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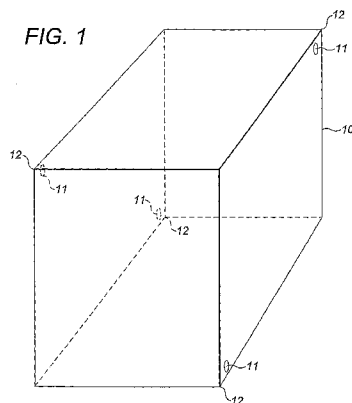
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(57) Abstract: A valve comprising a housing having first and second apertures for the ingress and regress of fluid into/from a passageway located within the housing extending indirectly from the first to the second aperture, said passageway- forming an air-lock, the valve further comprising at least one bleed valve for allowing fluid out of the passageway at a rate slower than fluid is able to enter one of the apertures, wherein a liquid entering one of the apertures is prohibited from passing along the passageway to the other of the apertures until substantially all air within the valve has bled out of the bleed valve.

