

BEVERAGE DISPENSER



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FIELD OF INVENTION

5 The present invention relates to a beverage brewing dispenser, more particularly a dispenser which produces hot freshly brewed beverages mixed with flavor ingredients, filled with air bubbles and with a foamy topping. The dispenser initially brews tea or coffee to produce a freshly brewed liquid concentrate, which is then stored in a container. Next, the beverage is made by reheating the liquid concentrate and then whipping the reheated freshly brewed concentrate with hot water and flavor ingredients.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 Drinking freshly brewed coffee or tea is a way of people enjoying life. But due to busy lifestyle, people prefer to consume canned or packed beverages rather than freshly brewed beverages as brewing takes time and also requires skills to prepare a cup of quality beverage.

20 Traditionally, coffee or tea is brewed in a brew basket and drips into a decanter. To keep the beverage warm, the decanter is placed on top of a hot plate. Unlike coffee, freshly brewed tea cannot be heated for too long as it gets musty; therefore, freshly brewed tea dispensers available today are only used to dispense iced-tea. Moreover, freshly brewed beverage dispensers currently available only dispense beverages in their original flavor. Other flavors, such as, sugar or creamer must then be added by the consumers according to their preference.

25 In addition, the brew baskets presently used have only one compartment for storing the coffee or tea. This is not convenient as the user has to detach and attach the brew basket to replace new coffee or tea for every single brewing.

30 Other types of beverage dispensers which are available in the market dispense hot flavored coffee or tea by using post-mixed ingredients instead of freshly brewed beverages. The ratio

of the constituents for a post-mixed ingredient is pre-determined by the manufacturers of the dispensers.

Thus, there is a need for a system or apparatus that can solve the above mentioned problems
5 in preparing a freshly brewed beverage, and provide an automatic beverage brewing dispenser which can efficiently produce a hot freshly brewed beverage mixed with flavor ingredients.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a dispenser that initially brews any brewable
10 substance such as, but not limited to coffee or tea, to obtain freshly brewed liquid concentrate, and then store the liquid concentrate in a container.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a dispenser with a heat transfer mechanism to reheat cool freshly brewed liquid concentrate in a high speed manner when a
15 beverage is desired.

It is also another object of the present invention to provide a hot freshly brewed beverage filled with air bubbles and with a foamy topping.

20 It is still another object of the present invention to provide a brew basket with a plurality of compartments to eliminate the need to replace a new beverage bag for every single brewing.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a dispenser that can communicate wirelessly with its service center for timely material order or maintenance or reprogramming.
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It is an additional object of the present invention to provide a dispenser that allows the water tank in its dispenser to be shared with other adjacent dispensers.

These and other objects of the invention will become apparent to one of the ordinary skill in
30 the art after reading the disclosure of the invention.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

- 5 The present invention thus describes a beverage dispenser for dispensing a variety of freshly brewed hot beverages mixed with flavor ingredients, filled with air bubbles and with a foamy topping.

10 A water tank, installed with a temperature sensor and several water level sensors, is used to store and heat water. The hot water from the water tank, which is transported to a sprayhead by a water pump, is sprayed onto a beverage bag of brewable substance to brew the brewable substance and hence produce a freshly brewed liquid concentrate. The beverage bag is placed inside a detachable multi-compartment brew basket located below the sprayhead.

15 The freshly brewed liquid concentrate infused from the brewable substance is collected and stored in a container at room temperature. When a beverage is desired, a pump transports the cool freshly brewed liquid concentrate from the container to flow through a heat exchanger, which is immersed in the hot water inside the water tank, to transfer heat from the hot water to the cool freshly brewed liquid concentrate. Consequently, the freshly brewed liquid
20 concentrate is reheated in a high speed manner. A propelling blade inside a mixer and whipper then mixes and whips the reheated freshly brewed liquid concentrate with flavor ingredients and hot water from the water tank to produce a hot freshly brewed beverage mixed with flavor ingredients, filled with air bubbles and with a foamy topping.

25 Another preferred embodiment for this dispenser is the multi-compartment brew basket. Each compartment of the brew basket stores one beverage bag of coffee or tea for each new brewing process. Therefore, the multi-compartment brew basket eliminates the need to replace a new beverage bag for every single brewing.

30 Another preferred embodiment for this dispenser is the built-in wireless modem for wireless

communication between the beverage dispenser and its service center for timely material supply or maintenance. Various control operations of the beverage dispenser can also be reprogrammed via the wireless modem.

- 5 Another preferred embodiment for this dispenser is the extension valve in the water tank. The valve is controlled by a control system of the dispenser allowing water to flow from its water tank to other adjacent dispensers.

10 The present invention consists of certain novel features and a combination of parts hereinafter fully described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings and particularly pointed out in the appended claims; it is understood that various changes in the details may be done without departing from the scope of the invention or sacrificing any of the advantages of the present invention.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

For the purpose of facilitating a better understanding of the invention, the accompanying drawings illustrate the preferred embodiments in connection with the following description,
20 the invention, its construction and operation so that many of its advantages could be readily understood and appreciated.

Figure 1 is an exploded view showing the various mechanisms that make up the present beverage dispenser of the present invention. The arrows denote the flow of fluids within the
25 dispenser for making a beverage.

Figure 2 shows an exploded rear perspective view of the water tank of the present invention.

Figure 3 shows an exploded front perspective view of the container used for storing freshly
30 brewed liquid concentrate of the present invention.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the multi-compartment brew basket of the present invention.

- 5 **Figure 5** is an overall front perspective view of the beverage dispenser with frames and a door of the present invention.

Figure 6 is an exploded front perspective view of the main frame, casing, door and control system housing of the present invention.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring now to the drawings, in which like numerals refer to like elements throughout the several views.

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Figure 1 shows various mechanisms of a beverage dispenser of the present invention to produce a hot freshly brewed beverage mixed with flavor ingredients, filled with air bubbles and with a foamy topping. The arrows denote the flow of water from source, hot water from the water tank, the freshly brewed liquid concentrate, and the flavor ingredients within the
20 beverage dispenser.

- A water tank 101, is used to store and heat water. A heater element 104 is positioned at the bottom within the water tank 101. The source of water may be from filtered tap water or any tasteless potable water. The water supply from the source to the water tank 101 is controlled
25 by a solenoid inlet-valve 102. The heater element 104 heats water in the water tank 101 to a temperature between about 85 degrees Celsius and about 100 degrees Celsius. A water pump 103 transports the hot water from the water tank 101 to a sprayhead 112 through a silicon tubing means 170. The sprayhead 112 sprays the hot water onto the brewable substance placed inside an individual compartment of a multi-compartment brew basket 113. The
30 brewable substance can be, but is not limited to, coffee or tea. The hot water, passing through the brew basket 113 of the brewable substance, brews the brewable substance to produce a

freshly brewed liquid concentrate.

The brewable substance is preferably packed inside a disposable water-resistant filter paper so that it can be replaced and discarded conveniently.

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During brewing, drips of the freshly brewed liquid concentrate from the multi-compartment brew basket 113 are collected and stored in a container 110. In order to preserve the flavor of the freshly brewed liquid concentrate, the freshly brewed liquid concentrate is stored at room temperature or cooled with a refrigeration system. However when a beverage is desired, the
10 cool freshly brewed liquid concentrate has to be reheated so that the beverage is hot enough when dispensed in a high-speed manner. A pump 138 transports the cool freshly brewed liquid concentrate from the container 110 to flow through a heat exchanger 108 via a silicon tubing means 171. The heat exchanger 108 is immersed in the hot water in the water tank 101 to quickly transfer heat from the hot water in the water tank 101 to the cool freshly brewed
15 liquid concentrate so that the beverage has a temperature of more than about 60 degrees Celsius when dispensed.

After passing through the heat exchanger 108 immersed in the hot water in water tank 101, the reheated freshly brewed liquid concentrate is collected in a mixer and whipper 116
20 through a silicon tubing means 172. A source of liquid flavor ingredients 117 is also transported to the mixer and whipper 116 by a roller pump 115. The roller pump 115 is used to transport the high viscosity liquid of flavor ingredients 117. The liquid flavor ingredients 117 can include one of the following items, but are not limited to, Condensed Sweetened Milk, Condensed Sweetened Creamer, Condensed Filled Milk, Condensed Filled Creamer or
25 sugar syrup. Simultaneously, a pump 114 transports the hot water from the water tank 101 through a silicon tubing means 173 into the mixer and whipper 116 to form a mixture consisting of the reheated freshly brewed liquid concentrate from the heat exchanger 108, the flavor ingredients 117 and the hot water from the water tank 101. The mixture is then whipped by a propelling blade adapted inside the mixer and whipper 116 to produce an
30 evenly mixed hot beverage filled with air bubbles and with a foamy topping.

In another preferred embodiment, the operations of the dispenser are controlled by a control

system comprising a printed circuit board, electronic components, electrical components and a microcontroller. In order for the beverage dispenser to perform properly, the heater element 104, the water inlet-valve 102, the water pump 103, the water pump 114, the liquid concentrate pump 138, the roller pump 115 and a propelling blade adapted within the mixer and whipper 116 are all actuated by the control system. The amount of the hot water, the reheated freshly brewed liquid concentrate and the flavor ingredients for producing a beverage are also controlled by the programs embedded in the control system.

Figure 2 shows an exploded rear perspective view of the water tank 101 used for storing and heating potable water. Water from the water source enters the water tank 101 through the water inlet-valve 102 connected to the water tank 101 via a tubing means 129. The water inlet-valve 102 is actuated by the control system. A heat exchanger 108 for reheating the freshly brewed liquid concentrate and a heater element 104 to heat the water are also installed inside the water tank.

A lid 109 covers the water tank 101 in order to prevent heat from the hot water inside the water tank 101 from dissipating into the atmosphere and to prevent the hot water from spilling. The water tank 101 has a dump-hole 128 to release excess water and the vapor from the hot water. Rear-hooks 125 and side-hooks 126 are mounted on the walls of the water tank 101 to secure the water tank 101 to a mainframe 140 of **Figure 6**.

The heat exchanger 108 will hereinafter be described in further detail. The upper end of the heat exchanger 108 is connected to a heat exchanger inlet-socket 118, which is already built-in the wall of the water tank 101, with a detachable silicon tubing connector 119 for easy installation and maintenance. The bottom end of the heat exchanger 108 is connected to a heat exchanger outlet-socket 120, which is already built-in the wall of the water tank 101, with a detachable silicon tubing connector 119. The heat exchanger inlet-socket 118 is connected to the liquid concentrate pump 138 of **Figure 1** with the silicon tubing means 171 of **Figure 1**, while the heat exchanger outlet-socket 120 is connected to the mixer and whipper 116 of **Figure 1** or **Figure 5** with the silicon tubing means 172 of **Figure 1**. When a beverage is desired, the liquid concentrate pump 138 of **Figure 1** or **Figure 3** transports the cool freshly brewed liquid concentrate from the container 110 to flow through the heat exchanger 108, which is immersed in the hot water inside the water tank 101, in order to

quickly transfer heat from the hot water inside the water tank 101 to the cool freshly brewed liquid concentrate. The heat exchanger 108 is preferably made of a non-corrosive and high heat induction material such as, but not limited to copper tubing.

- 5 A plurality of sensors is installed in the water tank 101, such as a temperature sensor 106 and a plurality of water sensors 121, 122, 123, 124. All the sensors are in communication with the control system. If the temperature sensor 106 indicates the temperature of the water inside the water tank 101 falls below about 85 degrees Celsius, then the control system will activate the heater elements 104 to heat the water inside the water tank 101. On the other hand, if the
10 temperature sensor 106 indicates that the temperature of the water inside the water tank 101 has reached about 100 degrees Celsius, then the control system will deactivate the heater element 104.

- The different levels of water sensors 121, 122, 123, 124 installed in the water tank 101 are
15 used to detect the different levels of hot water inside the water tank 101. If the low water level sensor 123 indicates that the level of hot water inside the water tank 101 has fallen below the heater element 104, then the control system will not activate the heater element 104 regardless of the temperature of the water inside the water tank 101 to prevent the heater element 104 from overheating. If the high water level sensor 121 indicates that the level of
20 hot water inside the water tank 101 has reached the highest limit of the water tank 101, then the control system will actuate the water inlet-valve 102 to close for preventing the water tank 101 from overfilling. Another water level sensor 122 indicates that the level of hot water inside the water tank 101 is sufficient for brewing. If the hot water level inside the water tank 101 falls below the water level sensor 122, then the control system will stop transporting the
25 hot water to the sprayhead 112 of Figure 1 or Figure 5 for brewing although the container 110 of Figure 1 or Figure 3 has run out of the freshly brewed liquid concentrate. Simultaneously, the control system actuates the water inlet-valve 102 to open to allow water from the source to flow into the water tank 101. The empty tank sensor 124 indicates the water tank 101 is dry and ready for maintenance.

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A plurality of silicon grommets 107 is used for securing the temperature sensor 106 and the plurality of water sensors 121, 122, 123, 124 to the lid 109 of the water tank 101.

At least two water pumps 103 and 114 are attached to the water tank 101. The water pump 103 transports the hot water from the water tank 101 to the sprayhead 112 of Figure 1 or Figure 5 through the silicon tubing means 170 of Figure 1, while the water pump 114 transports the hot water from the water tank 101 to the mixer and whipper 116 of Figure 1 or Figure 5 through the silicon tubing means 173 of Figure 1.

During maintenance, a dump-valve 132 attached at the bottom of the water tank 101 discards the water inside the water tank 101.

Insulated material wraps around the water tank 101 to prevent heat dissipation from the hot water inside the water tank 101 to the beverage dispenser or the atmosphere.

In another preferred embodiment, the water tank 101 also comprises an extension valve 130 to allow the hot water from the water tank 101 to flow to other adjacent dispensers so that the adjacent dispensers do not need to have their own water tank to save cost of fabrication and electricity.

Figure 3 shows an exploded front perspective view of the container 110. The container 110 is used to store the freshly brewed liquid concentrate. At the top of the container 110 is a lid 136 with an opening to receive drips of the freshly brewed liquid concentrate from the multi-compartment brew basket 113 of Figure 1 or Figure 4 or Figure 5. At each side of an outlet-socket 137, which is attached at the bottom of the container 110, is a concentrate pump 138 and a concentrate dump-valve 139.

When a beverage is required, the concentrate pump 138 transports the cool freshly brewed liquid concentrate from the container 110 to the heat exchanger inlet-socket 118 of Figure 2 through the silicon tubing means 171 of Figure 1 so that the cool freshly brewed liquid concentrate can flow through the heat exchanger 108 of Figure 1 or Figure 2, which is immersed in the hot water inside the water tank 101, to be reheated.

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The liquid concentrate dump-valve 139 is used to discard the freshly brewed liquid

concentrate from the container 110 when the freshly brewed liquid concentrate exceeds storage time or at the end of the day or during maintenance. Both the liquid concentrate pump 138 and the liquid concentrate dump-valve 139 are activated by the control system of the dispenser. Side-hooks 126 are mounted on the walls of the container 110 to secure container 110 to a mainframe 140 of Figure 6.

A plurality of liquid level sensors 133, 134, 135 is installed in the container 110 to detect levels of the freshly brewed liquid concentrate inside the container 110 and to determine when the brewing process should take place. If the freshly brewed liquid concentrate in the container 110 falls below the low level sensor 134, then the control system will execute the brewing process. On the other hand, if the liquid concentrate in the container 110 reaches the highest level sensor 133, then the control system will stop the brewing process. The lowest level sensor 135 indicates that the expired freshly brewed liquid concentrate is well discarded from the container 110.

A plurality of silicon grommets 107 is used to secure the plurality of liquid level sensors 133, 134, 135 to the lid 136, which is tightened at the top of the container 110.

Figure 4 shows a top perspective view of the brew basket 113. A plurality of partitions 201 is located within the brew basket 113 to make up a plurality of compartments for the brew basket 113. Each compartment of the brew basket 113 stores a beverage bag of brewable substance which can be, but is not limited to, coffee or tea. As each brewing process needs a new beverage bag of brewable substance, the brew basket 113 comprising a plurality of compartments storing a plurality of the beverage bags makes the dispenser more convenient to use by eliminating the need to replace a new beverage bag for every single brewing.

Above each compartment of the brew basket 113 is an opening to receive hot water from the sprayhead 112 of Figure 1 or Figure 5. The hot water flows through the compartment of the brew basket 113, which stores a beverage bag, to brew the brewable substance and hence produce a freshly brewed liquid concentrate. The freshly brewed liquid concentrate, which drips through at least one hole 202 at the base of the brew basket 113, is collected and stored in the container 110 of Figure 1 or Figure 3.

A plurality of sprayheads 112 of Figure 1 or Figure 5 is positioned above the plurality of compartments of the brew basket 113 in corresponding with each other. Therefore, the number of compartments of the brew basket 113 corresponds to the number of the sprayheads 112 of Figure 1 or Figure 5.

A plurality of fins 204 at the base of the brew basket 113 is used to lift the beverage bag so that the hot water from sprayhead 112 of Figure 1 or Figure 5 can flow through the beverage bag thoroughly. The base of the brew basket 113 slopes down toward the hole 202 so that the freshly brewed liquid concentrate flows and accumulates at the opening of hole 202.

At the wall 205 of the brew basket 113 is a flange 203 for attaching the brew basket 113 to the beverage dispenser and a handle 206 so that the user can hold the brew basket with ease.

The multi-compartment brew basket 113 is preferably made of, but is not limited to food grade plastic or stainless steel. If the multi-compartment brew basket 113 is made of stainless steel, then the handle 206 is preferably made of non heat conductor material such as, but not limited to plastic or wood.

Figure 5 shows an overall view of the beverage dispenser. All the components that perform various tasks mentioned above are housed inside a mainframe 140. At the front of the dispenser, a door 141 is hinged to the mainframe 140 at one side. The door 141 comprises a selection panel with multiple buttons 152 to provide various options for the operator; and a display panel 151 to show the status of the dispenser. The display panel 151 may be a Liquid Crystal Display (LCD).

Inside the mainframe 140, a plurality of sprayheads 112 is secured at a sprayhead holder 149, which is positioned above a plurality of detachable multi-compartment brew baskets 113. A plurality of containers 110 is hooked and secured to the mainframe 140 by a plurality of side-hooks 126 of Figure 3. The plurality of containers 110 is positioned underneath the plurality of the multi-compartment brew basket 113 to receive and store the freshly brewed liquid concentrate drips from the plurality of multi-compartment brew baskets 113.

Inside the mainframe 140, a plurality of roller pumps 115 is secured to a roller pump holder 147 which is positioned near a plurality of the flavor ingredients 117. When a beverage is required, the roller pump 115 transports the high viscosity liquid flavor ingredients 117 to the mixer and whipper 116 through a silicon tubing means 174 of Figure 1. The mixer and whipper 116 have a plurality of inlets, so that when a beverage is required, the reheated freshly brewed liquid concentrate, the liquid flavor ingredients 117, and the hot water can be transported to the mixer and whipper 116 simultaneously to form a mixture. Inside the mixer and whipper 116 is a propelling blade to whip the mixture in order to create air bubbles inside the mixture.

The flavor ingredients 117 are preferably packed in a disposable bag-in-box package comprising a plastic bag or a plastic bag with aluminium lining inside a corrugated box. The bag has a fitting to which a tube can be attached. The tube is connected to the roller pump 115, so that the flavor ingredients 117 can be transported to the mixer and whipper 116 upon demand.

A plurality of mixers and whippers 116 is mounted at the internal front-wall 150 of the dispenser. A cup 160 is placed right underneath the mixer and whipper 116 to receive a ready-to-drink hot freshly brewed beverage dispensed from the mixer and whipper 116. The dispensed beverage is a hot freshly brewed beverage mixed with flavor ingredients, filled with air bubbles and with a foamy topping.

A drip-tray 142 is placed underneath the dispenser to collect the remaining drips or the overflow of the beverage after dispensing.

Figure 6 shows an exploded overview of the mainframe 140. The mainframe 140 is the main part whereby all the mechanisms of the dispenser are built upon. The door 141 is hinged at one side of the mainframe 140 and can be opened for refilling the bag-in-box flavor ingredients 117 of Figure 1 or Figure 5 or for maintenance. An ingredient-shelf 148 having multiple dividers is used for storing a plurality of bag-in-box of the liquid flavor ingredients 117 of Figure 1 or Figure 5.

A roller-pump-holder 147 is used to hold a plurality of roller pumps 115 of Figure 1 or Figure 5 in place and is positioned near the plurality of bag-in-box of the flavor ingredients 117 of Figure 1 or Figure 5.

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An internal front-wall 150 is used to hold a plurality of mixers and whippers 116 of Figure 1 or Figure 5.

10 A sprayhead holder 149 is used to secure a plurality of sprayheads 112 of Figure 1 or Figure 5 at a position above a plurality of multi-compartment brew baskets 113 of Figure 1 or Figure 4 or Figure 5.

15 The control system, consisting of multiple electronic components, multiple electrical components and a microcontroller, controls all of the above-mentioned operations of the beverage dispenser. The control system is adapted inside a waterproof controller-housing 144 and is covered with a controller-housing-cover 145. Sequences for the dispenser to operate are preprogrammed and are embedded within the microcontroller in the control system. The controller-housing 144, covered with the controller-housing-cover 145, is mounted on one side of the mainframe 140. Multiple electrical wirings are used by the control system to actuate all the motors embedded with the water pump 103 of Figure 1 or Figure 2, the water pump 114 of Figure 1 or Figure 2, the roller pump 115 of Figure 1 or Figure 5, the concentrate pump 138 of Figure 1 or Figure 3 and the mixer and whipper 116 of Figure 1 or Figure 5. Multiple electrical wirings are used by the control system to actuate solenoids embedded with the water inlet valve 102 of Figure 1 or Figure 2, the dump valve 132 of Figure 2, the extension valve 130 of Figure 2 and the concentrate dump valve 139 of Figure 3. The control system is preprogrammed so that the dispenser can perform in a proper manner according to the information gathered from all the sensors 106, 121, 122, 123, 124, 133, 134, 135 of Figure 2 or Figure 3.

30 A plurality of foldable-legs 146 is attached at the bottom of the mainframe 140 to save space during transportation.

A casing 143 is used to cover the overall mechanism and interior parts of the dispenser built upon the mainframe 140.

5 In another preferred embodiment, the control system of the dispenser is further equipped with a wireless modem for wireless communication between the dispenser and its service center for timely material supply or maintenance. Various control operations of the dispenser can also be reprogrammed wirelessly via the wireless modem.

10 While in the foregoing specification this invention has been described in relation to certain preferred embodiments thereof and many details have been set forth for purpose of illustration, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that the invention is susceptible to additional embodiments and that certain of the details described herein can vary considerably without departing from the basic principles of the invention.

CLAIMS:

1. A hot beverage dispenser comprising:
 - a water tank;
 - a sprayhead in fluid communication with the water tank;
 - 5 a brew basket receiving hot water from the sprayhead;
 - a container receiving fluid from the brew basket;
 - a heat exchanger in fluid communication with the container;
 - a source of flavor ingredients;
 - a mixer and whipper having fluid communication with the water tank, the heat
 - 10 exchanger and the source of flavor ingredients; and
 - a control system for activating the dispenser.
2. A beverage dispenser of claim 1, wherein said water tank comprises a solenoid inlet valve in communication with a water source.
- 15 3. The beverage dispenser of claim 1, wherein said water tank comprises a heater element for heating water inside said water tank.
4. The beverage dispenser of claim 1, wherein said water tank comprises a temperature sensor and a plurality of water level sensors in communication with said control system.
- 20 5. The beverage dispenser of claim 1, wherein said water tank comprises a plurality of water pumps.
- 25 6. The beverage dispenser of claim 3 or 5, wherein said a plurality of water pumps transports hot water from said water tank to said sprayhead, and to said mixer and whipper.
- 30 7. The beverage dispenser of claim 1 or 3, wherein said water tank comprises an extension valve for sharing hot water from said water tank to adjacent dispensers.
8. The beverage dispenser of claim 1 or 3, wherein said water tank comprises a solenoid dump valve to discard water from said water tank.

9. The beverage dispenser of claim 1, wherein said brew basket comprises a plurality of partitions to make up a plurality of compartments, wherein each said compartment stores a brewable substance.
- 5 10. The beverage dispenser of claim 9, wherein said brewable substances are coffee or tea.
- 10 11. The beverage dispenser of claim 3 or 9 or 10, wherein said sprayhead sprays said hot water from said water tank onto said brewable substances placed inside said compartment to brew said brewable substance and hence produce freshly brewed liquid concentrate.
- 15 12. The beverage dispenser of claim 1 or 3, wherein said heat exchanger is immersed in said hot water inside said water tank.
- 20 13. The beverage dispenser of claim 1 or 9 or 11, wherein said container receives and stores freshly brewed liquid concentrate drips from said brew basket.
- 25 14. The beverage dispenser of claim 1 or 11 or 13, wherein said container comprises a pump for transporting said freshly brewed liquid concentrate to said heat exchanger for reheating said freshly brewed liquid concentrate.
15. The beverage dispenser of claim 1 or 11 or 13, wherein said container comprises of a solenoid dump valve to discard expired said freshly brewed liquid concentrate.
16. The beverage dispenser of claim 1, wherein said container comprises a plurality of liquid level sensors having communication with said control system.
- 30 17. The beverage dispenser of claim 1, wherein said source of flavor ingredients has fluid communication with said mixer and whipper.
- 35 18. The beverage dispenser of claim 1, further comprising a roller pump transporting fluids from said source of flavor ingredients to said mixer and whipper.

19. The beverage dispenser of claim 18, wherein said roller pump has a peristaltic mechanism.
- 5 20. The beverage dispenser of claim 1 or 3 or 11, wherein said mixer and whipper comprises a plurality of inlets for receiving reheated said freshly brewed liquid concentrate, said flavor ingredients, said hot water simultaneously, and air from the atmosphere to form a mixture.
- 10 21. The beverage dispenser of claim 1 or 20, wherein said mixer and whipper comprises a propelling blade to mix and whip said mixture to create air bubbles in said mixture.
- 15 22. The beverage dispenser of claim 21, wherein said mixture with air bubbles is dispensed as a hot freshly brewed beverage mixed with flavor ingredients, filled with air bubbles and with a foamy topping.
- 20 23. The beverage dispenser of claim 1, wherein said control system comprises a printed circuit board, a plurality of electronics components, a plurality of electrical components, and a microcontroller.
- 25 24. The beverage dispenser of any one of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 14, 15, or 16, wherein said control system activates said inlet valve, said heater element, said water pumps, said extension valve, said dump valve, said pump, said container dump valve, and said mixer and whipper; in addition to being in communication with said temperature sensor, and all said water level sensors at said water tank and said liquid level sensors and said container.
- 30 25. The beverage dispenser of claim 1, wherein said control system has a wireless modem to communicate wirelessly with service center of said beverage dispenser for timely raw material supply or service or reprogramming of said beverage dispenser.
- 35 26. The beverage dispenser of claim 1, further comprises a display panel showing status of said beverage dispenser; and multiple selection buttons in communication with said control system.
27. A method of dispensing a cup of hot freshly brewed beverage mixed with flavor

ingredients, filled with air bubbles and with a foamy topping, comprising:

5 spraying hot water onto a beverage bag of brewable substance placed inside a brew basket to brew said brewable substance and hence produce freshly brewed liquid concentrate;

 said freshly brewed liquid concentrate is collected and stored in a container;

 said freshly brewed liquid concentrate is reheated by transporting said freshly brewed liquid concentrate from said container to flow through a heat exchanger that is immersed in hot water;

10 reheated said freshly brewed liquid concentrate drained from said heat exchanger is mixed and whipped with hot water and flavor ingredients to form a mixture filled with air bubbles;

 said mixture filled with air bubbles is dispensed into a cup;

15 28. A method for making hot freshly brewed tea or coffee mixed with flavor ingredients, filled with air bubbles and with a foamy topping, comprising:

 spraying hot water onto said coffee or tea placed inside a brew basket to brew said coffee or tea and hence produce freshly brewed liquid concentrate of said coffee or tea;

20 collecting and storing said freshly brewed liquid concentrate in a container;

 reheating said freshly brewed liquid concentrate by transporting said freshly brewed liquid concentrate from said container to flow through a heat exchanger which is immersed in hot water;

25 mixing and whipping said reheated freshly brewed liquid concentrate drained from said heat exchanger with hot water and flavor ingredients to form a mixture filled with air bubbles.

30 29. A brew basket with a plurality of compartments for storing a plurality of bags of brewable substance, comprising :

 a base and a sidewall at the periphery of said base to make up said brew basket;

a handle at said sidewall for user to hold said brew basket;

5 a plurality of partitions within said brew basket to make up a plurality of compartments, each said compartment stores a bag of brewable substance;

10 a plurality of openings at above said plurality compartments to receive hot water sprayed from a plurality of sprayheads, each said sprayhead sprays hot water to each corresponding said compartment;

a plurality of fins at the base of said brew basket to lift said bag of brewable substance;

15 at least one opening at the base of each said compartment for liquid to exit said compartment; and

a flange to attached said brew basket to a coffee or tea making machine.

30. A hot water tank for a beverage dispenser, comprising :

20 a valve used for sharing hot water from said hot water tank of said beverage dispenser to any adjacent dispensers.