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(54) Title: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SUCCESSIVE SPHERICAL GLASS ARTICLES WITH FIGURINES ACCOMMODATED THEREIN, AND ARTICLES OBTAINED WITH THE METHOD (57) Abstract The invention relates to a method of manufacturing successive spherical glass articles, in each of which is accommodated a three-dimensional object of figuring, which method comprises the following steps, to be performed in a suitable sequence, of: (a) providing a container with a mass of molten glass, which container comprises a discharge opening through which liquid glass can be delivered; (b) providing thermally resistant figurines; (c) wholly enclosing successively at least one figurine by molten glass by feeding molten glass thereto from at least two sides; (d) portioning the molten glass before or after step (c) such that molten glass masses are formed, in each of which a figurine is embedded; and (e) modelling these masses to a spherical form by substantially omnidirectional rolling for a time with simultaneous cooling so that the glass solidifies.		