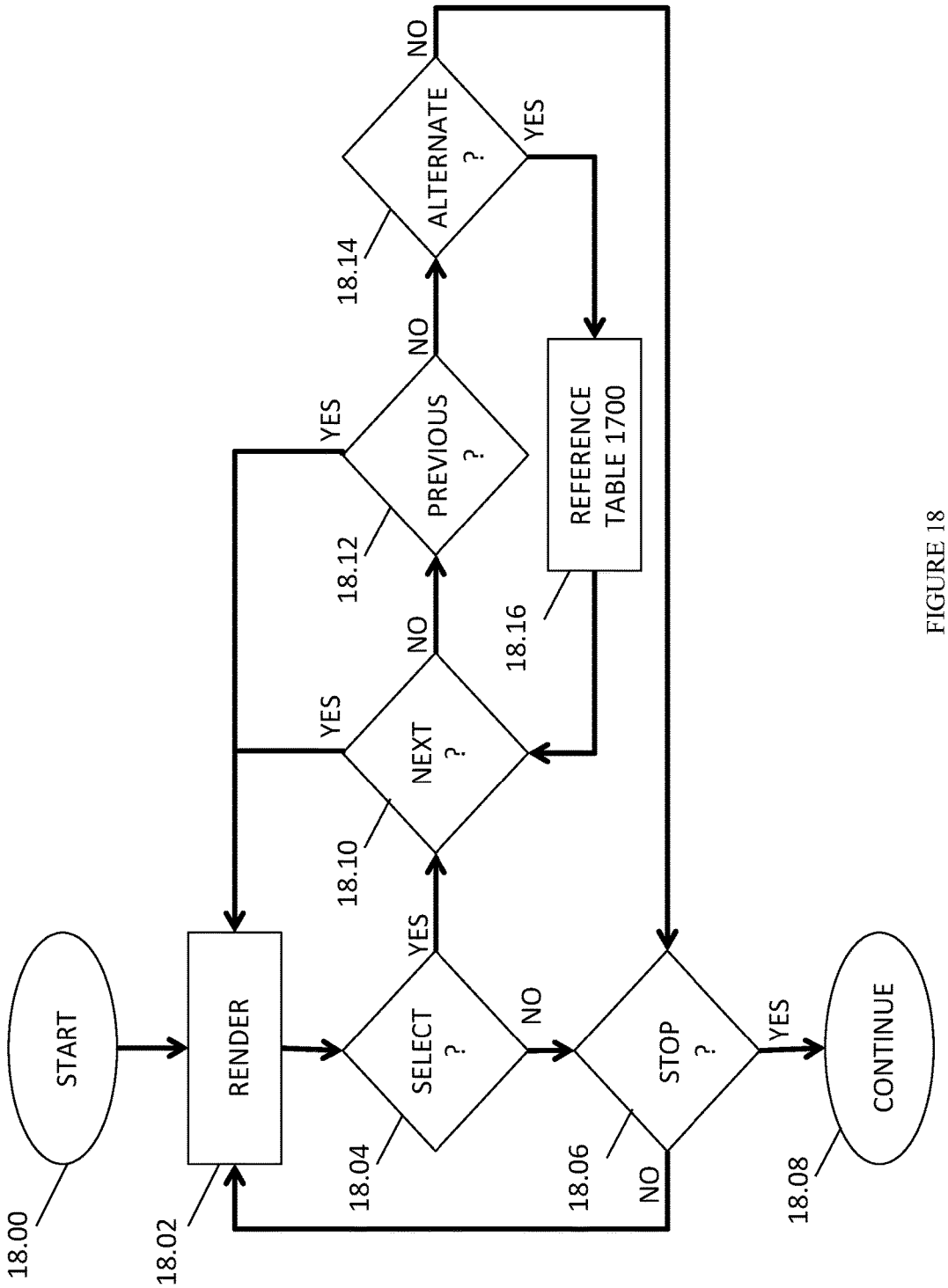

START
RENDER
SELECT ?
NEXT ?
PREVIOUS ?
ALTERNATE ?
REFERENCE TABLE 1700
STOP ?
CONTINUE
YES
NO
18.00
18.02
18.04
18.06
18.08
18.10
18.12
18.14
18.16

FIGURE 18

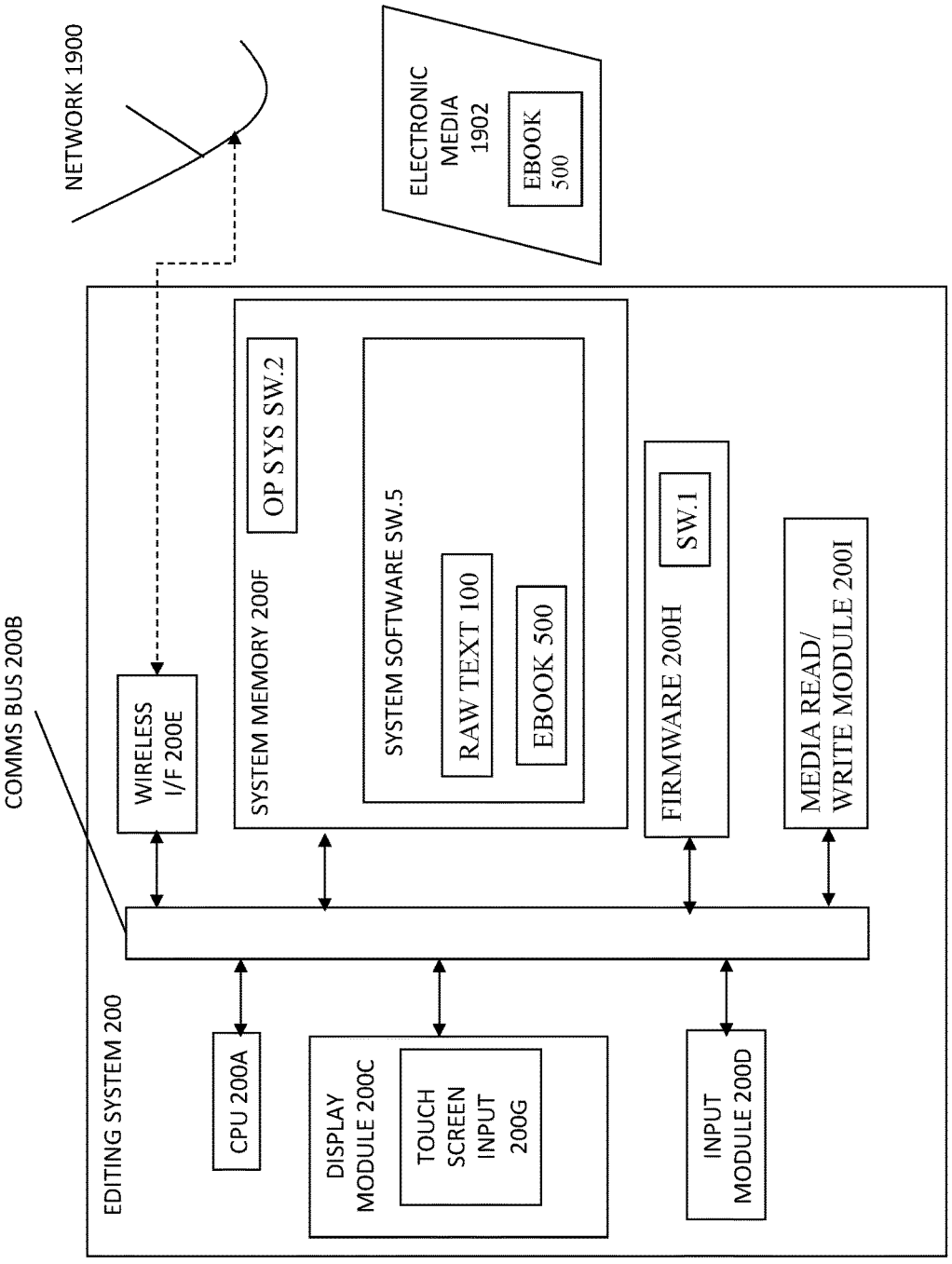
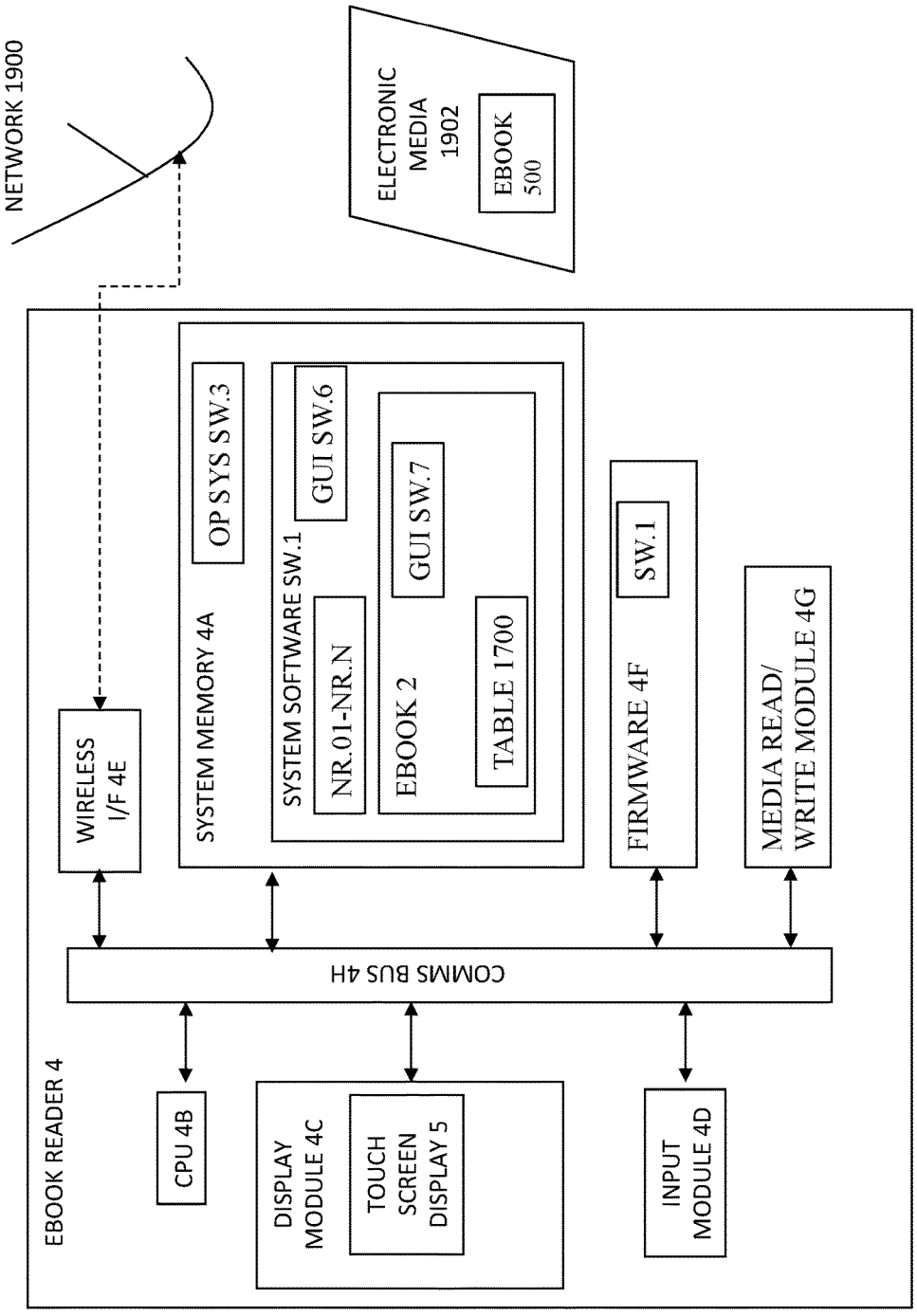

NETWORK 1900
ELECTRONIC MEDIA 1902
EBOOK 500
COMMS BUS 200B
WIRELESS I/F 200E
SYSTEM MEMORY 200F
OP SYS SW.2
SYSTEM SOFTWARE SW.5
RAW TEXT 100
EBOOK 500
FIRMWARE 200H
SW.1
MEDIA READ/ WRITE MODULE 200I
EDITING SYSTEM 200
CPU 200A
DISPLAY MODULE 200C
TOUCH SCREEN INPUT 200G
INPUT MODULE 200D

FIGURE 19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ELECTRONIC MEDIA 1902
EBOOK 500
EBOOK READER 4
WIRELESS I/F 4E
SYSTEM MEMORY 4A
OP SYS SW.3
SYSTEM SOFTWARE SW.1
GUI SW.6
NR.01-NR.N
EBOOK 2
GUI SW.7
TABLE 1700
FIRMWARE 4F
SW.1
MEDIA READ/ WRITE MODULE 4G
COMMS BUS 4H
CPU 4B
DISPLAY MODULE 4C
TOUCH SCREEN DISPLAY 5
INPUT MODULE 4D

FIGURE 20

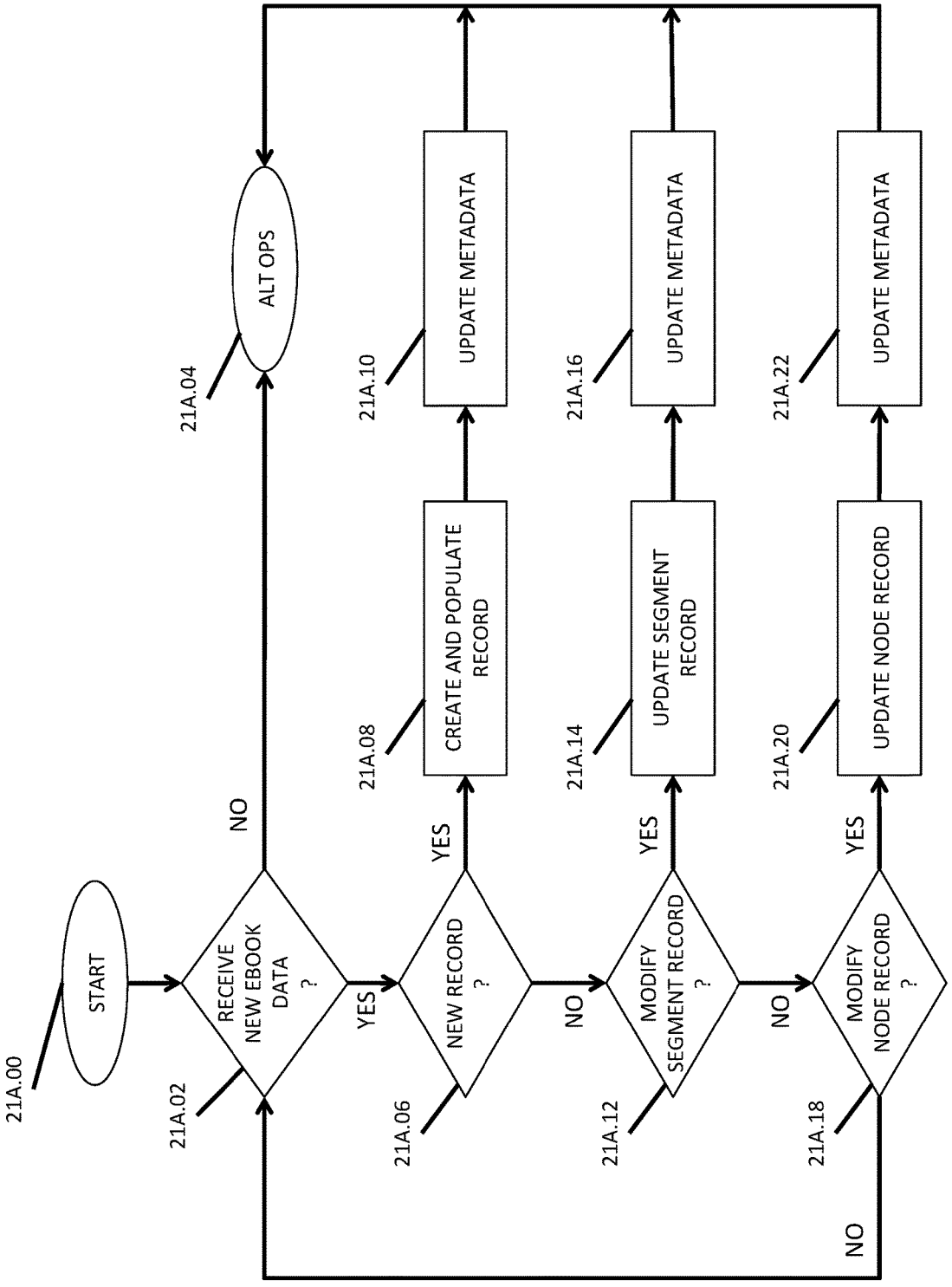

21A.00
START
21A.02
RECEIVE NEW EBOOK DATA ?
NO
21A.04
ALT OPS
YES
21A.06
NEW RECORD ?
NO
21A.08
CREATE AND POPULATE RECORD
21A.10
UPDATE METADATA
YES
21A.12
MODIFY SEGMENT RECORD ?
NO
21A.14
UPDATE SEGMENT RECORD
21A.16
UPDATE METADATA
YES
21A.18
MODIFY NODE RECORD ?
NO
21A.20
UPDATE NODE RECORD
21A.22
UPDATE METADATA
YES

FIGURE 21A

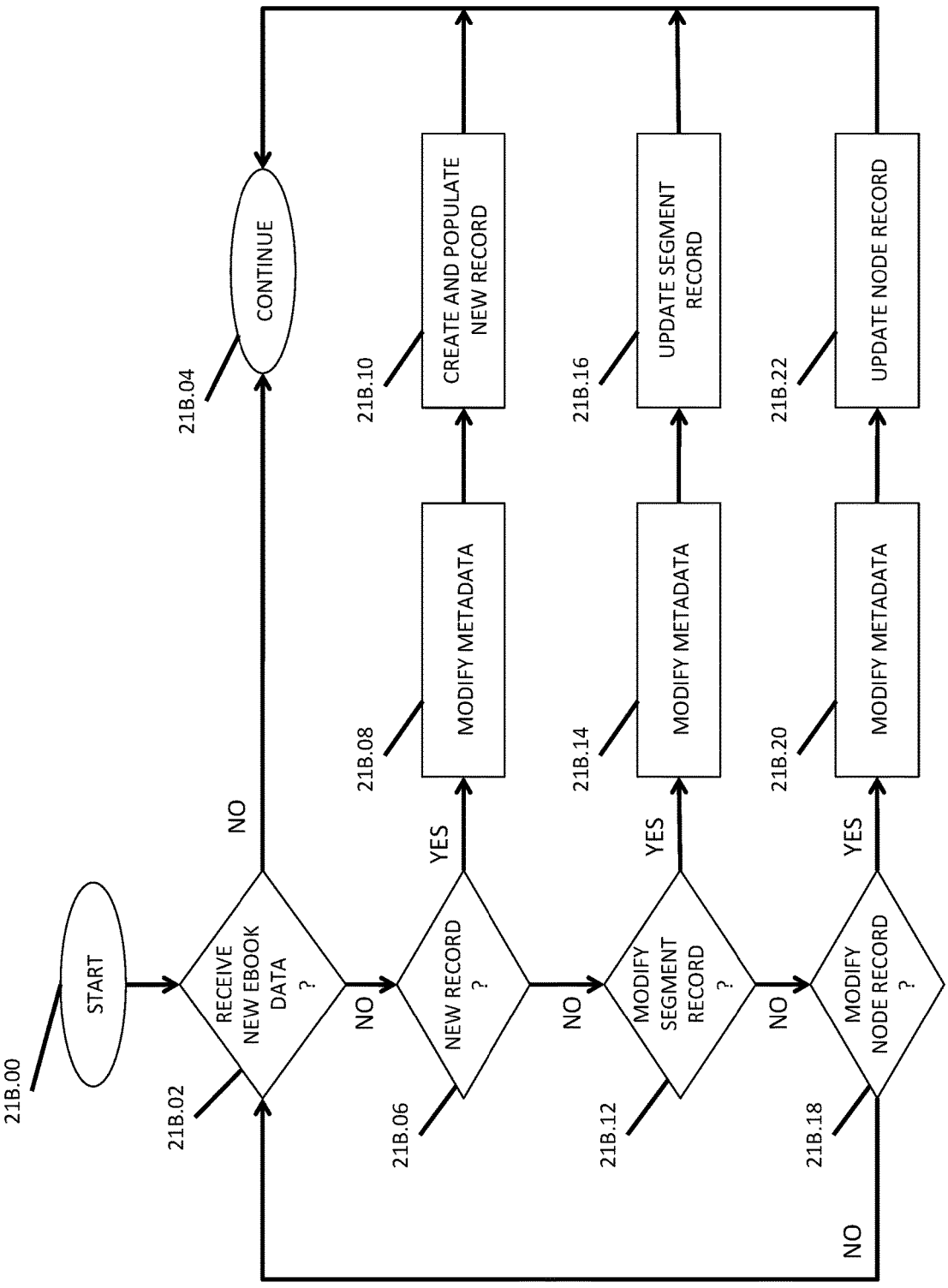
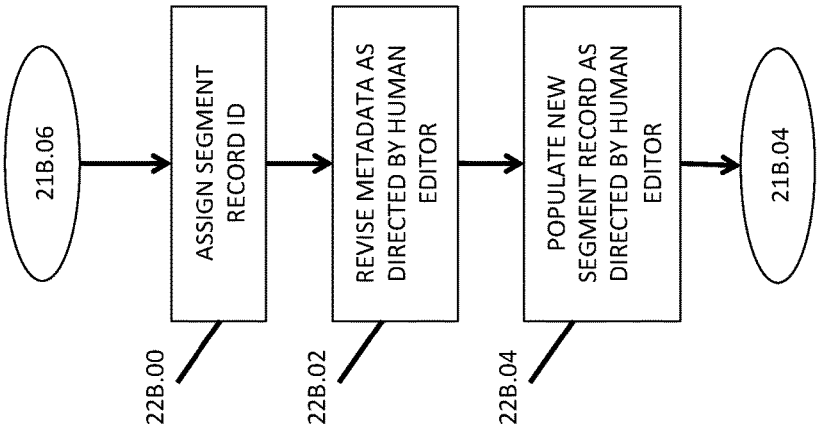

21B.00
START
21B.02
RECEIVE NEW EBOOK DATA ?
NO
21B.04
CONTINUE
YES
21B.06
NEW RECORD ?
NO
21B.08
MODIFY METADATA
21B.10
CREATE AND POPULATE NEW RECORD
YES
21B.12
MODIFY SEGMENT RECORD ?
NO
21B.14
MODIFY METADATA
21B.16
UPDATE SEGMENT RECORD
YES
21B.18
MODIFY NODE RECORD ?
NO
21B.20
MODIFY METADATA
21B.22
UPDATE NODE RECORD
YES

FIGURE 21B



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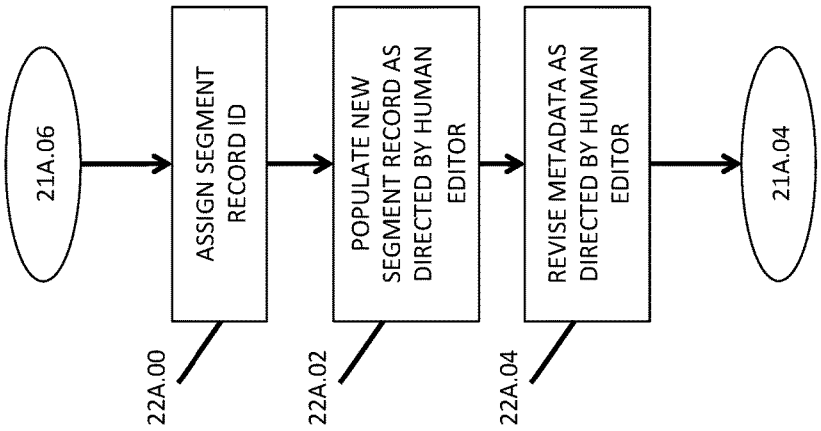


FIGURE 22A

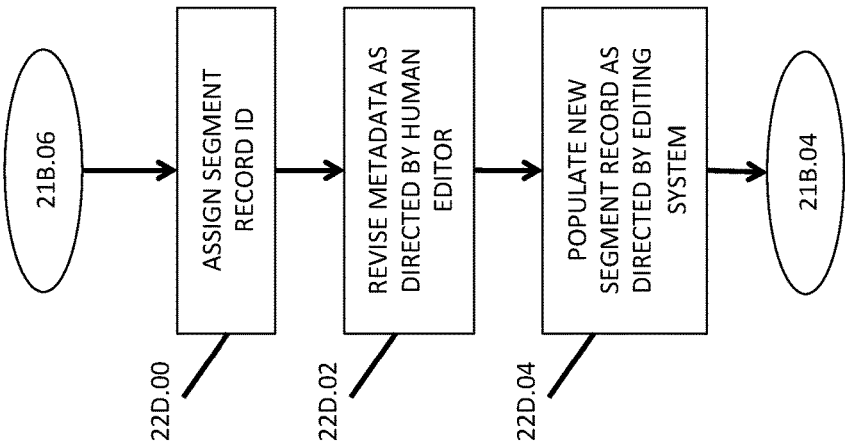


FIGURE 22D

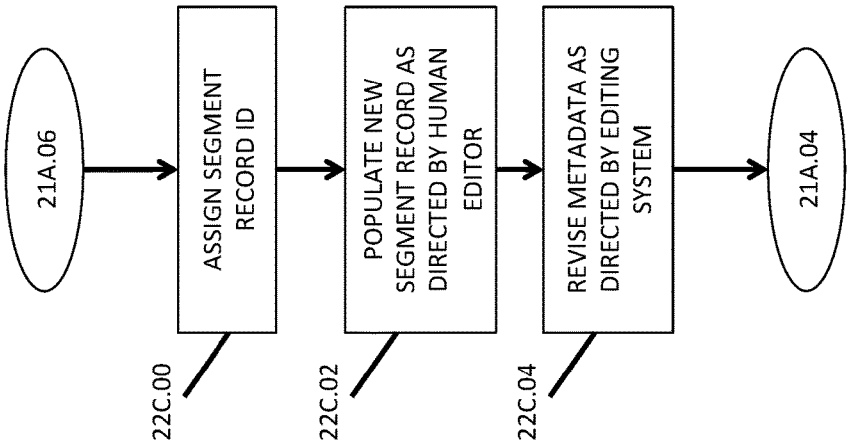
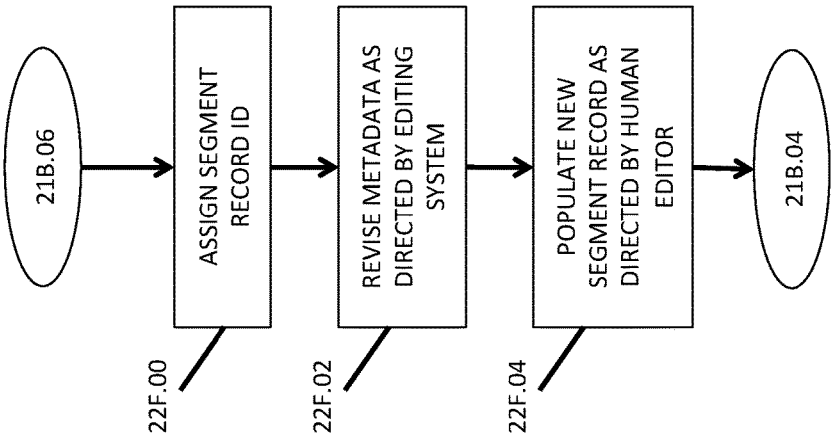


FIGURE 22C



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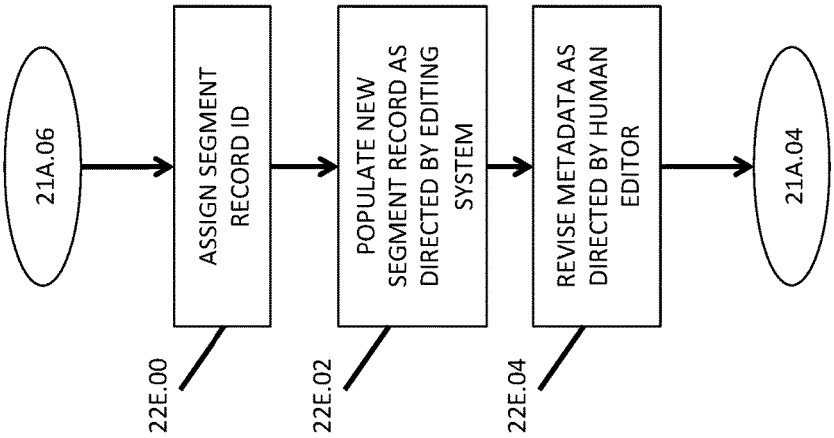
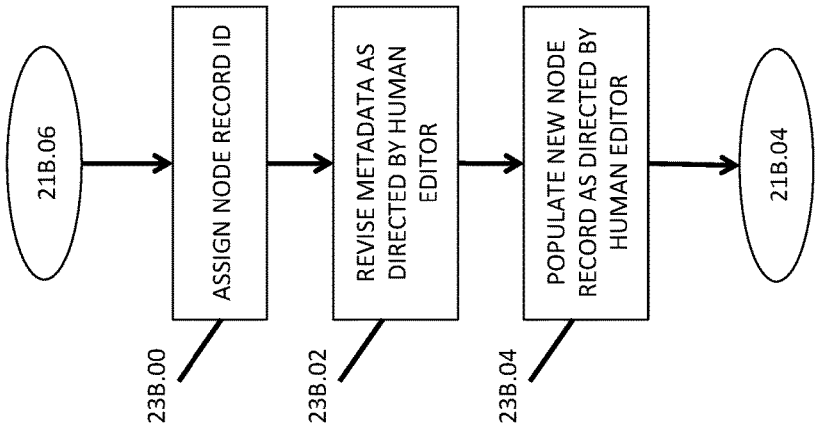


FIGURE 22E



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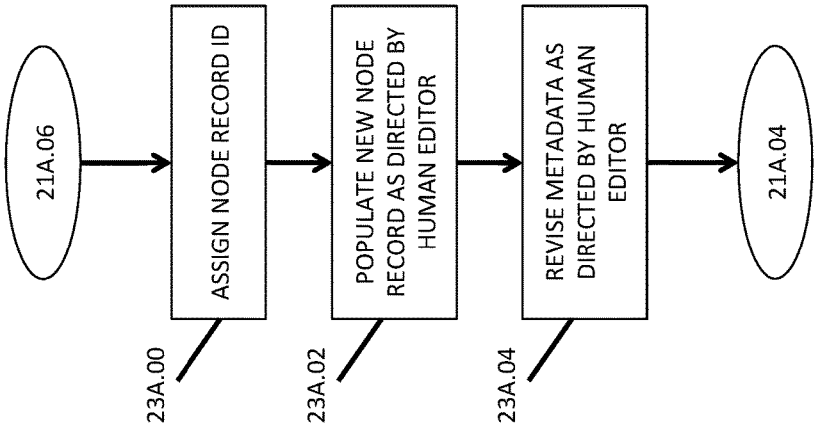

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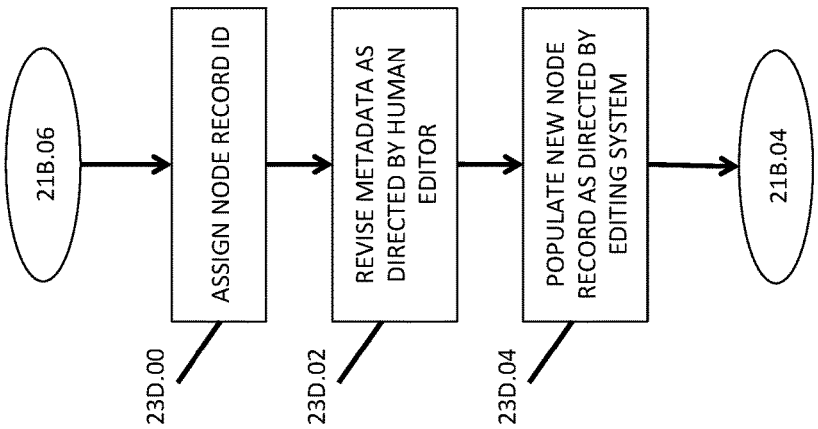

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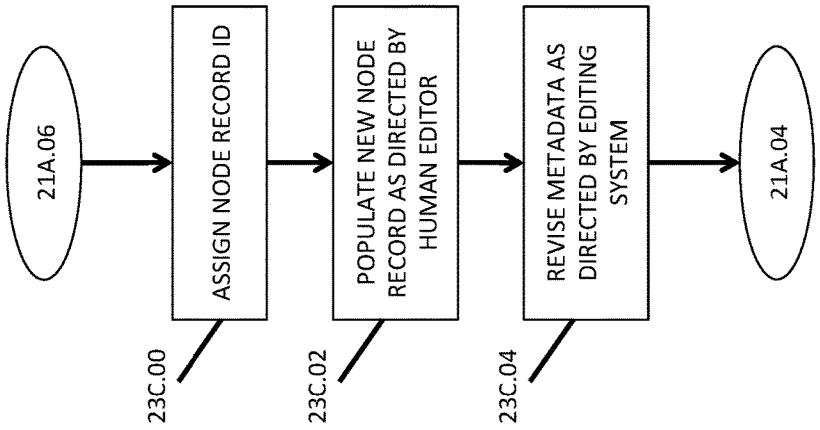

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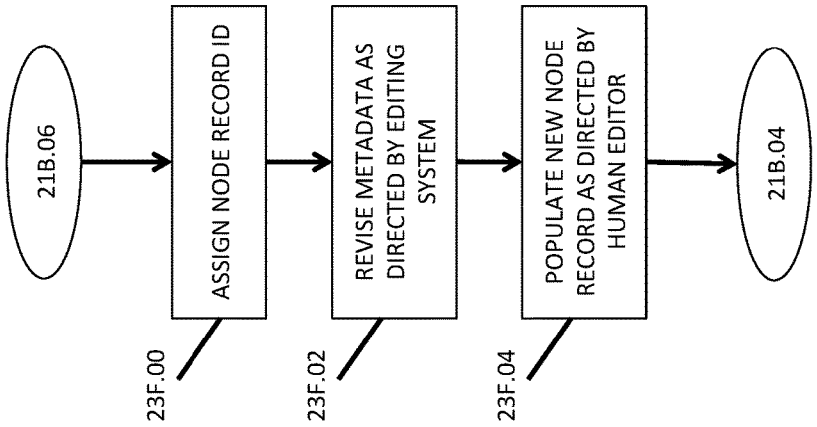

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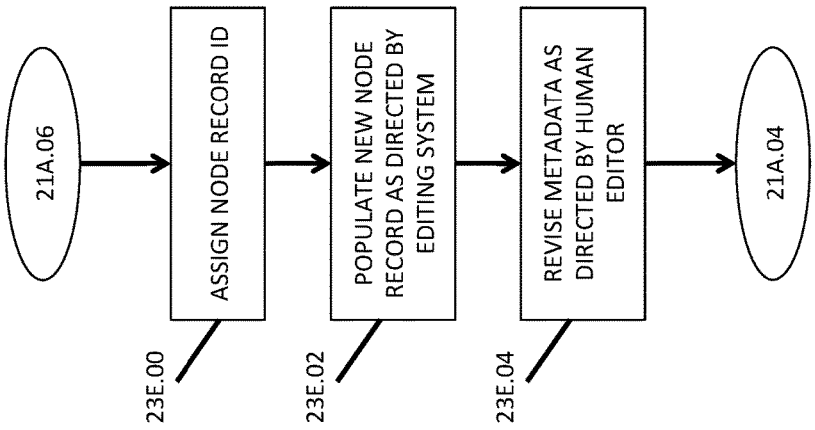

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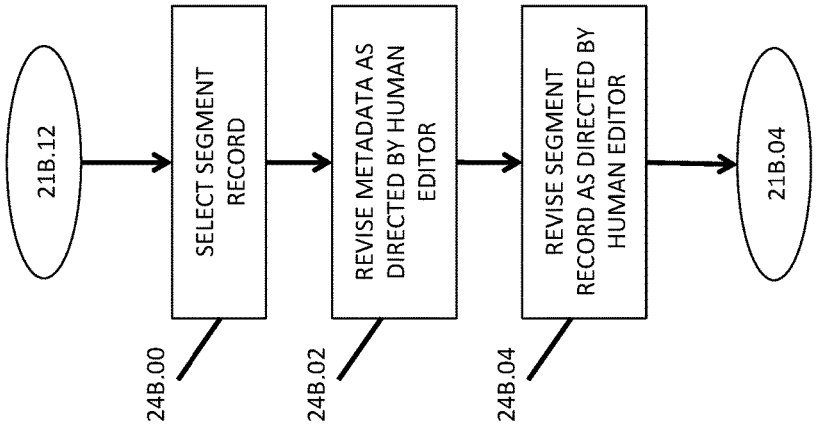

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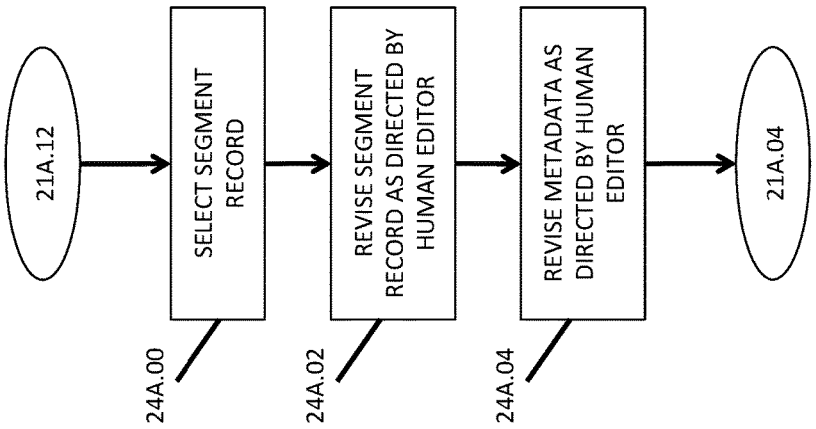

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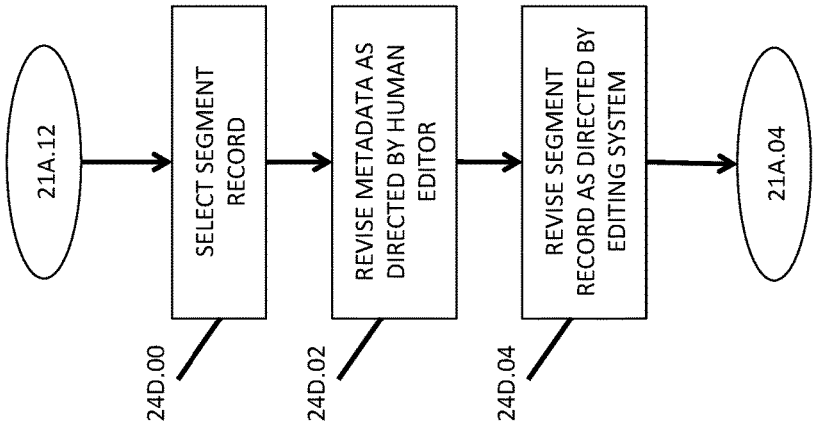

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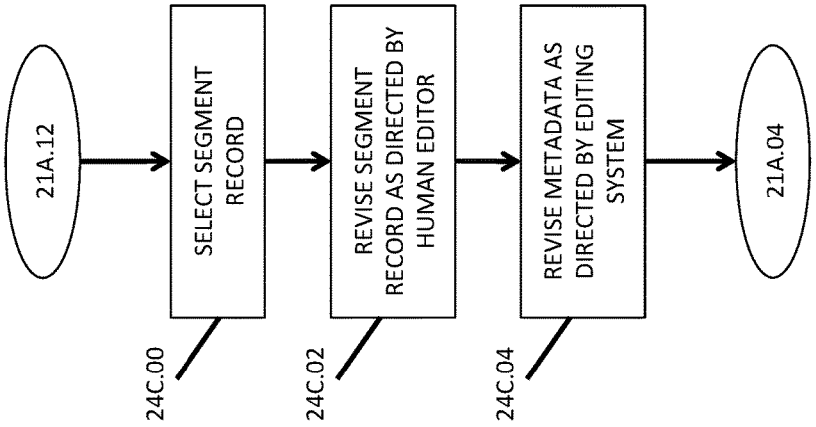

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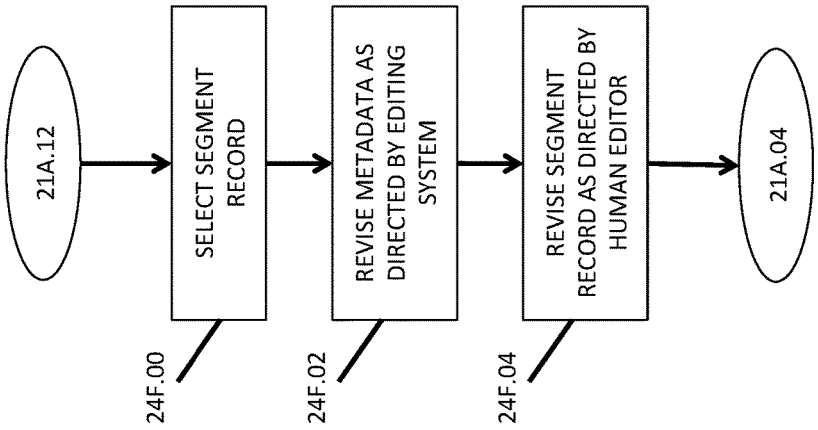

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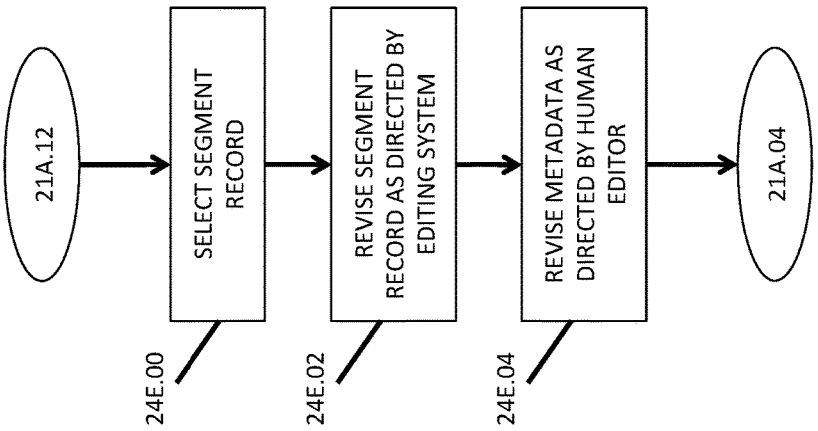

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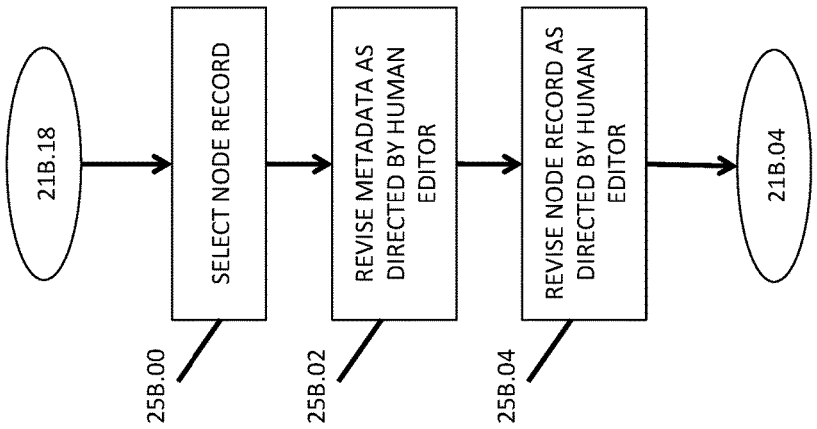

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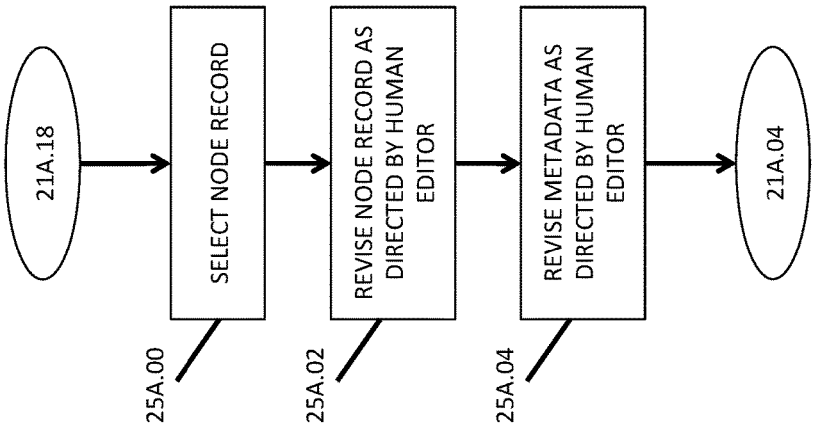

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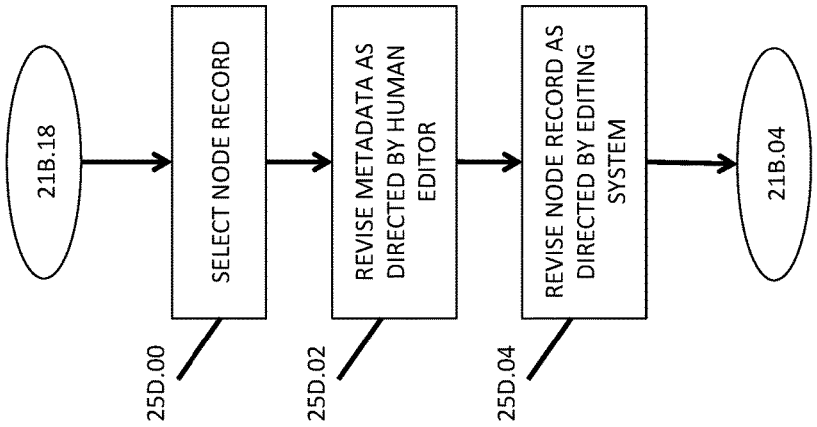

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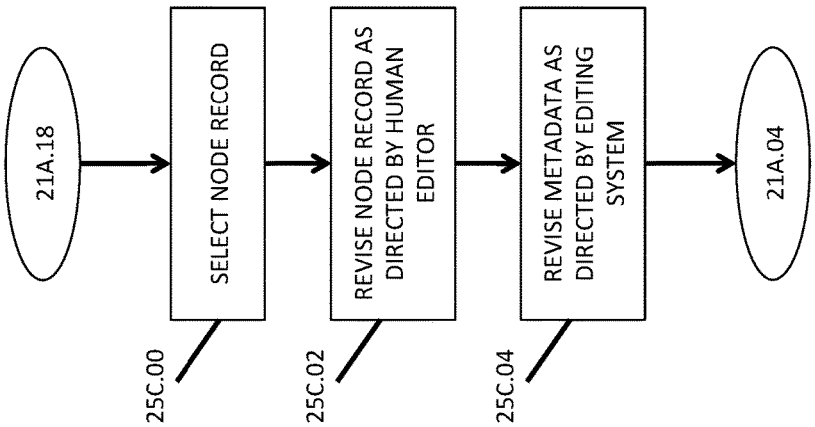
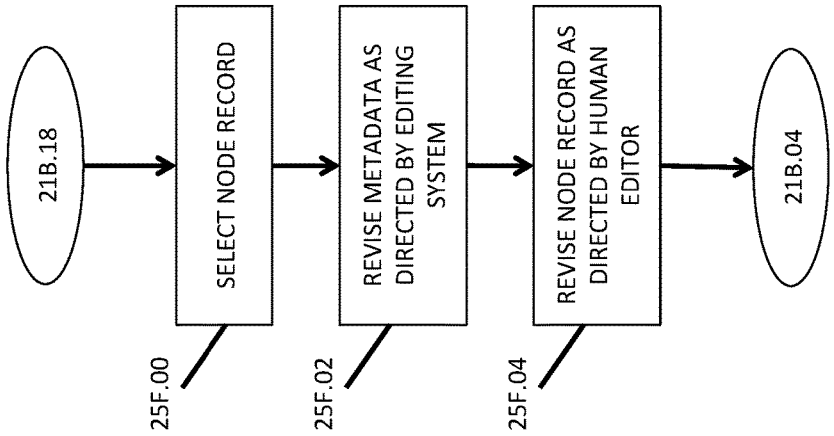


FIGURE 25C



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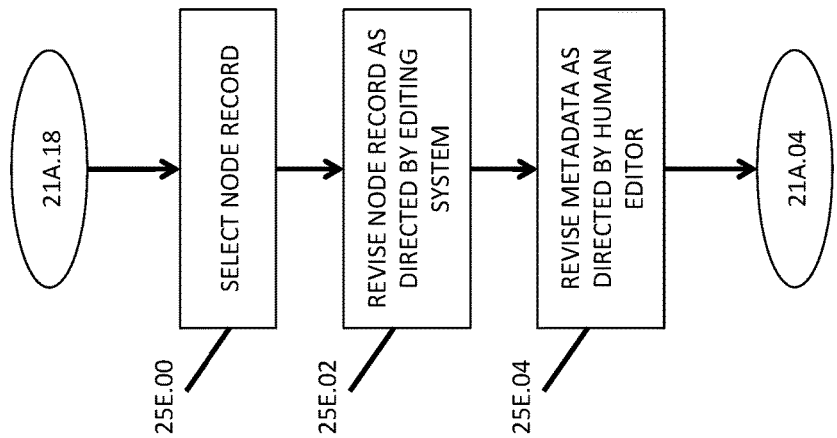

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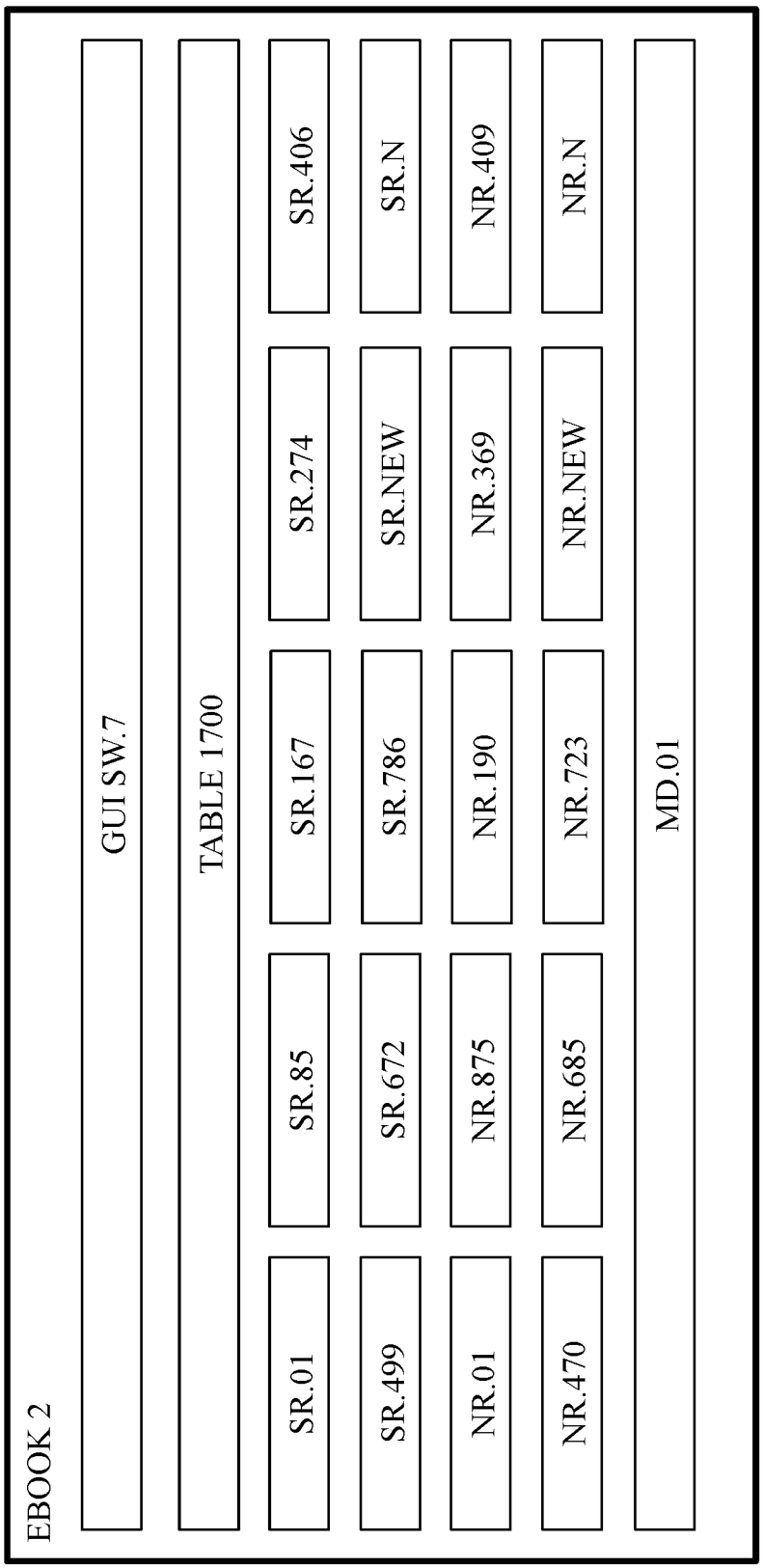
EBOOK 2
GUI SW.7
TABLE 1700
SR.01
SR.499
NR.01
NR.470
SR.85
SR.672
NR.875
NR.685
SR.167
SR.786
NR.190
NR.723
SR.274
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SR.406
SR.N
NR.409
NR.N
MD.01

FIGURE 26

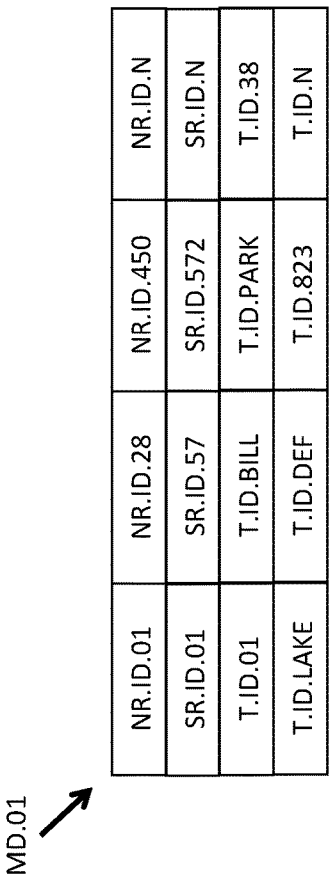

FIGURE 27A

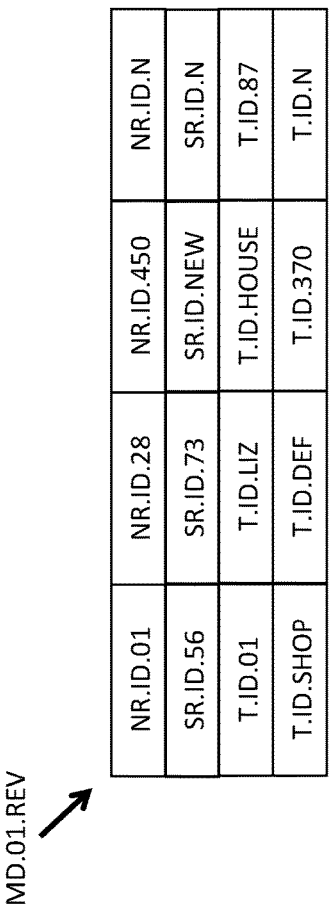

FIGURE 27B

NR.01

NR.ID.01	ND.ID.23	NR.ID.38	NR.ID.47
SR.ID.01	SR.ID.57	SR.ID.572	SR.ID.29
ND.01	TH.ID.02	TH.ID.03	T.ID.59
T.ID.01	T.ID.233	T.ID.381	T.ID.BILL

FIGURE 28A

NR.02

NR.ID.02	ND.ID.255	NR.ID.73	NR.ID.N
SR.ID.98	SR.ID.45	SR.ID.542	SR.ID.N
ND.02	TH.ID.04	TH.ID.05	T.ID.LARA
T.ID.N	T.ID.WOODS	T.ID.556	T.ID.77

FIGURE 28B

NR.NEW

NR.ID.03	ND.ID.51	NR.ID.93	NR.ID.72
SR.ID.19	SR.ID.11	SR.ID.66	SR.ID.09
ND.03	TH.ID.06	TH.ID.N	T.ID.493
T.ID.204	T.ID.WIFE	T.ID.MIKE	T.ID.49

FIGURE 28C

NR.N

NR.ID.N	ND.ID.255	NR.ID.73	NR.ID.N
SR.ID.10	SR.ID.25	SR.ID.37	SR.ID.N
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FIGURE 28D

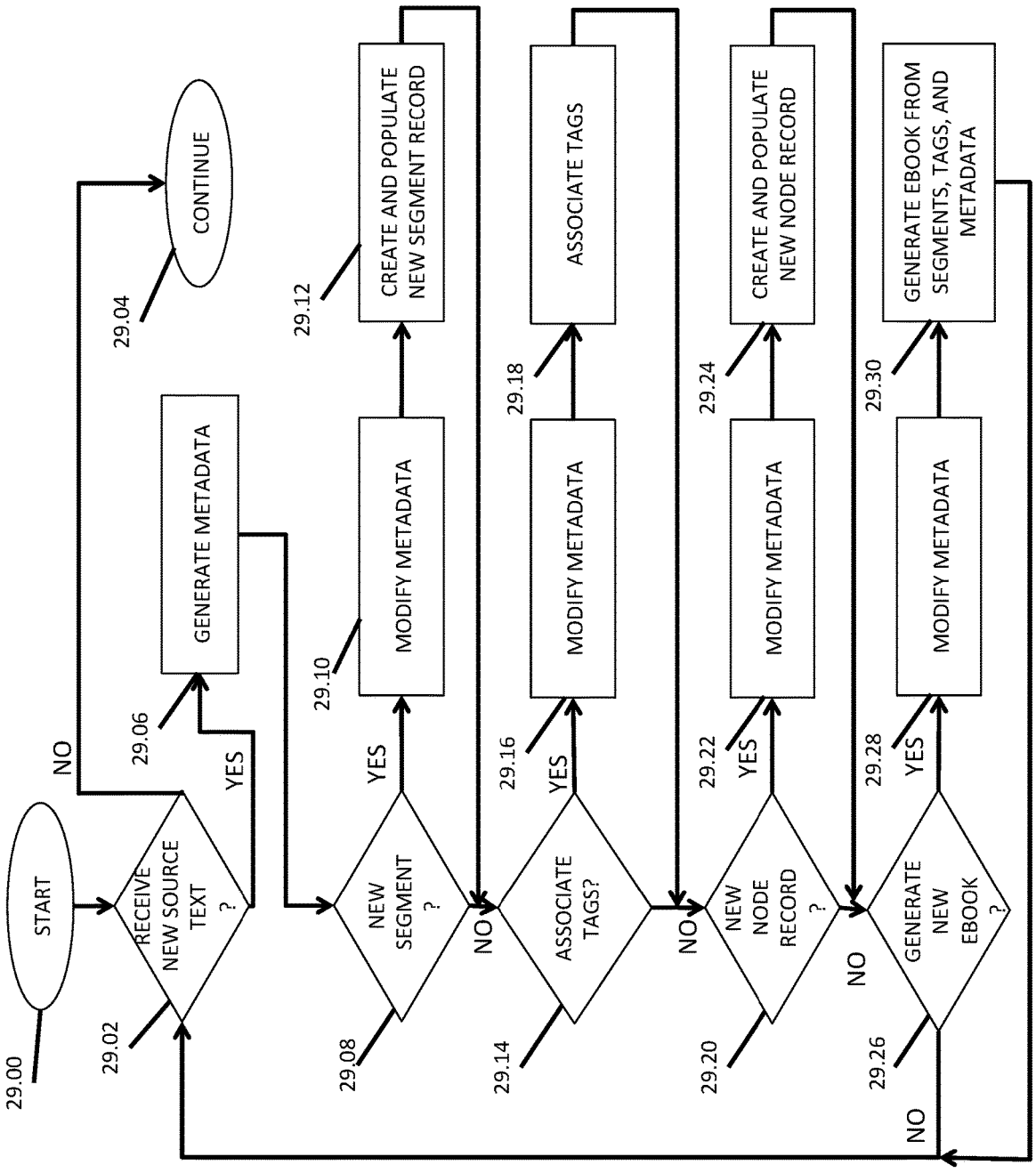

START
29.00
RECEIVE NEW SOURCE TEXT ?
29.02
NO
YES
29.04
CONTINUE
29.06
GENERATE METADATA
NEW SEGMENT ?
29.08
YES
29.10
MODIFY METADATA
29.12
CREATE AND POPULATE NEW SEGMENT RECORD
NO
ASSOCIATE TAGS?
29.14
YES
29.16
MODIFY METADATA
29.18
ASSOCIATE TAGS
NO
NEW NODE RECORD ?
29.20
YES
29.22
MODIFY METADATA
29.24
CREATE AND POPULATE NEW NODE RECORD
NO
GENERATE NEW EBOOK ?
29.26
YES
29.28
MODIFY METADATA
29.30
GENERATE EBOOK FROM SEGMENTS, TAGS, AND METADATA
NO

FIGURE 29

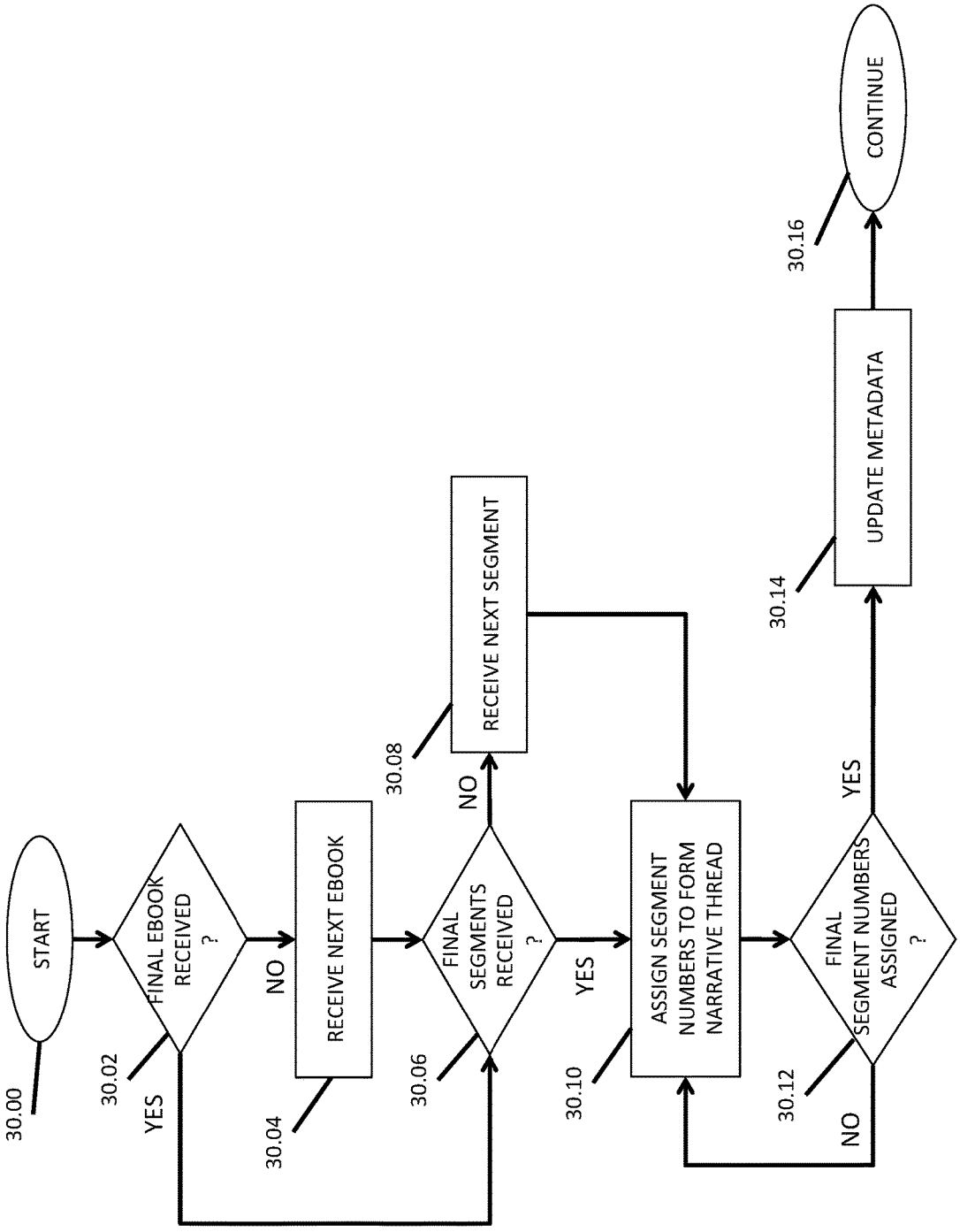

START
30.00
FINAL EBOOK RECEIVED ?
30.02
YES
NO
RECEIVE NEXT EBOOK
30.04
FINAL SEGMENTS RECEIVED ?
30.06
NO
RECEIVE NEXT SEGMENT
30.08
YES
ASSIGN SEGMENT NUMBERS TO FORM NARRATIVE THREAD
30.10
FINAL SEGMENT NUMBERS ASSIGNED ?
30.12
NO
YES
UPDATE METADATA
30.14
CONTINUE
30.16

FIGURE 30

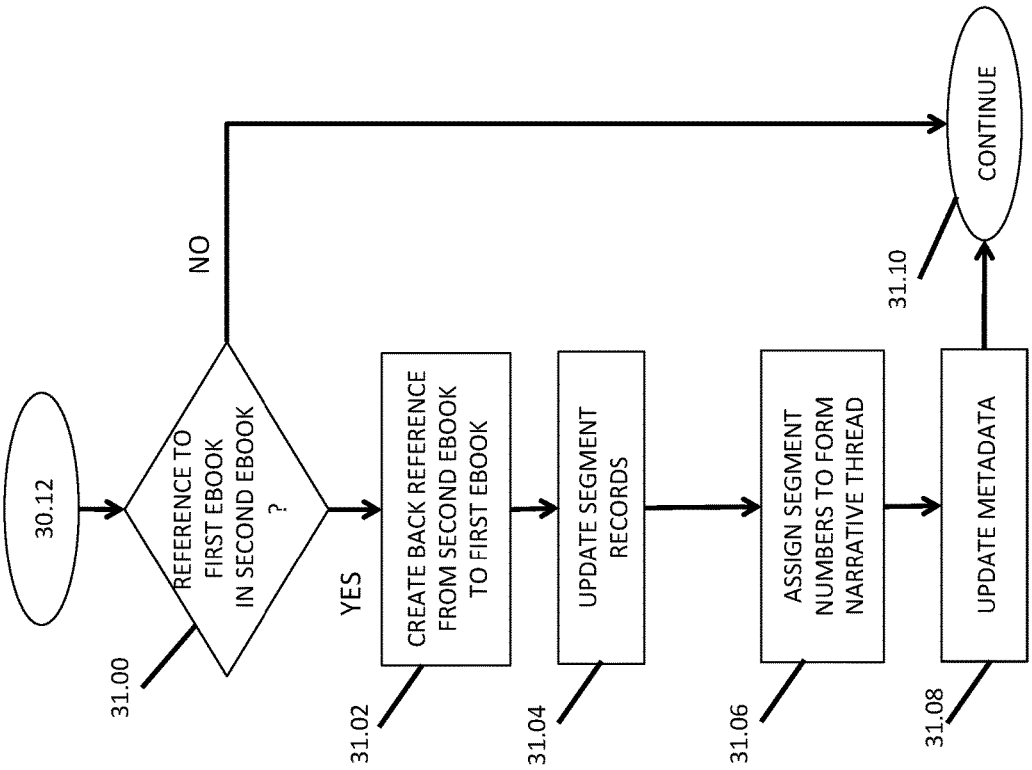
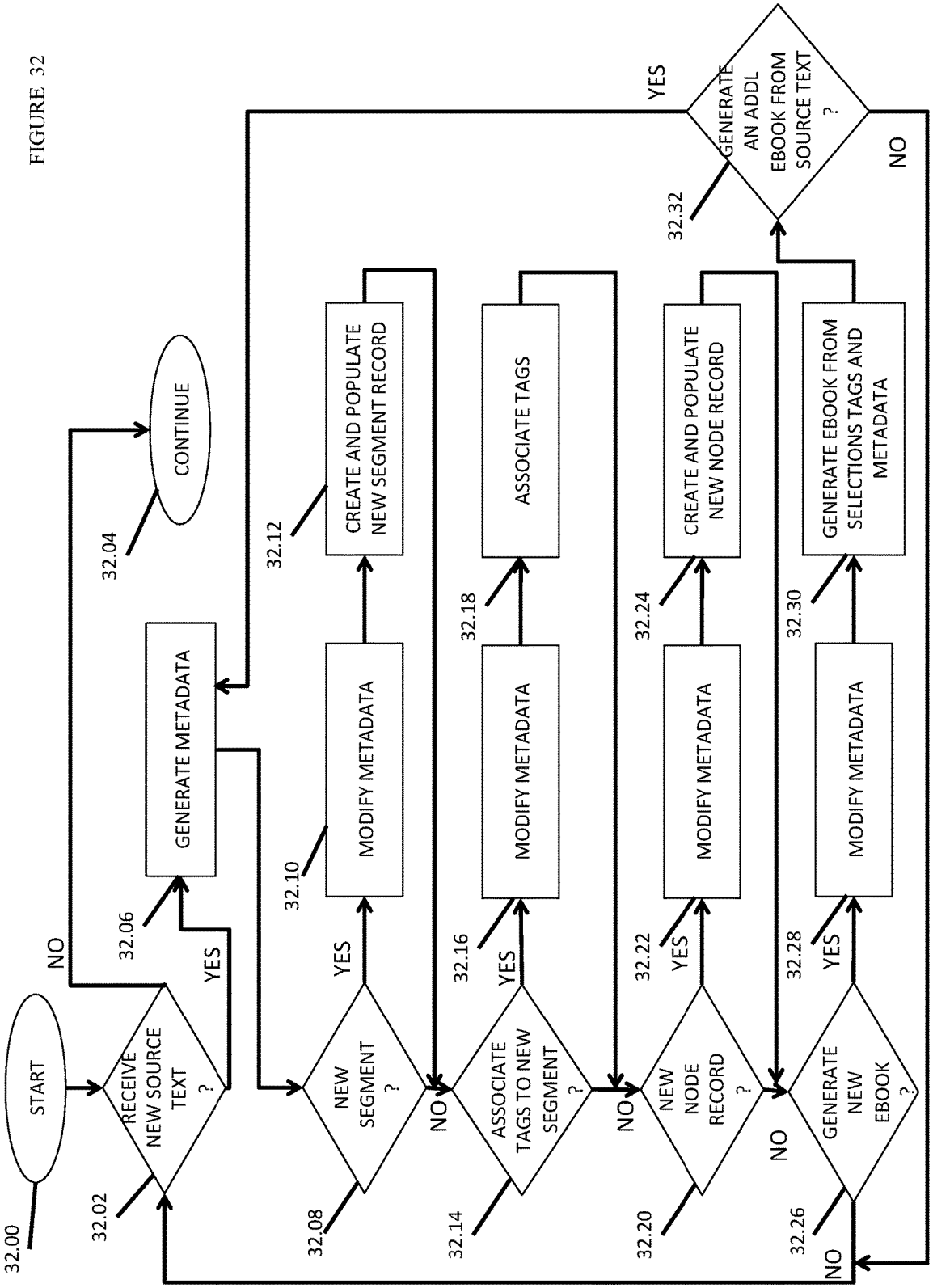

30.12
REFERENCE TO FIRST EBOOK IN SECOND EBOOK ?
31.00
NO
YES
CREATE BACK REFERENCE FROM SECOND EBOOK TO FIRST EBOOK
31.02
UPDATE SEGMENT RECORDS
31.04
ASSIGN SEGMENT NUMBERS TO FORM NARRATIVE THREAD
31.06
UPDATE METADATA
31.08
CONTINUE
31.10

FIGURE 31

FIGURE 32


START
32.00
RECEIVE NEW SOURCE TEXT ?
32.02
NO
YES
32.06
GENERATE METADATA
CONTINUE
32.04
NEW SEGMENT ?
32.08
YES
32.10
MODIFY METADATA
CREATE AND POPULATE NEW SEGMENT RECORD
32.12
ASSOCIATE TAGS TO NEW SEGMENT ?
32.14
NO
YES
32.16
MODIFY METADATA
ASSOCIATE TAGS
32.18
NEW NODE RECORD ?
32.20
NO
YES
32.22
MODIFY METADATA
CREATE AND POPULATE NEW NODE RECORD
32.24
GENERATE NEW EBOOK ?
32.26
NO
YES
32.28
MODIFY METADATA
GENERATE EBOOK FROM SELECTIONS TAGS AND METADATA
32.30
GENERATE AN ADDL EBOOK FROM SOURCE TEXT ?
32.32
YES
NO

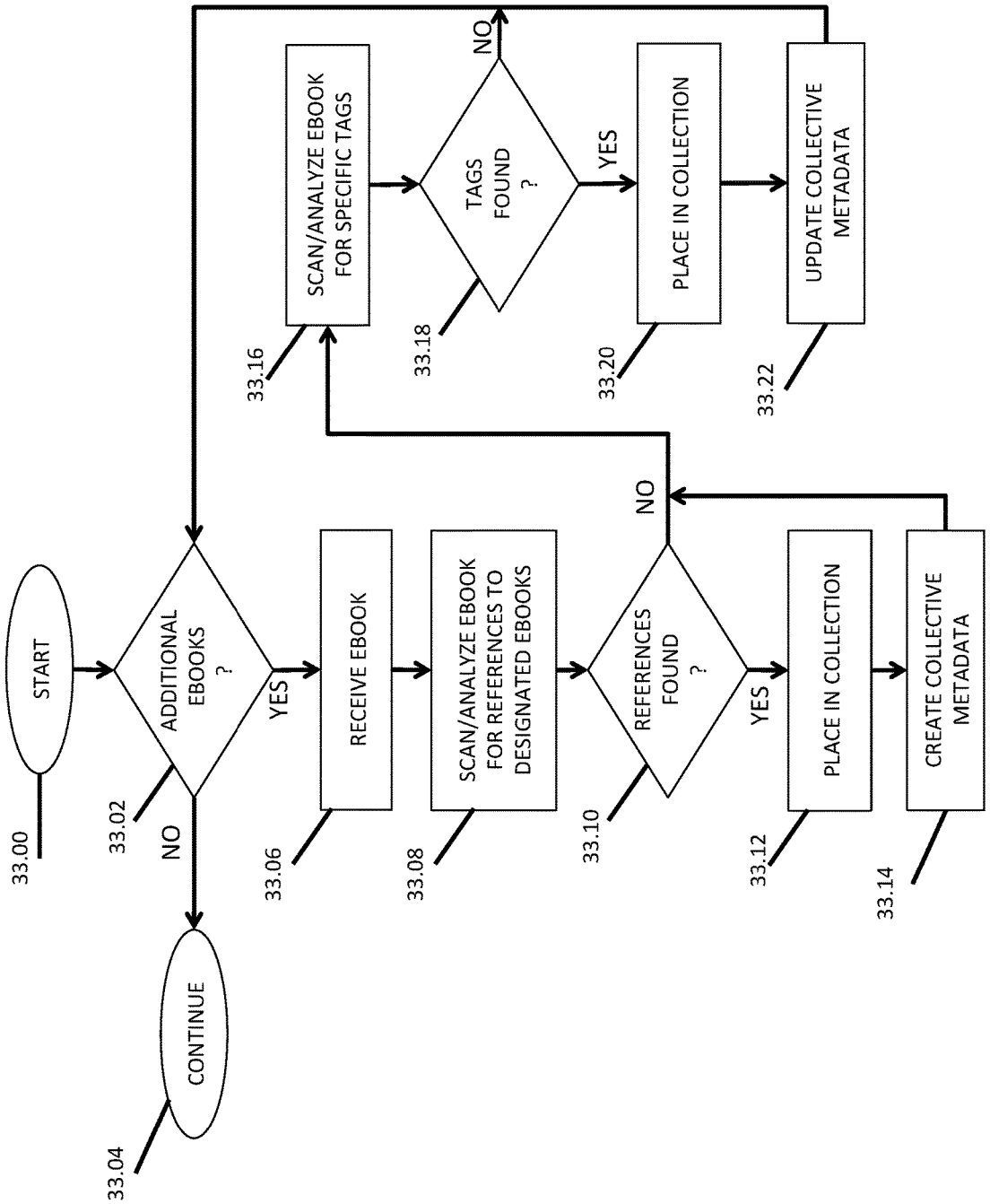

START
33.00
ADDITIONAL EBOOKS ?
33.02
YES
NO
CONTINUE
33.04
RECEIVE EBOOK
33.06
SCAN/ANALYZE EBOOK FOR REFERENCES TO DESIGNATED EBOOKS
33.08
REFERENCES FOUND ?
33.10
YES
NO
PLACE IN COLLECTION
33.12
CREATE COLLECTIVE METADATA
33.14
SCAN/ANALYZE EBOOK FOR SPECIFIC TAGS
33.16
TAGS FOUND ?
33.18
YES
NO
PLACE IN COLLECTION
33.20
UPDATE COLLECTIVE METADATA
33.22

FIGURE 33

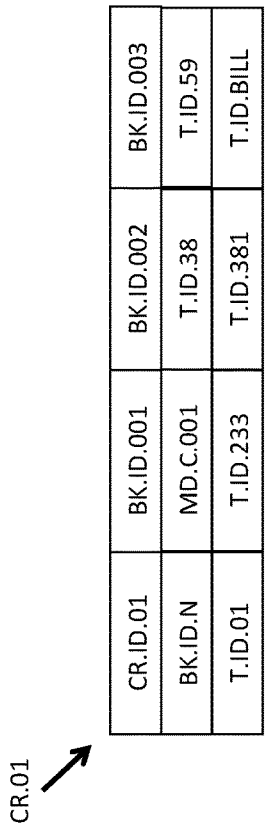


FIGURE 34

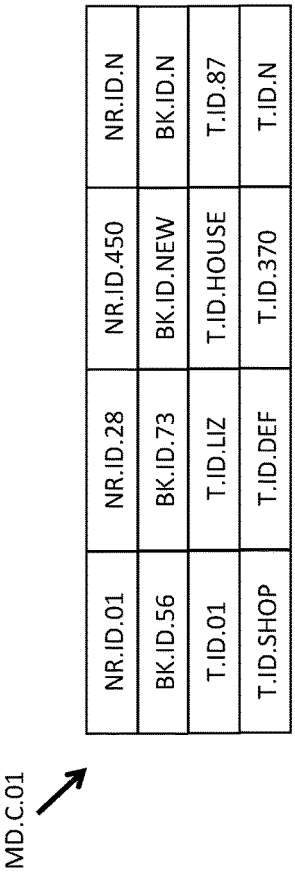


FIGURE 35

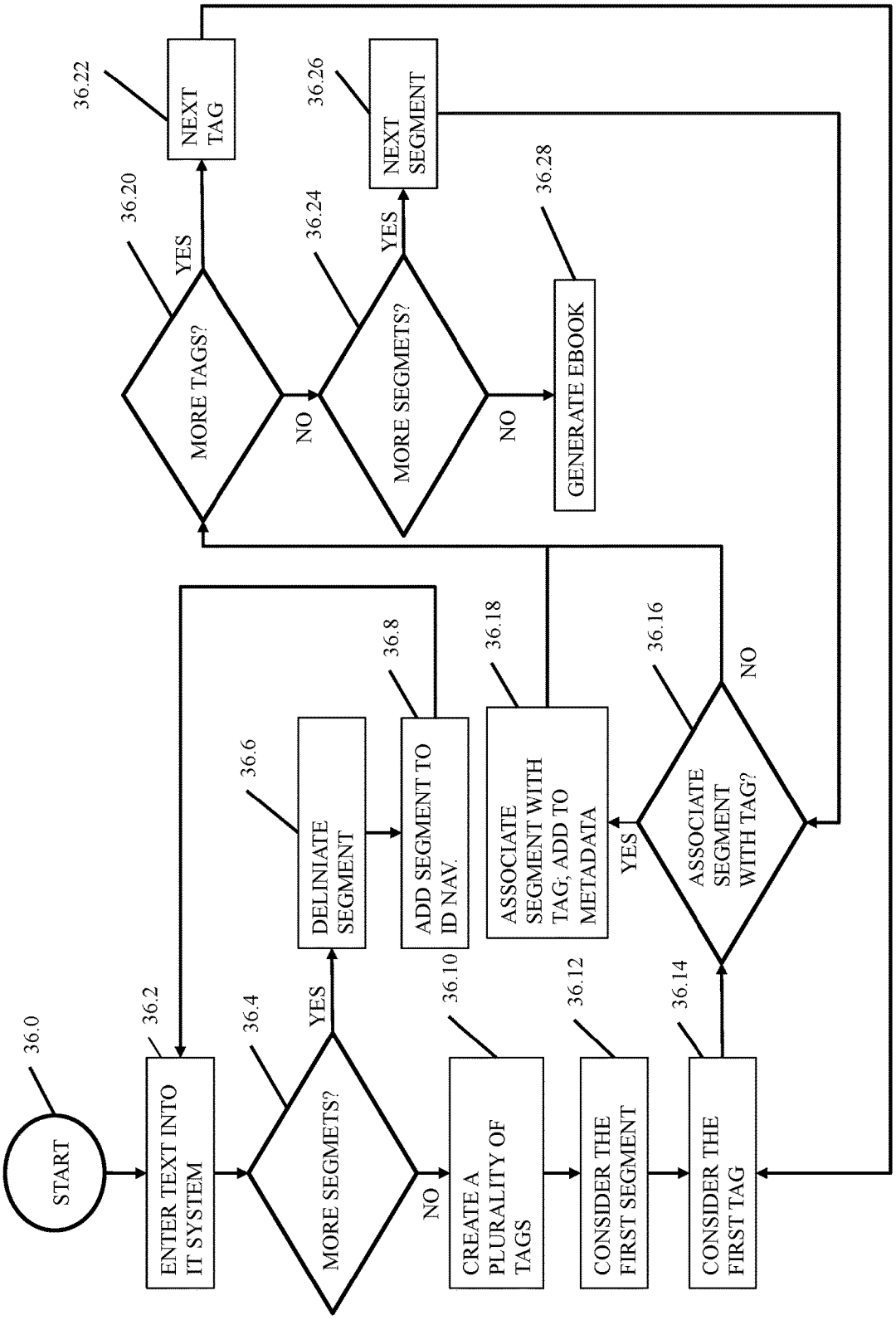

36.0
START
36.2
ENTER TEXT INTO IT SYSTEM
36.4
MORE SEGMETS?
YES
36.6
DELINIATE SEGMENT
36.8
ADD SEGMENT TO ID NAV.
NO
36.10
CREATE A PLURALITY OF TAGS
36.12
CONSIDER THE FIRST SEGMENT
36.14
CONSIDER THE FIRST TAG
36.16
ASSOCIATE SEGMENT WITH TAG?
YES
36.18
ASSOCIATE SEGMENT WITH TAG; ADD TO METADATA
NO
36.20
MORE TAGS?
YES
36.22
NEXT TAG
NO
36.24
MORE SEGMETS?
YES
36.26
NEXT SEGMENT
NO
36.28
GENERATE EBOOK

FIGURE 36

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ADDING EBOOK ASSOCIATIONS, TEXT AND SEGMENTS WITHIN TWO OR MORE DISTINCT EBOOKS OF DIGITALLY STORED LITERATURE

CO-PENDING PATENT APPLICATION

[0001] This Nonprovisional Patent Application is a Continuation-in-Part Application to Nonprovisional patent application Ser. No. 15/056,029 as filed on Feb. 29, 2016 by Inventor Lisa Quintana and titled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ASSOCIATING TEXT AND SEGMENTS WITHIN MULTI-TAGGED LITERATURE BY APPLICATION OF METADATA.

[0002] This Nonprovisional Patent Application is a Continuation-in-Part Application to Nonprovisional patent application Ser. No. 15/424,535 as filed on Feb. 3, 2017 by Inventor Lisa Quintana and titled METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ASSOCIATING TEXT AND SEGMENTS WITHIN MULTI-TAGGED LITERATURE BY APPLICATION OF METADATA.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[0003] The present invention relates to the generation, parsing, modification, structure and structuring of electronically stored digitized text. More particularly, the present invention relates to digitized textual documents and methods and devices for organizing, rendering and experiencing segments within a digitized text or across multiple and distinguishable digitized documents, of either a newly generated or a previously authored document, and the methods by which the metadata describing the documents, the relationships between the documents, and organization thereof may be described.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0004] The market for and supply channels of digitized copies of textual documents, or "ebooks", is presently well established in both domestic and international channels of commerce. Yet the prior art merely offers essential access to each ebook by presenting a single narrative line in simulation of the typical method of reading a hard copy text from front page to last page. While prior art ebook readers do allow a reader to (a.) record electronic bookmarks within an ebook, (b.) peruse an ebook on the basis of page number or key word selection, (c.) jump from page to page, and (d.) activate hyperlinks to move from one point to another point within an ebook, the prior art wholly fails to optimize the possibilities of offering two or more alternate narrative threads through a same ebook, and to provide efficient means by which the narrative threads and segments of the narrative may be organized by means of metadata tags. The prior art additionally fails to provide an optimal means by which narrative threads may be established through two or more books by means of narrative and metadata tags.

[0005] There is therefore a long felt need to provide a method and device to establish two or more threads of separately associated segments which a reader may selectively follow while accessing an ebook, or two or more related ebooks.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0006] Toward this and other objects that are made obvious in light of the disclosure, a method and system are provided for separating one or more digitized textual documents into a plurality of textual segments, wherein each textual segment (hereinafter, "segments") may be associated with one or more unique tags. One or more pluralities of segments may be associated with unique tags, wherein a first plurality of segments may be defined by associating each segment of the first plurality of segments with a first tag, and additional pluralities of segments are each defined by associating each segment of the particular plurality of segments with a unique and distinguishable tag. For example, a subset of segments of one or more source documents may be selected out and each associated with a particular character. This exemplary subset of segments may, in an exemplary but not limited method, be associated with a common tag that represents an association with this particular character across, for example, several books comprising a series.

[0007] Additionally and optionally the segments may be further assigned sequence numbers that order each segment along a one-dimensional order wherein no two sequence numbers are equal, i.e., in a comparison of any two sequence numbers one sequence number will indicate an earlier relative position of the associated segment within the sequence of segments and the other sequence number of the other segment will indicate a later relative position within the sequence of segments.

[0008] Segments may be associated with tags that include various literary qualities and aspects, such as, but not limited to, one or more characters, narrators, points of view, scenes, moments in time, locales, themes, object, and/or other suitable literary aspects or qualities.

[0009] It is understood that the digitized textual documents may be a digitized representation of a previously written text, e.g., "Ulysses" by James Joyce, or may be a newly authored work that is separated into segments and organized with two or more distinguishable pluralities of uniquely and differently tagged segments.

[0010] Two or more segments may include references to scenes and time line moments, wherein two or more segments may be associated with a same scene at a same time line moments, but might also each be disparately associated with different aspects of the source text, such as point of view, character or theme. Alternately or additionally, two or more segments may be associated with two or more different aspects of the source text(s).

[0011] When the segments are stored as segments records and tags are associated with at least two or more segments records, one or more software nodes may be instantiated at run time and/or stored within node records in electronic memory. Nodes are data structures that are associated with at least one segment record and are applied, among other uses, to determine when two segments are associated with a same tag. For example, when two segments are each separately associated with a different character but are also tagged as being related to a same scene in a plot timeline, a node may be generated that comprises references to the scene, to both characters, and to the two segments.

[0012] According to a second aspect of the method of the present invention (hereinafter, the "invented method"), an editing system comprising an editor software is provided that enables a human editor to define and populate segment

records and separate source textual documents into segments having different tags or different combinations of tags.

[0013] According to a third aspect of the invented method, an ebook rendering device (hereinafter, the "ebook device") comprising a reader software is provided that enables a human reader to select a thread of segments wherein each segment of a selected thread is associated with a same tag. The ebook device may be directed by the human reader to (a.) sequentially render each segment of a selected thread; (b.) selectively render two or more segments associated with a same node; (c.) select which tag from a plurality of tags to follow in order to sequentially render segments in accordance with a predefined thread of segments; and/or (d.) enable a human reader to select or input an aspect of the textual document to apply to the pluralities of segments and select a plurality of segments on the criterion of association with the selected or input aspect of the digitized document. The selected or input aspect of the digitized document might be a character, a setting, a reference to a point within a timeline, a theme, a locale, a dialogue, and/or or a literary quality.

[0014] According to a fourth aspect of the invented method, one or more segments might be associated with more than one tag, and some or all of the text of a segment might also be comprised within an additional segment or segment record.

[0015] According to a fifth aspect of the invented method, a software structure is established wherein a plurality of nodes are interrelated and each segment is associated with at least one node. The nodes may be generated in a compilation or execution performed in light of the associations of the segments and may optionally or alternately generated at a runtime of a software program.

[0016] Optionally or additionally one or more nodes may be linked to or associated with two or more associated segments. For example, a node may enable a fictional same scene in a novel to be explicated from both (a.) a first point of view of a narrator, and (b.) a second point of view of a character who is portrayed as being present within the same scene. The invented ebook reader device may optionally enable the human reader to access two or more segments that are with a same node wherein these segments may be further associated with different tags, e.g., character tags. For example, the human reader may enjoy perusing the different points of view of different characters related to a same scene and within the general plot line or narrative of the source digitized textual documents.

[0017] According to a fifth optional aspect of the invented method, a non-transitory computer-readable medium is provided that enables the ebook device to render segments in accordance with one or more aspects of the invented method.

[0018] Additionally, a method is provided by which the one or more source texts may be entered into the memory of the editing system, generating a plurality of segments from the source texts.

[0019] The segments of the source texts may be associated by a human editor with at least one of a plurality of navigation tags and at least one of a plurality of the nodes. Additionally metadata is generated, wherein the metadata identifies the segments and at least one of the associated tag and/or at least one node. Metadata, as understood in the art, is a form of data that acts as a descriptor for other forms of data, allowing for easier perusal of data by editing systems. The metadata indicating connections between segments and tags and/or nodes may be input or edited by a human editor, and may be adjusted based upon adjustments to the segments and/or the tags and/or the nodes.

[0020] Additionally presented is a means by which segments are created, and metadata tags are assigned to the segments of digitized text after the entering of one or more digitized texts into an ebook system, but prior to the generation of an ebook, or several ebooks. According to this preferred embodiment, a segment within a first ebook may be associated in a narrative thread to a segment in a separate ebook, and the metadata of each ebook is updated to reflect the association of the segment in the first ebook to the segment of the second ebook.

[0021] In a yet additional preferred embodiment, a plurality of ebooks may be generated from a single source digitized text, and the plurality of ebooks generated from the single source digitized text may be associated to one another by means of a "collection." In the present preferred embodiment, the associated ebook collection is preferably designated by a single, collective metadata. Segments of each of the plurality of ebooks may be rendered for viewing and perusal by a user by means either of a user command, or as an execution of a narrative thread.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

[0022] These, and further features of the invention, may be better understood with reference to the accompanying specification and drawings depicting the preferred embodiment, in which:

[0023] FIG. **1** is a process chart of a first invented method of generating an outline of a multi-tagged ebook;

[0024] FIG. **2** is a process chart of a first invented method of preparing a multi-tagged ebook for publication;

[0025] FIG. **3** is a is a process chart of a first preferred embodiment of a user experience in reading the invented ebook of FIG. **2**;

[0026] FIG. **4** is a representation of a digitized text of FIG. **1** divided into segments;

[0027] FIG. **5** is a schematic diagram of an exemplary first segment record in which a first segment of FIG. **3** of the invented ebook is comprised;

[0028] FIG. **6** is a schematic of node diagram that is organized in accordance with the invented ebook of FIGS. **1**, **2** and **3** and a plurality of segment records of FIG. **4**;

[0029] FIG. **7** is a schematic diagram of an exemplary first segment record by which a first node FIG. **5** of the invented ebook is defined;

[0030] FIG. **8**A is a block diagram of a first alternate embodiment of a segment record of FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**;

[0031] FIG. **8**B is a block diagram of a second alternate embodiment of a segment record of FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**;

[0032] FIG. **8**C is a block diagram of a third alternate embodiment of a segment record of FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**;

[0033] FIG. **8**D is a block diagram of a fourth alternate embodiment of a segment record of FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**;

[0034] FIG. **8**E is a block diagram of a fifth alternate embodiment of a segment record of FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**;

[0035] FIG. **8**F is a block diagram of a sixth alternate embodiment of a segment record of FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**;

[0036] FIG. **8**G is a block diagram of a seventh alternate embodiment of a segment record of FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**;

[0037] FIG. **8**H is a block diagram of an eighth alternate embodiment of a segment record of FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**;

[0038] FIG. **8**I is a block diagram of a ninth alternate embodiment of a segment record of FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**;
[0039] FIG. **8**J is a block diagram of a tenth alternate embodiment of a segment record of FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**;
[0040] FIG. **8**K is a block diagram of an eleventh alternate embodiment of a segment record of FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**;
[0041] FIG. **8**L is a block diagram of a twelfth alternate embodiment of a segment record of FIG. **4** and FIG. **5**;
[0042] FIG. **9** is an exemplary node diagram, wherein each nodes references at least one segment record of FIG. **8**;
[0043] FIG. **10** is a flow chart of an ebook reader in providing a user-interactive process that enables a human reader to access the invented ebook of FIG. **2**;
[0044] FIG. **11** is a flowchart an invented method of applying a default tag for execution by the ebook reader in interaction with the reader;
[0045] FIG. **12** is a flowchart of an invented method of applying a user selected tag as executable by the ebook reader in interaction with the reader;
[0046] FIG. **13** is a flowchart of a additional aspects of the invented method of applying a user selected tag for execution by the ebook reader in interaction with the reader;
[0047] FIG. **14** is a flowchart of a fourth aspect of the invented method of applying a user selected tag as executable by the ebook reader in interaction with the reader;
[0048] FIG. **15** is an illustration of an ebook reader user interface;
[0049] FIG. **16** is an illustration of a second ebook reader interface;
[0050] FIG. **17** is a representation of a software table that associates tags of FIG. **5** with labels of FIG. **15** and FIG. **16** in one-to-one relationships;
[0051] FIG. **18** is a software flowchart of additional optional aspects of the system software of the ebook reader of FIG. **3** and FIG. **20**;
[0052] FIG. **19** is a schematic diagram of an ebook editing system of FIG. **1** and publishing system of FIG. **2**;
[0053] FIG. **20** is a schematic diagram of an ebook reader;
[0054] FIG. **21**A is a process chart of a preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is updated in response to creation of and modifications to segment records and/or node records;
[0055] FIG. **21**B is a process chart of an alternate preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein segment records and/or node records are created and/or updated based upon modifications to the metadata;
[0056] FIG. **22**A is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a segment record is populated by a human editor, and metadata is revised by a human editor;
[0057] FIG. **22**B is a process chart of a yet further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is edited, and a new segment record is populated by a human editor;
[0058] FIG. **22**C is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a new segment record is populated by a human editor, and the metadata is revised by the editing system;
[0059] FIG. **22**D is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is revised by a human editor, and a new segment record is populated by the editing system;
[0060] FIG. **22**E is a process chart of an additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a new segment record is populated by the editing system and the metadata is updated by a human editor;
[0061] FIG. **22**F is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is revised by the editing system and a new segment record is populated by the human editor;
[0062] FIG. **23**A is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a node record is populated by a human editor, and metadata is revised by a human editor;
[0063] FIG. **23**B is a process chart of a yet further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is modified by a human editor, and a new node record is subsequently populated by a human editor;
[0064] FIG. **23**C is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a new node record is populated by a human editor, and the metadata is revised by the editing system;
[0065] FIG. **23**D is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is revised by a human editor, and a new node record is populated by the editing system;
[0066] FIG. **23**E is a process chart of an additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a new node record is populated by the editing system and the metadata is revised by a human editor;
[0067] FIG. **23**F is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is revised by the editing system and a new node record is populated by the human editor;
[0068] FIG. **24**A is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a segment record is revised by a human editor, and metadata is revised by a human editor;
[0069] FIG. **24**B is a process chart of a yet further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is modified by a human editor, and a segment record is subsequently revised by a human editor;
[0070] FIG. **24**C is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a segment record is modified by a human editor, and the metadata is revised by the editing system;
[0071] FIG. **24**D is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is revised by a human editor, and a segment record is revised by the editing system;
[0072] FIG. **24**E is a process chart of an additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a segment record is modified by the editing system and the metadata is revised by a human editor;
[0073] FIG. **24**F is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is revised by the editing system and a segment record is modified by the human editor;
[0074] FIG. **25**A is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a node record is revised by a human editor, and metadata is revised by a human editor;
[0075] FIG. **25**B is a process chart of a yet further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is modified by a human editor, and a node record is subsequently revised by a human editor;
[0076] FIG. **25**C is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a

node record is modified by a human editor, and the metadata is revised by the editing system;

[0077] FIG. **25**D is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is revised by a human editor, and a node record is revised by the editing system;

[0078] FIG. **25**E is a process chart of an additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a node record is modified by the editing system and the metadata is revised by a human editor;

[0079] FIG. **25**F is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata is revised by the editing system and a node record is modified by the human editor;

[0080] FIG. **26** is a block diagram of the ebook, including a plurality of segment records, and metadata;

[0081] FIG. **27**A is a block diagram of exemplary metadata;

[0082] FIG. **27**B is a block diagram is exemplary revised metadata;

[0083] FIGS. **28**A-**28**D are block diagrams of exemplary node records;

[0084] FIG. **29** is a flowchart of an additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein an ebook is generated after a plurality of segments and metadata tags have been generated from a source text;

[0085] FIG. **30** is a flowchart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein segments from disparate ebooks are associated and placed within a narrative sequence, and the metadata of each ebook is updated to reflect the associations

[0086] FIG. **31** is a flowchart of an aspect of the invented method wherein back reference to the first ebook is added to the at least one other ebook;

[0087] FIG. **32** is a flowchart of a preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a plurality of ebooks are generated from a single source text;

[0088] FIG. **33** is a flowchart of a yet further preferred embodiment wherein a plurality of ebooks are place within a collection, and a collective metadata is created to reflect the placement of the ebooks;

[0089] FIG. **34** is a block diagram of an exemplary collection record;

[0090] FIG. **35** is a block diagram of exemplary collective metadata; and

[0091] FIG. **36** is a flowchart performed by the editing system of FIG. **1** in interaction with a human editor.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0092] It is to be understood that this invention is not limited to particular aspects of the present invention described, as such may, of course, vary. It is also to be understood that the terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular aspects only, and is not intended to be limiting, since the scope of the present invention will be limited only by the appended claims.

[0093] Methods recited herein may be carried out in any order of the recited events which is logically possible, as well as the recited order of events.

[0094] Where a range of values is provided herein, it is understood that each intervening value, to the tenth of the unit of the lower limit unless the context clearly dictates otherwise, between the upper and lower limit of that range and any other stated or intervening value in that stated range, is encompassed within the invention. The upper and lower limits of these smaller ranges may independently be included in the smaller ranges and are also encompassed within the invention, subject to any specifically excluded limit in the stated range. Where the stated range includes one or both of the limits ranges excluding either or both of those included limits are also included in the invention.

[0095] Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs. Although any methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein can also be used in the practice or testing of the present invention, the methods and materials are now described.

[0096] It must be noted that as used herein and in the appended claims, the singular forms "a", "an", and "the" include plural referents unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. It is further noted that the claims may be drafted to exclude any optional element. As such, this statement is intended to serve as antecedent basis for use of such exclusive terminology as "solely," "only" and the like in connection with the recitation of claim elements, or use of a "negative" limitation.

[0097] Referring now generally to the Figures and particularly to FIG. **1**, FIG. **1** is a process chart of a first invented method of generating a multi-tagged ebook **2** that may be rendered by an invented ebook **4**. In step **1002** either an existing text is digitized or digitized text is generated and selected as a digitized source text **100** (hereinafter, "source text" **100**). The source text **100** of step **1002** is then input into an editing system **200** by direct keyboard input, or by download from an electronics communications network, e.g., the Internet, or by upload from a computer medium, e.g., a digital memory stick or a digital memory disc. A human editor (hereinafter, "editor") applies the editing system **200** in step **1006** to generate a plurality of digitized textual segments SG.**001**-SG.N (hereinafter, "segments" SG.**001**-SG.N) selected from the source text **100**. It is understood that elements of the source text **100** may be duplicated in more than one derivative segment SG.**001**-SG.N. In response to interaction with the editor, the editing system **200** forms separate segment records SR.**01**-SR.N in step **1008**, wherein each segment record SR.**01**-SR.N preferably contains at least one segment SG.**001**-SG.N. The editor assigns one or more tags T.**01**-T.N & T.DEF to one or more segment records SR.**01**-SR.N in step **1010**. The editor preferably, but optionally, alternatively or additionally, assign a unique sequence number SEQ.**001** to SEQ.N to each segment record SR.**01**-SR.N, whereby each segment record SR.**01**-SR.N has a unique segment number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N that orders the segments according to a one-dimensional sequence wherein no two segment records SR.**01**-SR.N have the same sequence number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N and each sequence number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N relates a specific and unique position within the one-dimensional hierarchical structure of the one-dimensional sequence.

[0098] The significance and utility of the invented method of the tags T.**01**-T.N and the segment records SR.**01**-SR.N will be further explicated in the present disclosure. Examples of aspects of the source text **100** that may be indicated by tags are scene, moment within a time line, character point of view, narrative thread, theme, alternate plot line, alternate time line and/or other suitable literary quality known in the art.

[0099] It is understood that the steps of **1006** through **110** may be accomplished as repeated loops, or as iterative loops, as may also be the case of steps **1002** through **1012**.

[0100] A pre-publication, formatted ebook outline **500** is thereupon generated in step **1012**, wherein the ebook outline **500** includes all of the segments SG.**001**-SG.N and segment records SR.**01**-SR.N generated in one or more execution of the steps of **1002** through **1012**, wherein one or more segment records SR.**01**-SR.N may be revised or deleted in this prepublication process. It is understood that the steps of **1006** through **110** may be accomplished as repeated loops, or as iterative loops, as may also be the case of steps **1002** through **1012**. It is further understood that graphics and additional digitized textual data may be linked with or added to the ebook outline **500** or one or more segment records SR.**01**-SR.N in one or more executions of step **1008**.

[0101] Referring now to FIG. **2**, FIG. **2** is a process chart of a publication process. The ebook outline **500** is received by a publishing system **600** in step **2002**. A font range is assigned to the ebook outline **500** in step **2004** and a table of contents is formed and added to the ebook outline **500** in step **2006**. Preferably, a human publisher (hereinafter, "publisher") selects and links skin art to the ebook outline **500** in step **2008** and frontispiece statements, e.g., copyright, publisher identification and address, ISBN and publication data, is added to the ebook outline **500** in step **2010**. Customized and/or standardized buttons, icons and signage are added to the ebook outline **500** in step **2012**. The publisher than permanently selects, signifies and assigns integral elements of the ebook outline **500** in step **2014**. The invented ebook **2** is then released in step **2016** for commercial or public distribution in step **2016** through electronic media and/or electronic communications networks, e.g., the Internet.

[0102] Referring now to FIG. **3**, FIG. **3** is a process chart of a human reader's access of the invented ebook **2** by means of an ebook reader **4** having a touch display screen **5**. It is understood that the ebook reader **4** may be a general purpose computer, e.g., a tablet, laptop or desktop computer, that is configured with an invented ebook reader software SW.**1**, or a special purpose ebook reader, such as a KINDLE™ or Nook™ ebook reader. The human reader (hereinafter, "reader") downloads or uploads the ebook **2** into a digital memory **4**A of the ebook reader **4** in step **3002** and directs the ebook reader in step **3004** to initiate visual and/or auditory rendering of the invented ebook.

[0103] It is further understood that the nodes ND.**001**-N.D of the ebook **2** might be recorded as node records NR.**01**-NR.N and stored in the ebook reader **4** and/or alternatively or optionally generated at run time by the ebook reader **4** and after receipt by the ebook reader **4** of a user selection command of the ebook **2** of step **3004**.

[0104] In optional step **3006**, the reader directs the ebook reader **4** to follow a tag T.**01**-T.N as selected by the reader in order to provide a user directed nodal pathway through the invented ebook **2**. In the alternative, the ebook reader **4** will follow a default nodal pathway through the invented ebook **4** when the reader makes no tag T.**01**-T.N selections by selecting segments records SR.**01**-SR.N that each include a default tag T.DEF in an order determined by the sequence numbers SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N and sequentially rendering the segments SG.**001**-SG.N of these segment records SR.**01**-SR.N that include the default tag T.DEF.

[0105] In the reading process loop of step **3010** through step **3018**, the reader may direct the ebook reader **4** to proceed from step **3010** to step **3012** to exit the reading process loop **3010** through **3018** and proceed on to alternate computational operations. Alternatively, the reader may instruct the ebook reader **4** to proceed to iteratively render successive segment records SR.**01**-SR.N as accessed in accordance with a tag selection, or default tag selection, of step **3006**. In the alternative, the reader in step **3014** may select an alternate tag T.**01**-T.N. or an alternate segment record SR.**01**-SR.N associated with a current node ND.**001**-ND.N may be selected by the reader in step **3016**, or an alternate tag T.**01**-T.N or alternate node ND.**001**-ND.N may be selected by the reader in a search process of step **3018**.

[0106] Referring now to FIG. **4**, the source text **100** is illustrated as including a header **102** and being divided into segment SG.**104** through Nth segment SG.N, wherein N may be as large as the total count of distinguishable words or characters of the source text **100**. It is noted that content of the source text **100** may be shared by, or duplicated within, one or more segments SG.**104** through SG.N, as illustrated by shared content **114**.

[0107] Referring now to FIG. **5**, FIG. **5** is an illustration of an exemplary first segment record **302** that includes a first segment record header SRH.**001**, the first segment SG.**104** of the source text **100**, and a first segment record tail SRT.**001**. The first segment record header SRH.**001** includes a first segment record identifier SR.ID.**001**, the default tag T.DEF, and one or more tags T.**01**-T.N associated by the editor with the first segment SG.**104**, and a sequence number SEQ.**001** assigned by the editor. The exemplary first record **302** may optionally further include references to one or more nodes ND.**001**-ND.N that are associated with the first segment record **302**. The optional first segment record tail SRT.**001**. contains data useful in managing and transmitting the first segment record SR.**001**.

[0108] Referring now to FIG. **6**, FIG. **6** is an entity diagram of four nodes ND.**001**-ND.**004** of the plurality of nodes ND.**001**-ND.N. The plurality of nodes ND.**001**-ND.N are instantiated and generated upon the basis of a query generated by a user in step **3006**, or alternatively by a default selection of the ebook reader software SW.**1** when the reader does not select a tag T.**01**-T.N in step **3306** or later.

[0109] Referring now to FIG. **7**, FIG. **7** is an illustration of an exemplary first node record **702** by which the first node ND.**001** of FIG. **5** of the invented ebook is defined and that includes a first node record header NRH.**001** and a first node record tail NRT.**001**. The first node record header NRH.**001** includes a first node record identifier NR.ID.**001**, one or more segment record identifiers SR.ID, one or more tags T.**01**-T.N by the instant reader query of step **3006**, and one or more node record identifiers NR.ID. The one or more tags T.**01**-T.N may alternatively provided as a default set of tags T.**01**-T.N by the ebook reader software SW.**1**.

[0110] Referring now generally to the Figures and particularly to FIGS. **8**A through **8**L, FIGS. **8**A through **8**L each present aspects of individual segment records SEG.**800**-SEG.**822** that each contain unique (a.) sequence numbers SEQ.**800**-SEQ.**822**; (b.) segments of the source text SG.**800**-SG.**822**; and (c.) combinations of tags, a single sequence number, and a segments. A plurality of three segment records SR.**800**, SR.**802**, SR.**804** and SR.**806** each include a same plot line moment tag T.**02** that indicates that each of the four segments SEG.**800**, SEG.**802**, SEG.**804** and SEG.**806** separately comprised within these four segment records SR.**800**, SR.**802**, **804** & SR.**806** are tagged by the editor as

occurring contemporaneously within a plot timeline. Segment records SR.**800**, SR.**802**, SR.**804** and SR.**806** thereby form, or are comprised within, a first plot line moment thread TH.**02** as indicated in FIG. **9**.

[0111] The four segment records SR.**802**, SR.**808**, SR.**810** & SR.**812** each comprise a first character tag T.**04** that indicates that the four individual segments SEG.**802**, SEG.**808**, SEG.**810** & SEG.**812** separately comprised within each of these four segment records SR.**802**, SR.**808**, SR.**810** & SR.**812** are each associated with a same first character. These four segment records SR.**802**, SR.**808**, SR.**810** & SR.**812** thereby define, or may be comprised within, a first character thread TH.**2** as indicated in FIG. **9**.

[0112] Similarly, three narrative voice segment records SR.**806**, SR.**814** & SR.**816** each comprise a first narrative voice tag T.**06** that indicates that each of the three individual segments SEG.**806**, SEG.**814** & SEG.**816** separately comprised within these three segment records SR.**806**, SR.**814** & SR.**816** are each associated with a same first narrative voice. The three narrative voice segment records SR.**806**, SR.**814** & SR.**816** thereby define, or may be comprised within, a first narrative voice thread TH.**3** as indicated in FIG. **9**.

[0113] The segment records SR.**800**-SR.**822** further comprise segment record identifiers SR.ID.**800**-SR.ID.**822**, by which the segment records SR.**800**-SR.**822** may be identified within the system and/or by the human editor.

[0114] Referring now to FIG. **9**, FIG. **9** is a representation of a plurality of nodes ND.**900**-**914** that are generated by the ebook reader **4** prior to, or at runtime, of the ebook **2** and that reference the segment records SR.**800**-SR.**816** of FIG. **8**. Nodes ND.**900**, ND.**902** and N**904** each reference at least one segment record SR.**800**, SR.**802**, SR.**804** and SR.**806** of the first plot line moment thread TH.**02**, wherein each of these four segment records SR.**800**, SR.**802**, SR.**804** and SR.**806** separately each include the plot line moment tag T.**02**. It is noted that the second node ND.**902** references the two segment records SR.**802** and SR.**806**.

[0115] Four nodes ND.**902**, ND.**906**, ND.**908** and ND.**910** each reference an individual segment record SR.**802**, SR.**808**, SR.**810** and SR.**812** that are comprised within the first character thread TH.**04** and indicated by an inclusion of the first character tag T.**04** in each of the first character thread segment records SR.**802**, SR.**808**, SR.**810** & SR.**812**.

[0116] Three nodes ND.**902**, ND.**912**, and ND.**914** each reference an individual segment record SR.**806**, SR.**806**, SR.**814** and SR.**816** that are comprised within the first narrative voice thread TH.**06** and indicated by an inclusion of the first narrative voice tag T.**06** in each of the first character thread segment records SR.**806**, SR.**812** & SR.**816**.

[0117] It is understood that in various preferred embodiments of the method of the present invention that one or more nodes ND.**001**-ND.N may include more than a reference to a segment records SR.**01**-SR.N, and may comprise some or all of the structure and information of one or more segment records SR.**01**-SR.N.

[0118] FIG. **10** is a flow chart of the ebook reader **4** in providing a user-interactive process that enables the reader to access the invented ebook **2** in selectable pathways of nodes through the ebook **2**. The plurality of nodes ND.**001**-ND.N are generated by reader interaction in step **3006** of FIG. **3**, which may include the reader inputting or selecting an aspect of the ebook **2** that is associated with a tag T.**001**-T.N, or alternatively, by a default selection by the ebook reader software SW.**1** of a default tag T.DEF.

[0119] For example, where the editor wishes to associate a particular and unique third character tag T.BILL with a fictional character BILL mentioned in the invented ebook, the third character tag T.BILL will be entered by the editing system **200** as directed by the editor into selected segment records SG.**001**-SG.N. When the reader requests to sequentially access each segment record SG.**001**-SG.N that is associated with the third character tag T.BILL, the reader will input into the ebook reader **4**, by icon selection or textual input, an interest in the character BILL, and the reader software will thereupon generate and associate a node ND.**001**-ND.N for each segment record SG.**001**-SG.N that contains the third character tag T.BILL.

[0120] The ebook reader **4** may further optionally associate additional segment records SG.**001**-SG.N with one or more nodes ND.**001**-ND.N when an additional record SG.**001**-SG.N lacks a reference to the third character tag T.BILL but includes a degree of commonality with the immediately associated segment record SG.**001**-SG.N. For example, when the segment record SR.**818** includes both (a.) a second plot line moment tag T.T**2** and (b.) a place tag T.GARDEN that relates to a notional garden setting, and the segment record **820** includes both the second plot line tag T.T**2** and the place tag T.GAR but also includes a reference to a fourth character tag T. SUE that relates to a fourth character SUE, the second node ND.**002** may be generated by the editing software include a reference to the segment record SR.**820** based on the commonality of the sharing the place tag T.GARDEN and the second plot line moment tag T.T**2** . The ebook reader software SW.**1** will thereby be enabled to expeditiously respond to requests by the reader to access segments SG.**001**-SG.N that are tangentially related to the previously selected third character T.BILL but do not include the third character T.BILL that is optionally the rationale for the a generation of the plurality of nodes ND.**001**-ND.N.

[0121] Referring now generally to the Figures and particularly to FIG. **10**, the ebook reader **4** is energized and boots up in step **1000**, and in step **10002** determines whether to cease processing the ebook reader software SW.**1** and proceed on to alternate computational operations of step **10004**. When the ebook reader **4** determines to not proceed on to step **10004** from step **10002**, the ebook reader **4** proceeds on to step **10006** and to determine if an ebook **2** selection command has been received from the user. When a selection command is detected by the ebook reader **4** in step **10006**, the ebook reader **4** proceeds on from step **10006** to a first execution of step **10008** and to select a default first segment record SR.**01** in step **10010** from which to render the default segment SG.**104** unless the user inputs a segment select command that indicates selection of an identified alternate segment SG.**106**-SG.N or segment record SR.**01**-SR.N. The ebook reader **4** thereupon determines in step **10012** whether to follow a default tag T.DEF of step **10014** or a to follow a tag T.**001**-T.N provided or selected by the user in a tag selection command. The ebook reader then either generates the plurality of nodes N.**001**-ND.N that each reference or include at least one segment record SR.**01**-SR., and proceeds to render a segment SEG.**104**-SG.N in step **10018** selected from the first node ND.**001**-ND.N, by reference or inclusion in the instant node ND.**001**-ND.N. The ebook reader **4** then determines in step **10020** whether to

continue sequentially rendering segments SG.**001**-SG.N by successive executions of the loop of steps **10008** through **10020**, or to proceed repeat an execution of step **10002**. The ebook reader software SW.**1** provides the machine executable instructions required by the ebook reader **4**, as directed by user commands, to execute steps **10002** through **10020**.

[0122] Referring now generally to the Figures and particularly to FIG. **11**, FIG. **11** is a flowchart of a second preferred embodiment of aspects of the invented method of applying a default tag T.DEF for execution by the ebook reader **4** in interaction with the reader. The ebook reader **4** determines whether the reader has selected an ebook **2** for rendering in step **1102**, and moves on to alternate computational operations of step **1104** when the ebook reader **4** does not detect a user command to select an ebook **2** in step **1102**. When the ebook reader **4** in step **1102** detects a user command to select and render an ebook **2**, the ebook reader **4** proceeds on to step **1106** and initializes a segment counter CS, and determines in step **1108** whether a tag T.**001**-T.N has been selected or input by the user. When the ebook reader **4** determines in step **1108** that the user has input or selected a tag T.**001**-T.N, the ebook reader **4** proceeds form step **1108** to step **1110** and to perform the process of FIG. **12**.

[0123] Alternatively, when the ebook reader **4** determines in step **1108** that the user has not input or selected a tag T.**001**-T.N, the ebook reader **4** proceeds from step **1108** to step **1112** and to proceed to sequentially render the segment records SR.**01**-SR.N that reference the default tag T.DEF. The ebook reader **4** proceeds from step **1112** to execute the logic of steps **1112** through **1122** until the ebook reader **4** determines in an execution of step **1116** that the segment counter CS has been incremented by successive increments to become equal to a maximum count N of segment records SR.**01**-SR.N, or the user directs the ebook reader **4** to cease rendering the selected ebook **2**. More particularly, the ebook reader **4** sequentially examines each segment record SR.**01**-SR.N to determine if each segment record SR.**01**-SR.N references or includes the default tag T.DEF, and sequentially renders each segment record SR.**01**-SR.N that references or includes the default tag T.DEF in step **1120**. The user prompts the ebook reader **4** to proceed on to a next segment record in step **1122**.

[0124] Referring now generally to the Figures and particularly to FIG. **12**, FIG. **12** is a flowchart of a third preferred embodiment of aspects of the invented method applying a user selected tag T.**001**-T.N as executable by the ebook reader **4** in interaction with the reader. In steps **1200** through **1214** the ebook reader **4** sequentially selects each segment record SR.**01**-SR.N step **1202** and sequentially renders each segment record SR.**01**-SR.N in step **1210** that references or includes the user selected tag T.**001**-T.N detected in step **1108**. The user prompts the ebook reader **4** to proceed onto a succeeding segment record SR.**01**-SR.N in step **1214**. The ebook reader **4** will continue incrementing the segment counter CS in repeated execution of steps **1202** through **1214** until either (a.) the segment counter becomes equal to or exceeds a maximum segment count N; or (b.) the user enters a command to stop rendering segments SG.**001**-SG.N in either step **1206** or step **1214**.

[0125] Referring now generally to the Figures and particularly to FIG. **13**, FIG. **13** is a flowchart of a third preferred embodiment of aspects of the invented method applying a user selected tag T.**001**-T.N as executable by the ebook reader **4** in interaction with the reader, whereby the reader directs the ebook reader **4** to select segments SG.**001**-SG.N associated with an alternate tag T.**001**-T.N for rendering after the reader previously having selected a first tag T.**001**-T.N in a previous execution of step **1108**. During a rendering in step **1210** of a segment SG.**001**-SG.N, the user queries whether any other segment records SR.**01**-SR.N are associated with a same node ND.**001**-ND.N as the segment record SR.**002**-SR.N selected in the most recent execution of step **1210**. If no additional associated segment records SR.**01**-SR.N are determined in step **1304**, the ebook reader **4** proceeds on to step **1306** and reports to the user a rendered message to that effect. If at least one additional associated segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is determined in step **1304**, the ebook reader **4** proceeds on to step **1308** and render a message indicating the additional tag(s) T.**001**-T.N in step **1308**.

[0126] The ebook reader **4** determines in step **1310** whether the reader has selected a different tag T.**001**-T.N than applied in the most recent execution of step **1210**. When the ebook reader **4** determines in step **1310** that the reader has selected a new tag T.**001**-T.N, the ebook reader **4** renders the segment SG.**001**-SG.N of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N comprising the tag T.**001**-T.N selected in step **1310**. As directed by the reader, the ebook reader **4** ceases rendering the segment SG.**001**-SG.N of step **1312**, and then proceeds from step **1314** to step **1206**, and thereafter selects segments SG.**001**-SG.N for rendering that include the newly selected tag of step **1310** in further implementations of steps **1202** through **1214**.

[0127] Referring now generally to the Figures and particularly to FIG. **14**, FIG. **14** is a flowchart of a fourth preferred embodiment of aspects of the invented method applying a user selected tag T.**001**-T.N as executable by the ebook reader **4** in interaction with the reader, whereby the reader directs the ebook reader **4** to follow an alternate tag T.**001**-T.N after initially selecting out segment records SR.**01**-SR.N that include or reference the default tag T.DEF.

[0128] During a rendering in step **1120** of a segment SG.**001**-SG.N, the user queries whether any other segment records SR.**01**-SR.N are associated with a same node ND.**001**-ND.N as the segment record SR.**002**-SR.N selected in the most recent execution of step **1120**. If no additional associated segment records SR.**01**-SR.N are determined in step **1404**, the ebook reader **4** proceeds on to step **1406** and reports to the user a rendered message to that effect. If at least one additional associated segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is determined in step **1404**, the ebook reader **4** proceeds on to step **1408** and render a message indicating the additional tag(s) T.**001**-T.N in step **1408**.

[0129] The ebook reader **4** determines in step **1410** whether the reader has selected a different tag T.**001**-T.N than applied in the most recent execution of step **1120**. When the ebook reader **4** determines in step **1410** that the reader has selected a new tag T.**001**-T.N, the ebook reader **4** renders the segment SG.**001**-SG.N of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N comprising the tag T.**001**-T.N selected in step **1410**. As directed by the reader, the ebook reader **4** ceases rendering the segment SG.**001**-SG.N of step **1412**, and then proceeds from step **1414** to step **1116**, and thereafter selects segments SG.**001**-SG.N for rendering that include the newly selected tag of step **1410** in further implementations of steps **1112** through **1122**.

[0130] Referring now generally to the Figures and particularly to FIG. **15**, FIG. **15** is an illustration of a user

interface **1500** of the ebook reader **4** as rendered on the ebook reader display screen **5** under as directed by user interaction and the ebook reader system software SW.**1**. In this exemplary illustration, a selected text segment SG.**802** that is stored within or associated with the exemplary segment record SR.**802** is rendered. The current tag T.**04**, as previously selected by the reader, and that the ebook reader software SW.**1** is therefore currently following, is indicated by a first tab label TAB.**1500**. Additional tags T.**02** & T.BILL comprised within or referenced by the exemplary segment record SR.**802** are presented respectively by two additional tab labels TAB.**1502**A and TAB.**1502**B. In further addition, a fourth tag T.**06** of an alternate segment record SR.**806** that is associated with a same node ND.**902** as is the currently rendered segment SG.**802** is indicated by a fourth tab label TAB.**1502**C.

[0131] The user interface **1500** further includes command three command buttons **1504**, **1506** & **1508** and a search string input and activation box **1510**. The reader may direct the ebook reader **4** to proceed to render a next segment SG.**810** in sequentially following the second tag T.**04** by activating the NEXT command button **1506**. Alternatively, the reader may direct the ebook reader **4** to proceed to render a previous segment SG.**808** in following the second tag T.**04** in reverse sequence by activating the PREVIOUS command button **1504**. Additionally, the reader may direct the ebook reader **4** to cease to render segments SG.**001**-SG.N by selecting the REST/END command button **1508**. Yet alternatively, the ebook reader **4** may enter a textual search string in the string input and activation box **1510** and then activate this box **1510** to direct the ebook reader software SW.**1** to find and report instances of the entered string in the ebook **2**.

[0132] The reader may further direct the ebook reader **4** to render an alternate segment SG.**806** by selecting a nodal tab, e.g. fourth tab label TAB.**1502**C that represents an alternative segment SG.**806** that is associated by a node ND.**902** with the currently rendered segment SG.**802**. When an alternate segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is selected by the reader, the newly selected segment SG.**001**-SG.N of that selected record SR.**01**-SR.N is then rendered in the ebook display screen **5** and the current tab label TAB.**1500** is revised to reference the newly accessed segment record SR.**01**-SR.N. For example, should the reader select the third tab label TAB.**1502**C when rendering the exemplary segment SG.**802**, the ebook reader SW.**1** would react by rendering the alternate text SG.**806** of segment record SR.**806** and alter the first tab label TAB.**1500** to reference both the alternate tag T.**06** and the segment record SR.**806** that comprises the newly rendered segment SG.**806**. The additional tab labels TAB.**1502**A-**1502**C are also then updated to reference the tab associations of the newly selected segment record SR.**806**. The command buttons of NEXT **1500**A and PREVIOUS **1500**B would then track the tag T.**06** newly referenced by the first TAB.**1500**.

[0133] Referring now generally to the Figures and particularly to FIG. **16**, FIG. **16** is an illustration of a second user interface **1600** (or "UI" **1600**) of the ebook reader **4** as rendered on the ebook reader display screen **5** and generated by the ebook reader system software SW.**1** in interaction of the ebook reader **4** with the user. In this exemplary illustration of FIG. **16**, a selected text **1602** of an exemplary segment SG.**810** that is stored within or associated with the exemplary subsequent segment record SR.**810** is rendered in the ebook display screen **5**. A previous button **1604** and a next button **1606** are visually rendered in the display screen **5** and enable the user to respectively select the previous segment record SR.**802** or the next segment record SR.**812** of the first thread TH.**04** for deriving a next or following rendering of text **1602** in the display screen **5**. Label buttons **1610**-**1622** enable the user to make choices to select alternate tags T.**01**-T.N and thereby follow alternate threads TH.**1**-TH.**3** and TH.**5**-TH.N or to continue to follow a selected thread TH.**1**-TH.N and render text **1602** and images selected from or associated with segment records SR.**01**-SR.N. A visually rendered home button **1624** enables the user to direct the ebook reader **4** to return to displaying a home page. An informational text **1626** informs the user about the current ebook **2** being rendered and may provide information concerning the currently rendered text **1602** in relation to the entire ebook **2**. A visually rendered scroll control **1628** allows the user to direct the ebook reader **4** to render text **1602** from a single segment record SR.**01**-SR.N or of a currently selected thread TH.**1**-TH.N.

[0134] The label buttons **1608**-**1622** may optionally or additionally (a.) be visually shaded or affected to indicate which tag T.**01**-T.N is being currently followed, e.g., character label CHAR.**1** **1608** and location label LOC.**1** **1610**; (b.) about other tags T.**01**-T.N with which the currently rendered text **1602** is associated, e.g. second character label CHAR.**2** **1612** and third location label LOC.**3** **1622**; and/or additional labels **1614**-**1620** that are available within the ebook **2** and associated with different tags.

[0135] Referring now generally to the Figures and particularly to FIG. **17**, FIG. **17** is an illustration of a tag to label table **1700** that separately associates (a.) rendered labels **1610**-**1622** and tabs **1500**, **1504**, **1506** **1502**A-**1502**C with (b.) tags T.**01**-T.N. Each label/tab to tag pair has a unique identifier PAIRID.**1**-PAIR.DEF.

[0136] It is understood that certain tags are durably associated with individual labels, for example a second location label LOC.**2** is durably related to a ninth tag T.**09**, a sixth character label CHAR.**6** is durably related to a fifth tag T.**05**, and a default label LABEL.DEF with the default tag T.DEFAULT in accordance with the second UI **1600**. It is further understood that the ebook system software SW.**1** may alternately or additionally alter the associations of tags T.**01**-T.N with tabs **1500**-**1508** in accordance with the user interface **1500**.

[0137] Referring now generally to the Figures and particularly to FIG. **18**, FIG. **18** is a software flowchart of additional optional aspects of the system software SW.**1** of the ebook reader **4**. The ebook reader **4** renders text and images **802** in step **18**.**02** from the most recently selected segment record SR.**01**-SR.N, for example the second exemplary segment SG.**802** of the second exemplary segment record SR.**802**. In step **18**.**04** the ebook reader **4** determines whether a label or tab of the as rendered on the display **5** has been selected by the user. When the ebook reader **4** determines in step **18**.**04** that no tab or label has been selected by the user, the ebook reader **4** proceeds on step **18**.**06** and to determine whether to continue rendering content from the most recently selected segment record or to proceed on to step **18**.**08** and to perform alternate computational processes. The ebook reader **4** more proceed from step **18**.**06** to step **18**.**08** on the basis of (a.) a time out condition; (b.) a receipt

of a detection of a user selection of the REST/END label **1508**; or (c.) a receipt of a power down command down from the user.

[0138] When the ebook reader **4** proceeds from step **18**.**06** to step **18**.**02**, the ebook reader **4** continues to render the content from most recently selected segment record SR.**01**-SR.N. When the ebook reader **4** determines in step **18**.**04** a tab or label selection by the user has been detected, the ebook reader **4** proceeds on step **18**.**10** and to determine whether a next segment record SR.**01**-SR.N of the same thread TH.**01**-TH.N of the segment record currently being rendered shall be rendered in a following execution of step **18**.**02**. Alternatively, the ebook reader **4** determines in step **18**.**12** to determine whether a previous segment record SR.**01**-SR.N of the same thread TH.**01**-TH.N of the segment record currently being rendered shall be rendered in a following execution of step **18**.**02**. Still alternatively, the ebook reader **4** determines in step **18**.**14** if the user has indicated that an segment record SR.**01**-N of an alternate tag T.**01**-T.N shall be selected for rendering. When the ebook reader **4** determines in step **18**.**14** that a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N of a tag T.**01**-T.N or thread TH.**01**-TH.N different from the selected tag T.**01**-T.MN or Thread TH.**01** TH.N of the most recently rendered record, the ebook reader **4** references the table **1700** to relate the selected tab **1500**, **1502**A-**1502**C or label **1610**-**1622** to a tag T.**01**-T.N.

[0139] FIG. **19** is a schematic diagram of the ebook editing system **200** and/or ebook publishing system **600**. The ebook editing system **200** may be or comprise (a.) a network-communications enabled THINKSTATION WORKSTATION™ notebook computer marketed by Lenovo, Inc. of Morrisville, N.C.; (b.) a NIVEUS 5200 computer workstation marketed by Penguin Computing of Fremont, Calif. and running a LINUX™ operating system or a UNIX™ operating system; (c.) a network-communications enabled personal computer configured for running WINDOWS XP™, VISTA™ or WINDOWS 7™ operating system marketed by Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Wash.; (d.) a MACBOOK PRO™ personal computer as marketed by Apple, Inc. of Cupertino, Calif.; (e.) an IPAD™ tablet computer as marketed by Apple, Inc. of Cupertino, Calif.; (f.) an IPHONE™ cellular telephone as marketed by Apple, Inc. of Cupertino, Calif.; (g.) an HTC TITAN II™ cellular telephone as marketed by AT&T, Inc. of Dallas, Tex. and running a WINDOWS 7™ operating system as marketed by Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Wash.; (h.) a GALAXY NEXUS™ smart phone as marketed by Samsung Group of Seoul, Republic of Korea or and running an ANDROID™; (i.) a TOUGHPAD™ tablet computer as marketed by Panasonic Corporation of Kadoma, Osaka, Japan and running an ANDROID™ operating system as marketed by Google, Inc. of Mountain View, Calif.; or (j.) other suitable computational system or electronic communications device known in the art.

[0140] The editing system **200**A central processing unit is bi-directionally communicatively coupled by a communications bus **200**B to a display module **200**C, an input module **200**D, a wireless communications interface module **200**E, a system memory **200**F, an optional touch screen input **200**G, an optional firmware **200**H and/or an optional electronic media read/write module **200**I. The electronic media read/write module **200**I and an electronic media **1902** are selected to enable reading and writing of the ebook **2** to and from the editing system **200**. The editing system software SW.**5** enables the editing system **200** to the perform the aspects of the invented method as disclosed herein in the Figures and accompanying text. The network **1900** may be or comprise the Internet, a telephony network, and/or other computer electronic communications network.

[0141] FIG. **20** is a schematic diagram of an ebook reader **4**. The ebook reader **4** may be or comprise (a.) a KINDLE ebook reader as marketed by Amazon, Inc. of Seattle, Wash.; (b.) a NOOK ebook reader as marketed by Barnes & Noble, Inc. of New York, N.Y.; (c.) an IPHONE™ cellular telephone as marketed by Apple, Inc. of Cupertino; (d.) an IPAD™ tablet computer adapted for generation of digitized photographic documents and capable of bi-directional communications via the telephony network and the Internet **6** as marketed by Apple, Inc. of Cupertino, Calif.; (e.) an HTC TITAN II™ cellular telephone as marketed by AT&T, Inc. of Dallas, Tex. and running a WINDOWS 7™ operating system as marketed by Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Wash.; (f.) a GALAXY NEXUS™ smart phone as marketed by Samsung Group of Seoul, Republic of Korea and running an ANDROID™ operating system as marketed by Google, Inc. of Mountain View, Calif.; (g.) a TOUGHPAD™ tablet computer as marketed by Panasonic Corporation of Kadoma, Osaka, Japan and running an ANDROID™ operating system as marketed by Google, Inc. of Mountain View, Calif.; or (h.) other suitable text display system known in the art.

[0142] The ebook reader central processing unit **4**B is bi-directionally communicatively coupled by a reader communications bus **4**B to a display module **4**C and the touch screen display **5**, a reader input module **4**D, a reader wireless communications interface module **4**E, the reader system memory **4**A, an optional firmware **4**F and/or an optional reader electronic media read/write module **4**G. The electronic media read/write module **4**G and the electronic media **1902** are optionally selected to enable reading and writing of the ebook **2** to and from the ebook reader **4**. The ebook reader system software SW.**1** enables the ebook reader **4** to perform the aspects of the invented method as disclosed herein in the Figures and accompanying text. A first GUI software SW.**6** enables the first user interface and process of FIG. **15** and the user interaction as disclosed in the accompanying text. A second GUI software SW.**7** enables the process of the second UI of FIG. **16** and the user interaction as disclosed in the accompanying text.

[0143] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **21**A, FIG. **21**A is a process chart of a preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is updated in response to creation of and modifications to segment records SR.**01**-SR.N and/or node records NR.**01**-NR.N. The following steps may be executed in their entirety by a human editor, or may alternately be executed by a human editor in combination with the editing system **200** as enabled by the system software SW.**5**, as described in greater detail in additional drawings described below. In step **21**A.**02** it is determined whether new digitized textual data has been received. When it is determined that no new digitized textual data has been received, alternate operations are executed in step **21**A.**04**. Alternately, when it is determined in step **21**A.**02** that new digitized textual data has been received, it is determined in step **21**A.**06** whether a new record is necessary to categorize the information within the new digitized textual data; the new record may optionally be a new segment record

SR.NEW, or may optionally be a new node record NR.NEW. When it is determined that either a new segment record SR.NEW or a new node record NR.NEW is necessary, the new segment record SR.NEW or new node record NR.NEW is created and populated in step **21**A.**08**. In step **21**A.**10** the metadata is updated to reflect the newly created and populated segment record SR.NEW or node record NR.NEW. Subsequently, alternate operations are executed in step **21**A.**04**.

[0144] In the alternative, when it is determined in step **21**A.**06** that no new record is necessary to categorize the information within the new digitized textual data, in step **21**A.**12** it is determined whether modification to a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is needed to reflect the received new digitized textual data. When it is determined that modification to a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is needed to reflect the received new digitized textual data, the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is modified in step **21**A.**14**, and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is subsequently updated to reflect the modification to the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N in step **21**A.**16**. Alternately, when it is determined in step **21**A.**14** that no modification to a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is necessary in response to the received new digitized textual data, in step **21**A.**18** it is determined whether modifications to a node record NR.**01**-NR.N are necessary in response to the received new digitized textual data. When it is determined in step **21**A.**18** that a node record NR.**01**-NR.N need be modified in response to the received new digitized textual data, the node record is updated in step **21**A.**20**. Subsequently, in step **21**A.**22**, the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is updated to reflect the modifications to the node record NR.**01**-NR.N. Alternate operations are subsequently executed in step **21**A.**04**. When, in the alternative, it is determined in step **21**A.**18** that no modification need be made to the node record ND.**01**-ND.N, the steps **21**A.**02** through **21**A.**22** are executed as deemed necessary by the human editor or by the editing system **200**, enabled by the system software SW.**5**.

[0145] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **21**B, FIG. **21**B is a process chart of an alternate preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein segment records SR.**01**-SR.N and/or node records NR.**01**-NR.N are created and/or updated based upon modifications to the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. The following steps may be executed in their entirety by a human editor, or may alternately be executed by a human editor in combination with the editing system **200** as enabled by the system software SW.**5**, as described in greater detail in additional drawings described below. In step **21**B.**02** it is determined whether new digitized textual data has been received. When it is determined that no new digitized textual data has been received, alternate operations are executed in step **21**B.**04**. Alternately, when it is determined in step **21**B.**02** that new digitized textual data has been received, it is determined in step **21**B.**06** whether a new record is necessary to categorize the information within the new digitized textual data; the new record may optionally be a new segment record SR.NEW, or may optionally be a new node record NR.NEW. When it is determined that either a new segment record SR.NEW or a new node record NR.NEW is necessary, metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is modified or generated to describe the new segment record SR.NEW or new node record NR.NEW in step **21**B.**08**. In step **21**B.**10** a new segment record SR.NEW or node record NR.NEW is created and populated based upon the modifications to the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. Subsequently, alternate operations are executed in step **21**B.**04**.

[0146] In the alternative, when it is determined in step **21**B.**06** that no new record is necessary to categorize the information within the new digitized textual data, in step **21**B.**12** it is determined whether modification to a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is needed to reflect the received new digitized textual data. When it is determined that revisions to a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N are needed to reflect the received new digitized textual data, the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is first modified in step **21**B.**14**, and the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is subsequently modified to reflect the modification to the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N in step **21**B.**16**. Alternately, when it is determined in step **21**B.**14** that no modification to a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is necessary in response to the received new digitized textual data, in step **21**B.**18** it is determined whether modifications to a node record NR.**01**-NR.N are necessary in response to the received new digitized textual data. When it is determined in step **21**B.**18** that a node record NR.**01**-NR.N need be modified in response to the received new digitized textual data, the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is updated in step **21**B.**20**. Subsequently, in step **21**B.**22**, the node record NR.**01**-NR.N is updated to reflect the modifications to the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. Alternate operations are subsequently executed in step **21**B.**04**. When, in the alternative, it is determined in step **21**B.**18** that no modification need be made to the node record ND.**01**-ND.N, the steps **21**B.**02** through **21**B.**22** are executed as deemed necessary by the human editor or by the editing system **200**, enabled by the system software SW.**5**.

[0147] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **22**A, FIG. **22**A is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is populated by a human editor, and metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is subsequently revised by a human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**A.**06** of the method of FIG. **21**A to step **22**A.**00** of FIG. **22**A. In step **22**A.**00** the human editor assigns a segment record identifier SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N to the new segment record SR.NEW, by which the new segment record SR.NEW may be identified either to the human editor, or to the editing system **200**. In step **22**A.**02** the human editor populates the new segment record SR.NEW with data derived from a digitized text. The information with which the human editor populates the new segment record SR.NEW may optionally be, but is not limited to, a plurality of tags T.**01**-T.N; a sequence number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N wherein the new segment record SR.NEW has a unique segment number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N that orders the segments according to a one-dimensional sequence; and a text segment SG.**01**-SG.N derived by the human editor from the source text **100**. In step **22**A.**04** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N to reflect the creation and population of the new segment record SR.NEW. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**A.

[0148] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **22**B, FIG. **22**B is a process chart of a yet further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is edited, and a new segment record SR.NEW is subsequently populated by a human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**B.**06** of the method of FIG. **21**B to step **22**B.**00**. In step **22**B.**00** the

human editor assigns a segment record identifier SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N to the new segment record SR.NEW, by which the new segment record SR.NEW may be identified either to the human editor, or to the editing system **200**. In step **22**B.**02** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. In step **22**B.**04** the human editor populates the new segment record SR.NEW with data derived from a digitized text. The information with which the human editor populates the new segment record SR.NEW may optionally be, but is not limited to, a plurality of tags T.**01**-T.N; a sequence number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N wherein the new segment record SR.NEW has a unique segment number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N that orders the segments according to a one-dimensional sequence; and a text segment SG.**01**-SG.N derived by the human editor from the source text **100**. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**B.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**B.

[0149] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **22**C, FIG. **22**C is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a new segment record SR.NEW is populated by a human editor, and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by the system software SW.**5** enabling the editing system **200**. The human editor proceeds from step **21**A.**06** of the method of FIG. **21**A to step **22**C.**00** of FIG. **22**C. In step **22**C.**00** the human editor assigns a segment record identifier SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N to the new segment record SR.NEW, by which the new segment record SR.NEW may be identified either to the human editor, or to the editing system **200**. In step **22**C.**02** the human editor populates the new segment record SR.NEW with data derived from a digitized text. The information with which the human editor populates the new segment record SR.NEW may optionally be, but is not limited to, a plurality of tags T.**01**-T.N; a sequence number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N wherein the new segment record SR.NEW has a unique segment number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N that orders the segments according to a one-dimensional sequence; and a text segment SG.**01**-SG.N derived by the human editor from the source text **100**. In step **22**C.**04** the system software SW.**5** enables the editing system **200** to edit the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N to reflect the creation and population of the new segment record SR.NEW. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**A.

[0150] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **22**D, FIG. **22**D is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by a human editor, and a new segment record SR.NEW is populated by the system software SW.**5**. The human editor proceeds from step **21**B.**06** of the method of FIG. **21**D to step **22**D.**00**. In step **22**D.**00** the human editor assigns a segment record identifier SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N to the new segment record SR.NEW, by which the new segment record SR.NEW may be identified either to the human editor, or to the editing system **200**. In step **22**D.**02** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. In step **22**D.**04** the system software SW.**5** directs the editing system **200** to populate the new segment record SR.NEW with data derived from a digitized text. The information with which the system software SW.**5** populates the new segment record SR.NEW may optionally be, but is not limited to, a plurality of tags T.**01**-T.N; a sequence number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N wherein the new segment record SR.NEW has a unique segment number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N that orders the segments according to a one-dimensional sequence; and a text segment SG.**01**-SG.N derived by the human editor from the source text **100**. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**B.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**B.

[0151] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **22**E, FIG. **22**E is a process chart of an additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a new segment record SR.NEW is populated by the system software SW.**5** enabling the editing system **100** and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is updated by the human editor. The system software SW.**5** proceeds from step **21**A.**06** of the method of FIG. **21**A to step **22**E.**00** of FIG. **22**E. In step **22**E.**00** a segment record identifier SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N is assigned to the new segment record SR.NEW, by which the new segment record SR.NEW may be identified either to the human editor, or to the editing system **200**. In step **22**E.**02** the system software SW.**5** enables the editing system **200** to populate the new segment record SR.NEW with data derived from a digitized text. The information with which the system software SW.**5** directs the editing system **200** to populate the new segment record SR.NEW may optionally be, but is not limited to, a plurality of tags T.**01**-T.N; a sequence number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N wherein the new segment record SR.NEW has a unique segment number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N that orders the segments according to a one-dimensional sequence; and a text segment SG.**01**-SG.N derived by the system software SW.**5** from the source text **100**. In step **22**E.**04** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N to reflect the creation and population of the new segment record SR.NEW. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**A.

[0152] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **22**F, FIG. **22**F is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by the system software SW.**5** and a new segment record SR.NEW is populated by the human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**B.**06** of the method of FIG. **21**D to step **22**F.**00**. In step **22**F.**00** the human editor assigns a segment record identifier SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N to the new segment record SR.NEW, by which the new segment record SR.NEW may be identified either to the human editor, or to the editing system **200**. In step **22**F.**02** system software SW.**5** directs the editing system **200** revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. In step **22**F.**04** the human editor populates the new segment record SR.NEW with data derived from a digitized text. The information with which the human editor populates the new segment record SR.NEW may optionally be, but is not limited to, a plurality of tags T.**01**-T.N; a sequence number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N wherein the new segment record SR.NEW has a unique segment number SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N that orders the segments according to a one-dimensional sequence; and a text segment SG.**01**-SG.N derived by the human editor from the source text **100**. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**B.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**B.

[0153] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **23**A, FIG. **23**A is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a new node record NR.NEW is populated by a human editor, and metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by a human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**A.**06** of the method of FIG. **21**A to step **23**A.**00** of FIG. **23**A. In step **23**A.**00** the human editor assigns a node record identifier NR.ID.**01**-NR.ID.N to the new node record NR.NEW, by which the new node record NR.NEW may be identified either to the human

editor, or to the editing system **200**. In step **23**A.**02** the human editor populates the new node record NR.NEW with data derived from a digitized text. The information with which the human editor populates the new node record NR.NEW may optionally be, but is not limited to, a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N; a plurality of alternate node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.**01**.N, and a plurality of segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N; and one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N, which narrative threads TH.**01**-TH.N with which the plurality of nodes ND.**01**-ND.N are associated. In step **23**A.**04** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N to reflect the creation and population of the new node record NR.NEW. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**A.

[0154] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **23**B, FIG. **23**B is a process chart of a yet further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is modified by a human editor, and a new node record ND.NEW is subsequently populated by a human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**B.**06** of the method of FIG. **21**B to step **23**B.**00** of FIG. **23**B. In step **23**B.**00** the human editor assigns a node record identifier NR.ID.**01**-NR.ID.N to the new node record NR.NEW, by which the new node record NR.NEW may be identified either to the human editor, or to the editing system **200**. In step **23**B.**02** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. In step **23**B.**04** the human editor populates the new node record NR.NEW with data derived from a digitized text. The information with which the human editor populates the new node record NR.NEW may optionally be, but is not limited to, a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N; a plurality of alternate node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.**01**.N, and a plurality of segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N; and one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N, which narrative threads TH.**01**-TH.N with which the plurality of nodes ND.**01**-ND.N are associated. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**B.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**B.

[0155] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **23**C, FIG. **23**C is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a new node record ND.NEW is populated by a human editor, and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by the software system SW.**5** enabling the editing system **200**. The human editor proceeds from step **21**A.**06** of the method of FIG. **21**A to step **23**C.**00** of FIG. **23**C. In step **23**C.**00** the human editor assigns a node record identifier NR.ID.**01**-NR.ID.N to the new node record NR.NEW, by which the new node record NR.NEW may be identified either to the human editor, or to the editing system **200**. In step **23**C.**02** the human editor populates the new node record NR.NEW with data derived from a digitized text. The information with which the human editor populates the new node record NR.NEW may optionally be, but is not limited to, a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N; a plurality of alternate node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.**01**.N, and a plurality of segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N; and one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N, which narrative threads TH.**01**-TH.N with which the plurality of nodes ND.**01**-ND.N are associated. In step **23**C.**04** the system software SW.**5** directs the editing system **200** to revise the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N to reflect the creation and population of the new node record NR.NEW. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**A.

[0156] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **23**D, FIG. **23**D is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by a human editor, and a new node record ND.NEW is populated by the editing system **200** as enabled by the system software SW.**5**. The human editor proceeds from step **21**B.**06** of the method of FIG. **21**B to step **23**D.**00** of FIG. **23**D. In step **23**D.**00** the human editor assigns a node record identifier NR.ID.**01**-NR.ID.N to the new node record NR.NEW, by which the new node record NR.NEW may be identified either to the human editor, or to the editing system **200**. In step **23**D.**02** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. In step **23**D.**04** the system software SW.**5** directs the editing system **200** to populate the new node record NR.NEW with data derived from a digitized text. The information with which the system software SW.**5** directs the editing system **200** to populate the new node record NR.NEW may optionally be, but is not limited to, a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N; a plurality of alternate node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.**01**.N, and a plurality of segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N; and one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N, which narrative threads TH.**01**-TH.N with which the plurality of nodes ND.**01**-ND.N are associated. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**B.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**B.

[0157] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **23**E, FIG. **23**E is a process chart of an additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a new node record NR.NEW is populated by the editing system **200** as enabled by the system software SW.**5** and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by a human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**A.**06** of the method of FIG. **21**A to step **23**E.**00** of FIG. **23**E. In step **23**E.**00** the human editor assigns a node record identifier NR.ID.**01**-NR.ID.N to the new node record NR.NEW, by which the new node record NR.NEW may be identified either to the human editor, or to the editing system **200**. In step **23**E.**02** the system software SW.**5** enables the editing system **200** to populate the new node record NR.NEW with data derived from a digitized text. The information with which the system software SW.**5** enables the editing system **200** to populate the new node record NR.NEW may optionally be, but is not limited to, a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N; a plurality of alternate node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.**01**.N, and a plurality of segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N; and one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N, which narrative threads TH.**01**-TH.N with which the plurality of nodes ND.**01**-ND.N are associated. In step **23**E.**04** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N to reflect the creation and population of the new node record NR.NEW. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**A.

[0158] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **23**F, FIG. **23**F is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by the editing system **200** as enabled by the system software SW.**5** and a new node record NR.NEW is populated by the human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**B.**06** of the method of

FIG. **21**B to step **23**F.**00** of FIG. **23**F. In step **23**F.**00** the human editor assigns a node record identifier NR.ID.**01**-NR.ID.N to the new node record NR.NEW, by which the new node record NR.NEW may be identified either to the human editor, or to the editing system **200**. In step **23**F.**02** the system software SW.**5** enables the editing system **200** to revise the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. In step **23**F.**04** the human editor populates the new node record NR.NEW with data derived from a digitized text. The information with which the human editor populates the new node record NR.NEW may optionally be, but is not limited to, a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N; a plurality of alternate node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.**01**.N, and a plurality of segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N; and one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N, which narrative threads TH.**01**-TH.N with which the plurality of nodes ND.**01**-ND.N are associated. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**B.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**B.

[0159] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **24**A, FIG. **24**A is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is revised by the human editor, and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by the human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**A.**12** of the method of FIG. **21**A to step **24**A.**00** of FIG. **24**A. In step **24**A.**00** the human editor selects a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N for revision. In step **24**A.**02** the human editor revises one or all aspects of a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N, including but not limited to, the tags T.**01**-T.N, and/or the text segment SG.**01**-SG.N. Revision of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N may optionally include deletion of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N. In step **24**A.**04** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N to reflect the alterations made to the selected segment record SR.**01**-SR.N. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**A.

[0160] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **24**B, FIG. **24**B is a process chart of a yet further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is modified by a human editor, and a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is subsequently revised by the human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**B.**12** of the method of FIG. **21**B to step **24**B.**00** of FIG. **24**B. In step **24**B.**00** the human editor selects a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N for revision. In step **24**B.**02** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. In step **24**B.**04** the human editor revises one or all aspects of a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N, including but not limited to, the tags T.**01**-T.N, and/or the text segment SG.**01**-SG.N. Revision of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N may optionally include deletion of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**B.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**B.

[0161] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **24**C, FIG. **24**C is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is modified by a human editor, and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by the editing system **200** as directed by the system software SW.**5**. The human editor proceeds from step **21**A.**12** of the method of FIG. **21**A to step **24**C.**00** of FIG. **24**C. In step **24**C.**00** the human editor selects a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N for revision. In step **24**C.**02** the human editor revises one or all aspects of a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N, including but not limited to, the tags T.**01**-T.N, and/or the text segment SG.**01**-SG.N. Revision of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N may optionally include deletion of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N. In step **24**C.**04** the system software SW.**5** enables the editing system **200** to revise the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N to reflect the alterations made to the selected segment record SR.**01**-SR.N. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**A.

[0162] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **24**D, FIG. **24**D is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by a human editor, and a segment record SG.**01**-SG.N is revised by the editing system **200** as enabled by the system software SW.**5**. The human editor proceeds from step **21**B.**12** of the method of FIG. **21**B to step **24**D.**00** of FIG. **24**D. In step **24**D.**00** the human editor selects a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N for revision. In step **24**D.**02** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. In step **24**D.**04** the system software SW.**5** directs the editing system **200** to revise one or all aspects of a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N, including but not limited to, the tags T.**01**-T.N, and/or the text segment SG.**01**-SG.N. Revision of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N may optionally include deletion of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**B.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**B.

[0163] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **24**E, FIG. **24**E is a process chart of an additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is modified by the editing system **200** as enabled by the system software SW.**5** and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by a human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**A.**12** of the method of FIG. **21**A to step **24**E.**00** of FIG. **24**E. In step **24**E.**00** the human editor selects a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N for revision. In step **24**E.**02** the system software SW.**5** enables the editing system to revise one or all aspects of a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N, including but not limited to, the tags T.**01**-T.N, and/or the text segment SG.**01**-SG.N. Revision of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N may optionally include deletion of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N. In step **24**E.**04** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N to reflect the alterations made to the selected segment record SR.**01**-SR.N. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**A.

[0164] Referring now generally to the Figure, and particularly to FIG. **24**F, FIG. **24**F is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by the editing system **200** as enabled by the system software SW.**5** and a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is modified by the human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**B.**12** of the method of FIG. **21**B to step **24**F.**00** of FIG. **24**F. In step **24**F.**00** the human editor selects a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N for revision. In step **24**F.**02** the system software SW.**4** enables the editing system **200** to revise the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. In step **24**F.**04** the human editor revises one or all aspects of a segment record SR.**01**-SR.N, including but not limited to, the tags T.**01**-T.N, and/or the text segment SG.**01**-SG.N. Revision of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N may optionally include deletion of the segment record SR.**01**-SR.N. The human editor subsequently proceeds to step **21**B.**04** of the method of FIG. **21**B.

[0165] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **25**A, FIG. **25**A is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a node record NR.**01**-NR.N is revised by a human editor, and metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by a human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**A.**18** of the method of FIG. **21**A to step **25**A.**00** of FIG. **25**A. In step **25**A.**00** the human editor selects a node record NR.**01**-NR.N. In step **25**A.**02** the human editor revises one or more aspects of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N, including, but not limited to a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N; a plurality of alternate node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.**01**.N, and a plurality of segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N; and/or one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N. Revision of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N may optionally include deletion of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N. The human editor subsequently revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N in response to the revision to the node record NR.**01**-NR.N in step **25**A.**04**. The human editor then proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of FIG. **21**A.

[0166] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **25**B, FIG. **25**B is a process chart of a yet further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is modified by a human editor, and a node record NR.**01**-NR.N is subsequently revised by a human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**B.**18** of the method of FIG. **21**B to step **25**B.**00** of FIG. **25**B. In step **25**B.**00** the human editor selects a node record NR.**01**-NR.N. In step **25**B.**02** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. In step **25**B.**04** the human editor revises one or more aspects of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N, including, but not limited to a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N; a plurality of alternate node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.**01**.N, and a plurality of segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N; and/or one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N in response to the modification of the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. Revision of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N may optionally include deletion of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N. The human editor then proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of FIG. **21**A.

[0167] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **25**C, FIG. **25**C is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a node record NR.**01**-NR.N is modified by a human editor, and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by the editing system **200** as directed by the system software SW.**5**. The human editor proceeds from step **21**A.**18** of the method of FIG. **21**A to step **25**C.**00** of FIG. **25**C. In step **25**C.**00** the human editor selects a node record NR.**01**-NR.N. In step **25**C.**02** the human editor revises one or more aspects of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N, including, but not limited to a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N; a plurality of alternate node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.**01**.N, and a plurality of segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N; and/or one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N. Revision of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N may optionally include deletion of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N. The system software SW.**5** directs the editing system to modify the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N in response to the revision to the node record NR.**01**-NR.N in step **25**C.**04**. The human editor then proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of FIG. **21**A.

[0168] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **25**D, FIG. **25**D is a process chart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by a human editor, and a node record NR.**01**-NR.N is revised by the editing system **200** as directed by the system software SW.**5**. The human editor proceeds from step **21**B.**18** of the method of FIG. **21**B to step **25**D.**00** of FIG. **25**D. In step **25**D.**00** the human editor selects a node record NR.**01**-NR.N. In step **25**D.**02** the human editor revises the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. In step **25**D.**04** the system software SW.**5** directs the editing system **200** to modify one or more aspects of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N, including, but not limited to a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N; a plurality of alternate node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.**01**.N, and a plurality of segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N; and/or one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N in response to the modification of the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. Revision of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N may optionally include deletion of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N. The human editor then proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of FIG. **21**A.

[0169] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **25**E, FIG. **25**E is a process chart of an additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a node record NR.**01**-NR.N is modified by the editing system **200** as directed by the system software SW.**5** and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by a human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**A.**18** of the method of FIG. **21**A to step **25**E.**00** of FIG. **25**E. In step **25**E.**00** the human editor selects a node record NR.**01**-NR.N. In step **25**E.**02** the system software SW.**5** directs the editing system **200** to revise one or more aspects of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N, including, but not limited to a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N; a plurality of alternate node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.**01**.N, and a plurality of segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N; and/or one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N. Revision of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N may optionally include deletion of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N. The human editor modifies the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N in response to the revision to the node record NR.**01**-NR.N in step **25**E.**04**. The human editor then proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of FIG. **21**A.

[0170] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **25**F, FIG. **25**F is a process chart of a further preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is revised by the editing system **200** as directed by the system software SW.**5** and a node record NR.**01**-NR.N is modified by the human editor. The human editor proceeds from step **21**B.**18** of the method of FIG. **21**B to step **25**F.**00** of FIG. **25**F. In step **25**F.**00** the human editor selects a node record NR.**01**-NR.N. In step **25**F.**02** the system software SW.**5** directs the editing system **200** to modify the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. In step **25**F.**04** the human editor revises one or more aspects of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N, including, but not limited to a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N; a plurality of alternate node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.**01**.N, and a plurality of segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**-SR.ID.N; and/or one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N in response to the modification of the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. Revision of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N may optionally include deletion of the node record NR.**01**-NR.N. The human editor then proceeds to step **21**A.**04** of FIG. **21**A.

[0171] Referring now generally to the Figures FIG. **26** is a block diagram of the ebook **2**, including a plurality of exemplary segment records SR.**01**-SR.N, a plurality of

exemplary node records NR.**01**-NR.N, exemplary metadata MD.**01**, the table **1700**, and the second GUI software SW.**7**.

[0172] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **27**A, FIG. **27**A is a block diagram of exemplary metadata MD.**01**. The exemplary metadata MD.**01** comprises a plurality of node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.ID.N, by which nodes ND.**01**-ND.N associated with text segments SG.**001**-SG.N and/or tags T.**01**-T.N may be identified within the system or by the human editor; a plurality of exemplary segment record identifiers SR.ID.**01**, SR.ID.**57**, SR.ID.**572**, and SR.ID.N; and a plurality of exemplary tags T.**01**, T.BILL, T.PARK, T.**38**, T.LAKE, T.DEF, T.**823**, and T.N.

[0173] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **27**B, FIG. **27**B is a block diagram is exemplary revised metadata MD.**01**.REV, wherein the exemplary revised metadata MD.**01**.REV has been modified in response to revision to the text segments SG.**001**-SG.N and/or the tags T.**01**-T.N by the human editor. The modifications to the metadata MD.**01** may optionally be executed by the system, or by the human editor, and subsequently be recorded by the editing system. The revised metadata MD.**01** comprises a plurality of node record identifiers ND.ID.**01**-ND.ID.N, a plurality of exemplary modified text segment identifiers SR.ID.**56**, SR.ID.**73**, SR.ID.**920**, and SR.ID.N; and a plurality of modified tags T.**01**, T.LIZ, T.HOUSE, T.**87**, T. SHOP, T.**370**, and T.N.

[0174] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIGS. **28**A-**28**D, FIGS. **28**A-**28**D are block diagrams of exemplary node records NR.**01**-NR.N. Each exemplary node record NR.**01**-NR.N comprises a node record identifier NR.ID.**01**-NR.ID.N, by which the node record NR.**01**-NR.N may be identified; pointers to alternate node records NR.**01**-NR.N, whereby the node records NR.**01**-NR.N may be indicated as part of a series of nodes ND.**01**-ND.N; a node ND.**01**-ND.N; one or more thread identifiers TH.ID.**01**-TH.ID.N, by which narrative threads which the nodes ND.**01**-ND.N indicate may be identified by the system or by the human editor; and a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**-T.ID.N, and T.ID.BILL, T.ID.WOOD, T.ID.LARA, and T.ID.WIFE.

[0175] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **29**, FIG. **29** is a flowchart of an additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein an ebook **2** is generated after a plurality of segments SG.**01**-SG.N, tags T.**01**-T.N, and metadata MD.**01**-MD.N describing the segments SG.**01**-SG.N and the tags T.**01**-T.N have been generated from a source text **100**. The following method is preferably performed in its entirety by a human editor using a computing system, but may optionally be executed in part by means of an editing system **200**. In step **29**.**02** it is determined whether a new source text **100** is received. When it is determined that no new source text has been received, alternate processes are executed in step **29**.**04**. Alternately, when it is determined that a new source text **100** is received, metadata is generated in step **29**.**06**. In step **29**.**08** it is determined whether to generate a new segment SG.**01**-SG.N. When it is determined in step **29**.**08** to generate a new segment SG.**01**-SG.N, the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is modified in step **29**.**10**, and a new segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is created and populated in step **29**.**12**. Alternatively, when no new segment SG.**01**-SG.N is generated in step **29**.**08**, it is determined in step **29**.**14** whether to associated tags T.**01**-T.N to the text. When it is determined in step **29**.**14** to associate tags T.**01**-T.N to the text, the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is modified in step **29**.**16**, and the tags T.**01**-T.N are associated in step **29**.**18**. When it is determined in step **29**.**14** not to associate tags, the process advances to step **29**.**20**. In step **29**.**20** it is determined whether to generate a new node record NR.**01**-NR.N. When it is determined to generate a new node record NR.**01**-NR.N in step **29**.**20**, the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is modified in step **29**.**22**, and in step **29**.**24** a new node record NR.**01**-NR.N is created and populated. When, in the alternative, it is determined in step **29**.**20** not to generate a new node record NR.**01**-NR.N, it is determined in step **29**.**26** whether to generate a new ebook **2** from the segments SG.**01**-SG.N, tags T.**01**-T.N, and nodes ND.**01**-ND.N. When it is determined to generate a new ebook **2**, the metadata is modified MD.**01**-MD.N, and the ebook **2** is generated based on the segments SG.**01**-SG.N, the tags T.**01**-T.N and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N in step **29**.**30**. The process subsequently returns to step **29**.**02** and re-executes the loop of steps **29**.**02** through **29**.**30** until in is determined in step **29**.**02** that no new source text has been received.

[0176] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **30**, FIG. **30** is a flowchart of a yet additional preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein segments SG.**01**-SG.N from disparate ebooks **2** are associated, and unique segment number SEQ.**01**-SEQ.N are assigned to the segments SG.**01**-SG.N of the separate ebooks **2**, which order the segments SG.**01**-SG.N according to a one-dimensional sequence, and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N of each ebook **2** is updated to reflect the associations. In step **30**.**02** it is determined whether a final ebook **2**, of at least two ebooks **2**, has been received. When it is determined that no final ebook **2** has been received, a next ebook **2** is received in step **30**.**04**. When a next ebook **2** has been received, or when it is determined in step **30**.**02** that a final ebook **2** has been received, it is determined in step **30**.**06** whether a final segment SG.**01**-SG.N has been received. When it is determined that no new segment SG.**01**-SG.N has been received, a next segment SG.**01**-SG.N is received or generated by a human editor or within the editing system **200**. When a new segment SG.**01**-SG.N has been received in step **30**.**08**, or when it is determined in step **30**.**06** that a final segment SG.**01**-SG.N has been received, the process advances to step **30**.**10**. In step **30**.**10** individual segment numbers SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N are assigned to each of the segments SG.**01**-SG.N of each of the ebooks **2** in order for form a unified narrative thread TH.**01**-TH.N throughout the two or more books from which the segments SG.**01**-SG.N were derived, such that a user may navigate through and/or follow a thread TH.**01**-TH.N throughout several ebooks **2**. In step **30**.**12** it is determined whether final segment numbers SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N have been assigned to segments SG.**01**-SG.N from the plurality of ebooks **2**. When it is determined that the final segment numbers SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N have not been assigned to the segments SG.**01**-SG.N, the loop of steps **30**.**10** through **30**.**12** is executed as necessary. Alternately, when it is determined in step **30**.**12** that the final segment numbers SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N have been assigned, the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N of the ebooks **2** is updated in step **30**.**14**. Alternate operations are executed in step **30**.**16**.

[0177] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **31**, FIG. **31** is a flowchart of an aspect of the invented method wherein a back reference BR.**01**-BR.N to the first ebook **2**A is added to the at least one other ebook

2B. Preferably a human editor, but optionally the editing system **200**, proceeds from step **30.12** of the method of FIG. **30** to step **31.00**, wherein it is determined whether a reference to a first ebook **2**A is contained within a second ebook **2**B. When it is determined that no reference to the first ebook **2**A is contained within the second ebook **2**B, alternate operations are executed in step **31.10**. Alternately, When it is determined that a reference to the first ebook **2**A is contained within the second ebook **2**B, a back reference BR.**01**-BR.N from the second ebook **2**B to the first ebook **2**A is created. The back reference BR.**01**-BR.N is preferably a means by which a user may navigate to the first ebook **2**A from the text of the second ebook **2**B. In step **31.04** the segment records SR.**01**-SR.N are updated to reflect the back reference BR.**01**-BR.N from the second ebook **2**B to the first ebook **2**A. In step **31.06** segment numbers SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N are assigned to the segments SG.**01**-SG.N involved in the back reference BR.**01**-BR.N, such that the segment numbers SEQ.**001**-SEQ.N form a narrative thread TH.**01**-TH.N between the two ebooks **2**. In step **31.08** the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is updated, and alternate operations are executed in step **31.10**.

[0178] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **32**, FIG. **32** is a flowchart of a preferred embodiment of the invented method wherein a plurality of ebooks **2** are generated from a single source text **100**. The following method is preferably performed in its entirety by a human editor using a computing system, but may optionally be executed in part by means of an editing system **200**. In step **32.02** it is determined whether a new source text **100** is received. When it is determined that no new source text has been received, alternate processes are executed in step **32.04**. Alternately, when it is determined that a new source text **100** is received, metadata is generated in step **32.06**. In step **32.08** it is determined whether to generate a new segment SG.**01**-SG.N. When it is determined in step **32.08** to generate a new segment SG.**01**-SG.N, the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is modified in step **32.10**, and a new segment record SR.**01**-SR.N is created and populated in step **32.12**. Alternatively, when no new segment SG.**01**-SG.N is generated in step **32.08**, it is determined in step **32.14** whether to associated tags T.**01**-T.N to the text. When it is determined in step **32.14** to associate tags T.**01**-T.N to the text, the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is modified in step **32.16**, and the tags T.**01**-T.N are associated in step **32.18**. When it is determined in step **32.14** not to associate tags, the process advances to step **32.20**. In step **32.20** it is determined whether to generate a new node record NR.**01**-NR.N. When it is determined to generate a new node record NR.**01**-NR.N in step **32.20**, the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is modified in step **32.22**, and in step **32.24** a new node record NR.**01**-NR.N is created and populated. When, in the alternative, it is determined in step **32.20** not to generate a new node record NR.**01**-NR.N, it is determined in step **32.26** whether to generate a new ebook **2** from the segments SG.**01**-SG.N, tags T.**01**-T.N, and nodes ND.**01**-ND.N. When it is determined to generate a new ebook **2**, the metadata is modified MD.**01**-MD.N, and the ebook **2** is generated based on the segments SG.**01**-SG.N, the tags T.**01**-T.N and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N in step **32.30**. In step **32.32** it is subsequently determined whether additional ebooks **2** may be generated from a source text **100**. When it is determined that an additional ebook **2** may be generated from the source text **100**, the human editor or the editing system **200** proceeds to step **32.06**, wherein additional metadata MD.**01**-MD.N is generated to describe the additional ebook **2**. Alternately, when it is determined that no additional ebook **2** may be generated from the source text **100**, the process subsequently returns to step **32.02** and re-executes the loop of steps **32.02** through **32.30** until in is determined in step **32.02** that no new source text has been received.

[0179] Referring now generally to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **33**, FIG. **33** is a flowchart of a yet further preferred embodiment wherein a plurality of ebooks **2** are placed within a collection CN.**01**-CN.N, and a collective metadata MD.C.**01**-MD.C.N is created to reflect the placement of the ebooks **2**. In step **33.02** it is determined whether additional ebooks **2** are present which may be placed into a collection CN.**01**-CN.N. When it is determined that no additional ebooks **2** are present, alternate operations are executed in step **33.04**. Alternately, when it is determined that additional ebooks **2** are present, an ebook **2** is received in step **33.06**. In step **33.08** the ebook **2** is scanned and/or analyzed, preferably by the human editor, or optionally by the editing system **200**, for references to additional designated ebooks **2**. In step **33.10** it is determined whether references to additional designated ebooks **2** are found in the instant ebook **2**. When it is determined that references to the additional designated ebooks **2** are found, the instant ebook **2** is placed into a collection CN.**01**-CN.N, wherein the collection CN.**01**-CN.N is preferably created by the human editor, and is designated based upon a plurality of traits which may be shared by several ebooks **2**. In step **33.14** a collective metadata MD.C.**01**-MD.C.N is created for the purpose of description of the collection CN.**01**-CN.N of the ebooks **2**.

[0180] Upon execution of step **33.14**, or when it is determined in step **33.10** that no references to additional designated ebooks **2** may be found, step **33.16** is executed, wherein the ebook is scanned and/or analyzed for specific tags T.**01**-T.N which a plurality of ebooks **2** may share. The tags T.**01**-T.N may optionally be, but are not limited to, tags T.**01**-T.N describing genre, setting, character, author, subject matter, or any combination thereof. In a non-limiting example, a collection CN.**01**-CN.N may be directed toward gathering together books falling into the genre of mystery, and being set within the city of Chicago. The collections CN.**01**-CN.N may optionally be directed by a professor teaching a literature course, toward gothic and sentimental literature. In step **33.18** it is determined whether the desired tags T.**01**-T.N were found in the instant ebook **2**. When it is determined that the tags T.**01**-T.N are not present in the instant ebook **2**, the process proceeds to step **33.02**. Alternately, when it is determined in step **33.18** that the desired tags T.**01**-T.N may be found in the ebook **2**, the ebook **2** is placed in the collection CN.**01**-CN.N by the human editor in step **33.20**. In step **33.22** the collective metadata MD.C.**01**-MD.C.N is updated to reflect the inclusion of the ebook **2** in the collection CN.**01**-CN.N. Subsequently, the loop of steps **33.02** through **33.22** is repeated as necessary.

[0181] Referring now to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **34**, FIG. **34** is a block diagram of a first exemplary collection record CR.**01** having collective metadata MD.C.**01**. The first exemplary collection record CR.**01** includes a first collection record identifier CR.ID.**01**, a plurality of ebook **2** identifiers BK.ID.**01**-BK.ID.N, the collective metadata MD.C.**01**, and a plurality of tags identifiers T.ID.**38**,

T.ID.**59**, T.ID.**01**, T.ID.**233**, T.ID.**381**, T.ID.BILL describing the desired traits of the ebooks **2** for the collection.

[0182] Referring now to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **35**, FIG. **35** is a block diagram of exemplary collective metadata MD.C.**01**. The exemplary collective metadata MD.C.**01** includes a plurality of node record identifiers NR.ID.**01**-NR.ID.N, a plurality of ebook **2** identifiers BK.ID.**56**, BK.ID.**73**, BK.ID.NEW, and BK.ID.N; and a plurality of tag identifiers T.ID.**01**, T.ID.LIZ, T.ID.HOUSE, T.ID.**87**, T.ID.SHOP, T.ID.DEF, T.ID.**370**, and T.ID.N.

[0183] Referring now to the Figures, and particularly to FIG. **36**, FIG. **36** is a flowchart of yet another preferred embodiment wherein a digital text **100** such as the ebook **2** is created by a human editor by the text **100** first being divided into segment SG.**01**-SG.N, and these segment SG.**01**-SG.N are further associated with IDs for an ID-based navigation as well as being associated with tags T.**01**-T.N to create a navigation method where segment SG.**01**-SG.N can be navigated to if they share tags T.**01**-T.N either directly or via an intermediate step where all segment SG.**01**-SG.N associated with a tag can be displayed and can be selected from. In step **36**.**02**, single source text **100** is entered into the editing system **200** in its entirety by one or more human editors. If more segments SG.**01**-SG.N are determined to exist in step **36**,**04**, a new segment SG.**01**-SG.N is delineated within the editing system **200** as directed by the human editor in step **36**.**06** and added to the ID NAV in step **36**.**08**. In an alternate outcome of step **36**.**04**, where no more segment SG.0I-SG.N are directed to be formed by editing system **200** as directed by the human editor, a plurality of tags T.**01**-T.N is then created in step **36**.**10**. In **36**.**04** through **36**.**08**, the text **100** is divided into segment SG.0I-SG.N the editing system **200** as directed by the human editor, and these segments SG.**01**-SG.N are assigned Ms and associated with an ID-based navigation system **200**. In **36**.**10** a plurality of tags T.**01**-T.N are established the editing system **200** as directed by the human editor by either manually or via an automatic process of either establishing boilerplate and culling from use or some other either automatic or manual procedure. The first segment of SG.**01**-SG.N is then considered in step **36**.**12** leading into the consideration of the first tag in step **36**.**14**. Step **36**.**16** commences the associative evaluation operationally conducted by the editing system **200** as directed by the human editor with tag to segment SG.**01**-SG.N. If an appropriate tag exists, then in step **36**.**18**, the tag is added to the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N. An alternate outcome of step **36**.**16** is where a relevant tag does not exist, here the data is processed by the editing system **200** as directed by the human editor in attempt to find more available tags T.**01**-T.N in step **36**.**20**. If more tags T.**01**-T.N are found in step **36**.**20**, then in step **36**.**22** the next tag is considered, and attention of editor or system **200** is the editing system **200** as directed by the human editor proceeds to step **36**.**14**. The other outcome of step **36**.**20** is where there are no more tags T.**01**-T.N. When there are no more tags T.**01**-T.N available for step **36**.**20** more segment SG.**01**-SG.N are considered in the next step, the editing system **200** proceeds on to step **36**.**24**. If more segments SG.**01**-SG.N are found in step **36**.**2**.**4** the next segment SG.**01**-SG.N is considered in step **36**.**26** and the editing system **200** as directed by the human editor returns to step **36**,**16** to determine if there is a tag associated with the segment SG.**01**-SG.N. The alternate outcome of step **36**.**2**.**4** is where no more segment SG.**01**-SG.N are available, in this scenario the ebook **2** is then generated in step **36**.**28**. In steps **36**.**12** through **36**.**26**, all juxtapositions of individual segment SG.**01**-SG.N and tags T.**01**-T.N are considered and either the segment SG.**01**-SG.N in question is associated with the tag in question or it is not.

[0184] It is understood that although the flowchart describes a process where all tags T.**01**-T.N are considered for a given segment SG.**01**-SG.N before moving on to the next segment SG.**01**-SG.N, the editing system **200** as directed by the human editor as intended to be described by this preferred embodiment might instead consider all segment SG.**01**-SG.N for a given tag before proceeding to the next tag, or allow the editor to freely associate segment SG.**01**-SG.N and tags T.**01**-T.N by choosing either a segment SG.**01**-SG.N to associate with a tag via the ID-based navigation system **200** or to associate a segment SG.**01**-SG.N with a tag by choosing from a list of tags T.**01**-T.N. Also, the method of FIG. **6** doesn't preclude associations being created by automated means such as automatic word searches, and these means may be either fully automated or manually post-processed. In **36**.**28**, ultimately, the segment SG.**01**-SG.N, their Ms, the ID-based navigation system of the method of FIG. **36**, the tags T.**01**-T.N, and the metadata MD.**01**-MD.N associating tags T.**01**-T.N with segment SG.**01**-SG.N and vice versa are all used to generate the ebook **2** where the human reader can use the created associations to navigate the ebook **2** and uncover associations and depth in the digital text **100** that might otherwise go unnoticed and produce reader experiences not possible to generate by prior art means.

[0185] One skilled in the art will recognize that the foregoing examples are not to be taken in a limiting sense and are simply illustrative of at least some of the aspects of the present invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A method comprising:

entering a source digitized text into a memory of an information technology system;

delineating the source by a human editor into a first plurality of segments ("segments");

ordering the Segments using unique identifiers ("segment IDs");

associating by the human editor of a second plurality of the segments with at least one navigation tag of a plurality of navigation tags;

enabling an eBook user to navigate among Segments using segment IDs;

a human editor creating a plurality of category tags;

the human editor associating each segment of a plurality of the segments to one or more of a plurality of tags;

generating a metadata, the metadata specifying at least one segment of the segments and at least one association of the at least one navigation tag of the plurality of navigation tags with the at least one segment; and

generating an ebook, the ebook comprising the segments, segment ID's, indications of associations of segments and tags, and the metadata.

2. The method of claim **1**, wherein generating the metadata further comprises specifying in the metadata a first plurality of the segments and associations of navigation tags of the plurality of navigation tags with at least one segment.

3. The method of claim **3**, wherein generating the metadata further comprises specifying in the metadata a plurality

of associations of the navigation tags of the plurality of navigation tags with the first plurality of the segments.

4. The method of claim **1**, further comprising accepting additional source digitized data:

accepting an additional source digitized text;

delineating the additional source digitized data by a second human editor into at least one new segment ("new segment"); and

modifying the one-dimensional sequence of the segments to include a positioning of the new segment within the one-dimensional sequence of the segments.

5. The method of claim **4**, further comprising revising the metadata to reference the new segment.

6. The method of claim **5**, wherein revising the metadata further comprises specifying in the metadata at least one navigation tag with the new segment.

7. The method of claim **4**, further comprising revising the metadata to specify an additional association of the new segment with a second navigation tag of the plurality of navigation tags.

8. A method of generating an association of a plurality of ebooks, the method comprising:

receiving a plurality of source digitized texts;

applying the method of claim **1** to generate a plurality of ebooks, each ebook delineated as comprising a metadata and a plurality of associated segments; and

a human editor adding a reference within a first ebook to at least one other ebook.

9. The method of claim **8**, wherein the reference to the at least one other ebook comprises a navigation tag indicator.

10. The method of claim **8**, wherein the reference is added to a first segment of the first ebook.

11. The method of claim **8**, wherein the reference is added to a first metadata of the first ebook.

12. The method of claim **8**, wherein a back reference to the first ebook is added to the at least one other ebook.

13. The method of claim **12**, wherein the back reference is added to an indicated segment of the at least one other ebook.

14. The method of claim **12**, wherein the at least one other ebook comprises a second metadata and the back reference is added to the second metadata.

15. The method of claim **12**, wherein the back reference indicates a segment of the first ebook.

16. The method of claim **12**, wherein the back reference indicates the first segment of the first ebook.

17. A method comprising:

generating a plurality of ebooks, each ebook comprising a plurality of segments and a metadata internally associating the plurality of segments within each comprising ebook: and

associating the plurality of ebooks as a collection by means of a collective metadata.

18. The method of claim **17**, further comprising associating a first segment of a first ebook of the plurality of ebooks with a second ebook of the plurality of ebooks.

19. The method of claim **18**, further comprising

rendering the first segment of the first ebook; and

responsive to a user command, rendering an additional segment of the second ebook.

20. The method of claim **18**, wherein the association of the first segment of the first ebook with the second ebook comprises associating the first segment with a second segment of the second ebook.

21. A method comprising:

entering a source digitized text ("Text") into a memory of an information technology system;

a human editor dividing the Text into a plurality of segments ("Segments");

ordering the Segments using unique identifiers ("Segment IDs");

enabling an eBook user to navigate among Segments using Segment IDs;

a human editor creating a plurality of category tags ("Tags");

the human editor associating a subset of the Segments to each Tag;

generating a metadata collection ("Metadata") for each Tag comprising collections of Segments associated with that Tag; and

in each Metadata, ordering the Segments using unique identifiers ("Metadata IDs");

enabling an eBook user to navigate among Segments using Metadata IDs.

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