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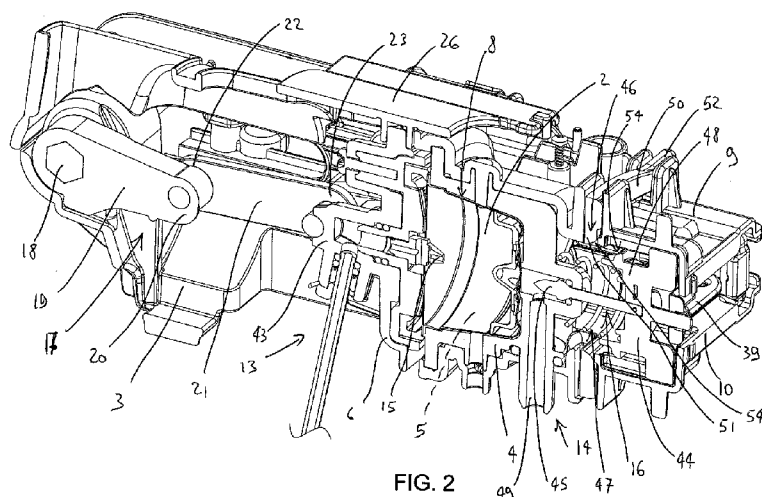
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FIG. 2

(57) **Abstract:** A horizontal unit for making beverages using capsules comprises at least a first part (4) and a second part (6) which are mobile between an operating position in which between them they form a chamber (8) for a capsule (2), and a capsule (2) insertion position in which they are distanced, as well as water injection means (13) and beverage collection means (14) which are associated with the chamber (8). The beverage collection means (14) comprise at least one perforating element (44) mobile between an active position in which it perforates a capsule (2) inserted in the housing (5), and an inactive position in which it is distanced from the bottom of the capsule (2), hooking means (46) associated with the first part (4) and switchable between a hooking configuration in which they retain the perforating element (44) in the active position and an unhooking configuration, and first elastic means (47) acting on the perforating element (44) for pushing it towards the inactive position. During a movement of the first part (4) and/or the second part (6) from the insertion position to the operating position, the second part (6) switches the hooking means (46) from the hooking configuration to the unhooking configuration, whilst during an opposite movement the second part (6) moves the perforating element (44) from the inactive position to the active position.