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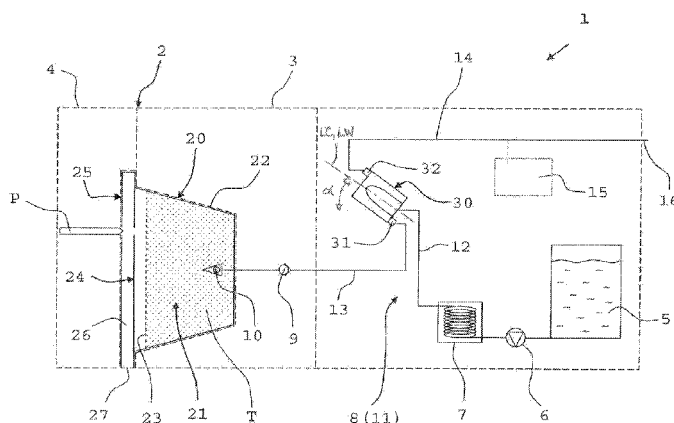
(54) **Title:** BEVERAGE PRODUCTION DEVICE

FIG. 1

(57) **Abstract:** The invention as claimed shows a beverage production device (1) comprising a beverage production chamber (20) designed to have a liquid interact with a beverage ingredient (T) contained in a capsule, liquid supply means (8) for supplying liquid to said beverage production chamber (20), heating means (7) provided in the liquid supply means (8) for heating the liquid, and an air separating compartment (30) provided in the liquid supply means (8) after the heating means (7) for separating any air or other gas contained in the liquid, wherein the air separating compartment (30) comprises an inlet (35) for introducing liquid into the air separating compartment (30), means for breaking the kinetic energy of the liquid introduced through the inlet (35), a liquid outlet (37), separated from the inlet by the means for breaking the kinetic energy of the liquid introduced through the inlet (35), for evacuating liquid from the air separating compartment (30), and an air outlet (39), also separated from the inlet by the means for breaking the kinetic energy of the liquid introduced through the inlet (35), for evacuating air from the air separating compartment (30). Hence, a beverage production device (1) is provided having a reduced amount of air in the liquid used for extraction of the beverage ingredient (T).



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