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(54) **Title:** A FOOD OR BEVERAGE PREPARATION MACHINE WITH DETACHABLE BREWING UNIT

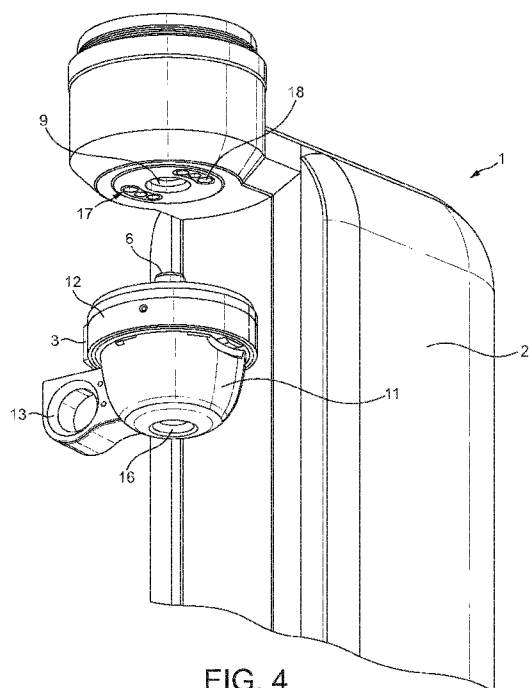


FIG. 4

(57) **Abstract:** The invention concerns a food or beverage preparation machine (1) for preparing a flowable food product or a beverage by mixing a fluid with a precursor ingredient, said machine comprising: - a base (2) having a fluid source, a pump means suitable for conducting said fluid from the source through fluid-conducting pipes to a fluid delivery port (9), and - a functional element (3) detachable from the base (2), comprising connecting means (6, 7, 8) for connecting fluidly to the delivery port of the base (9), characterized in that said base (2) and said detachable functional element (3) both have cooperating magnetic attachment means such that the detachable element and the base can be removably connected with an attracting magnetic effect, and then disconnected by rotating said detachable element relative to said base with a repelling magnetic effect.

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