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TITLE**SELF-DRAINING SPOUT WITH VALVE
FOR DISPENSING LIQUIDS****Abstract**

[0050] A spout with a valve for dispensing liquids and an integral collecting means for returning excess liquids to the container is described. Unlike self-draining spouts of the prior art like those used in detergent bottles, the present invention does not restrict liquids to be dispensed in a fixed general direction. The present invention also allows liquids to be filtered before being returned to the container. The present invention utilizes an internal valve and resilient means to occlude the drainage holes in the barrel of the spout when dispensing the liquids and this mechanism unblocks the drainage holes when returned to the ready position.

[0051] FIG. 2 accompanies the abstract.