

a hopper assembly having means for storing mementos and means for dispensing at least one memento momentarily after recognition of a completed reel spin cycle for all of said reel wheels.

2. A memento dispensing device of claim 1, wherein rotatably driving means comprises stepper motors numerically corresponding to the number of said reel wheels and a motor driver connectively coupled to said stepper motors and suitably configured to accept and receive operative commands from said process controller means to selectively control operation of said stepper motors.

3. A memento dispensing device of claim 1, wherein rotatably driving means comprises one stepper motor connectively coupled to said reel wheels to simultaneously operate said reel wheels in unison and a motor driver connectively coupled to said stepper motor and suitably configured to accept and receive operative commands from said process controller means to selectively control operation of said stepper motor.

4. A memento dispensing device of claim 2, wherein each of said reel wheels comprises a circumferential periphery for attaching thereto a reel strip bearing said symbols and having a plurality of reel wheel stop positions, each reel wheel stop position coinciding with one case outcome and a predetermined number of pulses deliverable to each of said stepper motors to rotatably move each of said reel wheels beyond a home flagged position to display accordingly said symbol associated with said reel wheel stop position.

5. A memento dispensing device of claim 4, wherein said process controller means comprises a main microcontroller for executing control operations in accord with an instruction set residing in a resident memory module and a random access memory module for temporary storage of input and output data accumulated during operation thereof.

6. A memento dispensing device of claim 5, wherein said main microcontroller communicates with a random number generator operatively associated with a random number generating algorithm and substantially serving to compute a random number based on a numeric seed value retrieved from a real time clock.

7. A memento dispensing device of claim 6, wherein each of said case outcomes is based on a reduced numeric value algorithmically derived from the random number and comparatively evaluated with a pre-select range of reduced numeric values assignable to each of said reel wheel stop positions.

8. A memento dispensing device of claim 2, wherein each of said case outcomes is operably associated with a reel wheel stop position corresponding to a pre-defined set of matching symbols representable of a perceived winning combination for display on said reel wheels and a predetermined number of pulses deliverable to each of said stepper motors to rotatably move each of said reel wheels beyond a home flagged position to display accordingly said matching symbols associated with said reel wheel stop position, each of said case outcomes sequentially occurring in numeric order starting with a first case outcome and ending with a last case outcome and restarting with said first case outcome upon completing said last case outcome.

9. A memento dispensing device of claim 2, wherein each of said case outcomes is operably associated with a reel wheel stop position corresponding to a pre-defined set of matching symbols representable of a perceived winning combination for display on said reel wheels and a predeter-

mined number of pulses deliverable to each of said stepper motors to rotatably move each of said reel wheels beyond a home flagged position to display accordingly said matching symbols associated with said reel wheel stop position, each of said case outcomes being randomly selected from within a range extending from a first case outcome and ending with a last case outcome.

10. A memento dispensing device of claim 1, further comprising a cabinet having back and front panels selectively joined to a pair of side panels to form an interior compartment having an upper portion configurably arranged therewithin, said front panel having divided display windows numerically corresponding to the number of said reel wheels to permit select observation of said symbols there-through.

11. A memento dispensing device of claim 10, wherein said input interface device comprises at least one illuminated switch communicatively coupled to said process controller means and accessibly mounted to said front panel, below said divided display windows.

12. A memento dispensing device of claim 10, wherein said input interface device comprises at least one spin lever communicatively coupled to said process controller means and accessibly mounted to one of said side panels.

13. A memento dispensing device of claim 10, wherein said front panel comprises primary upper and lower translucent surfaces each suitably configured for accepting and mounting therebehind printed matter depicting a promotional advertisement and an access door for gaining entry into said interior compartment of said cabinet.

14. A memento dispensing device of claim 13, further comprising a back-light fixture mounted within said interior compartment, behind said primary upper translucent surface, to illuminate said promotional advertisement situated and displayed thereon.

15. A memento dispensing device of claim 10, wherein each of said side panels comprise a secondary translucent surface suitably configured for accepting and mounting therebehind printed matter depicting a promotional advertisement.

16. A memento dispensing device of claim 10, wherein said hopper assembly comprises a hopper controller communicatively coupled to said process controller means for regulating operation of said dispensing means, said storing means comprising a hopper bin designated to store in reserve a collective amount of mementos, said dispensing means comprising a hopper trip sensor operably managed by said hopper controller and a chute connected to said hopper bin for passing therethrough said memento as it is selectively released from said hopper bin upon activating said hopper trip sensor and a reservoir connected to said chute and mounted exteriorly of said cabinet, substantially below said divided display windows, for collecting and storing an accumulated amount of mementos.

17. A memento dispensing device of claim 10, further comprising a numeric display counter for displaying the validated amount of currency calculably posted as credit reserve and a change-out switch for dispensing the residual amount of credit reserve displayed on said numeric display counter, said numeric display counter and said change-out switch each being mountably located on said front panel, below and adjacent to said divided display windows, and communicatively coupled to said process controller means.