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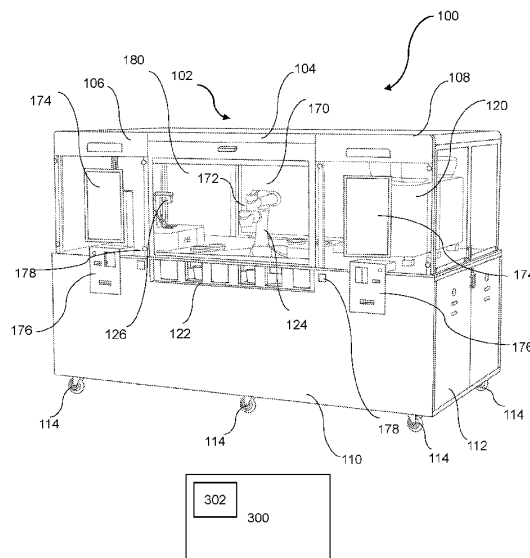


Fig. 1

(57) Abstract: The present disclosure relates to an automatic beverage vending machine. The vending machine includes at least one beverage maker operable for making at least one beverage. The vending machine further includes a receiving station operable for receiving at least one cup at an exterior of the vending machine and moving the cup to an interior of the vending machine. The vending machine further includes a conveying mechanism operable for transferring the cup from the receiving station to the beverage maker in order to receive the beverage into the cup. The vending machine further includes a controller connected to the beverage maker, the receiving station and the conveying mechanism, and operable for coordinating movement of receiving the cup, transferring the cup and dispensing the beverage into the cup.

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