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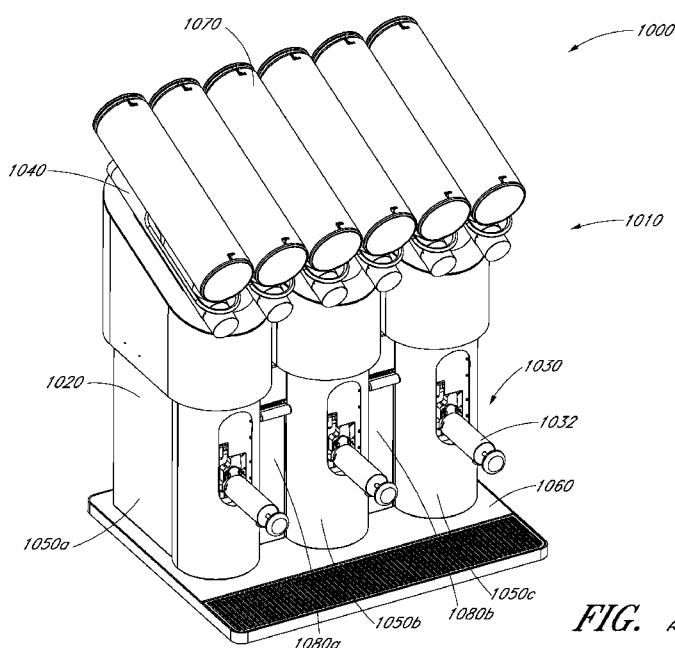


FIG. 23

(57) Abstract: A system (1000) for brewing a de-
sired portion of a beverage, such as a single-cup
portion of coffee, is provided. The system may have
more than one brew module (1050a, 1050b, 1050c).
The system allows a user to quickly and easily brew
a variety of types of single-cup portions of a bever-
age. In some embodiments, the system may brew a
single-cup portion of coffee in a relatively short
period of time based on a combination of certain
parameters. The system may include an automatic
cleaning mechanism such that a user does not need
to manually clean components of a brewing machine
between brew cycles. The system may also include
apparatus (440) configured to substantially prevent
steam from reaching grinder components (420) of
the system. The system may also include apparatus
configured to provide a precise dose of material
based on, for example, volume of the material.
Methods and apparatus for brewing a beverage are
also disclosed.



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