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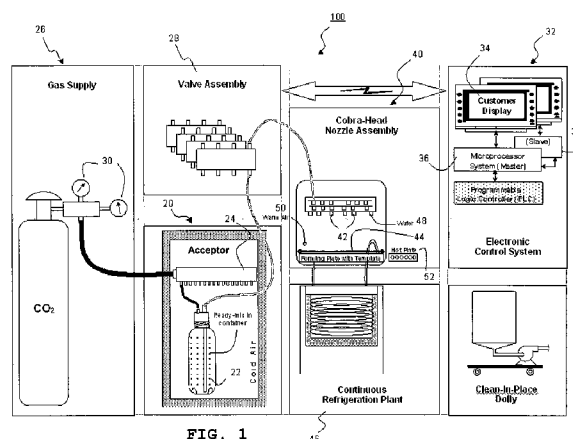


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A method and apparatus for the preparation of confectionery. The apparatus comprises of an acceptor receiving liquid ready-mixes from containers, each of the liquid ready-mixes associated with a flavor. A valve assembly connects the acceptor to dispensers dispensing the liquid ready-mixes. A controller controls the operation of the valve assembly based on instructions received. The instructions determine the liquid ready-mixes dispensed and the proportions of each of the dispensed liquid ready-mixes. Finished products are obtained from the dispensed liquid ready-mixes. The method comprises receiving liquid ready-mixes associated with different flavors from containers couplable to an acceptor. A valve assembly is provided to couple the acceptor to dispensers. Providing a controller allows control of the valve assembly. The method involves receiving instructions and controlling dispensing of liquid ready-mixes and the proportions of the liquid ready-mixes dispensed based on the instructions. The final method step is obtaining a finished product from the dispensed liquid ready-mixes by freezing or chilling on a forming plate or forming platform.