B67C

CLEANING, FILLING WITH LIQUIDS OR SEMILIQUIDS, OR EMPTYING, OF BOTTLES, JARS, CANS, CASKS, BARRELS, OR SIMILAR CONTAINERS, NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR; FUNNELS

Definition statement

This place covers:

Bottling liquids or semiliquids; Filling jars or cans with liquids or semiliquids using bottling or like apparatus; Filling casks or barrels with liquids or semiliquids (filling containers with liquids or semiliquids using apparatus other than bottling or like apparatus <u>B65B 3/00</u>).

Concurrent cleaning (or sterilizing), filling, and closing of bottles; Processes or devices for at least two of these operations.

Devices for emptying bottles, not otherwise provided for during preparation of alcoholic beverages except beer C12G 1/00.

Funnels, e.g. for liquids (filter funnels <u>B01D 29/085;</u> volume flow-meters <u>G01F</u>).

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Heat treatment of liquids, i.e. pasteurising or sterilising	<u>A23L 3/00</u>
Disinfecting or sterilising as such of objects	<u>A61L 2/00</u>
Mixing of liquids	<u>B01F</u>
Filling bags, sacks, cartons, pouches, cups, etc.	<u>B65B</u>
Filling medical containers such as ampoules, vials, syringes or the like	<u>B65B 3/003</u>
Forming and filling of bottles in a mould	<u>B65B 3/022</u>
Devices for transferring samples or any liquids to, in, or from, the analysis apparatus, e.g. suction devices, injection devices	<u>G01N 35/00</u>

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Pasteurising or sterilising of liquids	<u>A23L 3/00</u>
Sterilising or disinfecting of objects:	<u>A61L 2/00, A61L 2202/23</u>
Sorting containers according to e.g. fill level	<u>B07C 5/3404</u>
Forming and filling of bottles in a mould	<u>B65B 3/022</u>
Pressurizing filled containers	<u>B65B 31/04</u>
Nozzles with flow cut-off means	<u>B65B 39/001</u>
Preservation of foods in combination with packaging	<u>B65B 55/00</u>
Grippers	<u>B65G 47/847,</u> <u>B65G 47/90, B08B 9/426,</u> <u>B29C 49/4205</u>
Safety devices for opening doors or panels	<u>F16P 3/08</u>

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Filling of gas bottles	<u>F17C 13/00</u>
Liquid level control in general	<u>G01F</u>
Measuring volume, or volume flow, in general	<u>G01F 1/00</u> - <u>G01F 25/00</u>
Weighing of fluids	<u>G01G 17/04</u>
Detection/Investigating the presence of flaws or contamination in a container or its contents	<u>G01N 21/90</u>
Total factory automation	<u>G05B 19/418</u>
Vending machines including the filling of containers (e.g. WO2008037974)	<u>G07F 11/00, G07F 13/00</u>

Bottling liquids or semiliquids; Filling jars or cans with liquids or semiliquids using bottling or like apparatus; Filling casks or barrels with liquids or semiliquids

Definition statement

This place covers:

Bottling liquids or semiliquids; Filling jars or cans with liquids or semiliquids using bottling or like apparatus; Filling casks or barrels with liquids or semiliquids.

Concurrent cleaning (or sterilizing), filling, and closing of bottles; Processes or devices for at least two of these operations.

Devices for emptying bottles, not otherwise provided for during preparation of alcoholic beverages except beer C12G 1/00.

Funnels, e.g. for liquids (filter funnels <u>B01D 29/085;</u> volume flow-meters <u>G01F</u>).

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Filling containers with liquids or semi-liquids using apparatus other than bottling or like apparatus	<u>B65B 3/00</u>
Detection/Investigating the presence of flaws or contamination in a container or its contents	<u>G01N 21/90</u>

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Pasteurising or sterilising of liquids	<u>A23L 3/00</u>
Sterilising or disinfecting of objects	<u>A61L 2/00, A61L 2202/23</u>
Mixing of liquids	<u>B01F</u>
Sorting containers according to e.g. fill level	B07C 5/3404

Grippers	<u>B08B 9/426,</u> <u>B29C 49/4205,</u> <u>B65G 47/487,</u> <u>B65G 47/90</u>
Filling bags, sacks, cartons, pouches, cups, etc.	<u>B65B</u>
Filling medical containers such as ampoules, vials, syringes or the like	<u>B65B 3/003</u>
Forming and filling of bottles in a mould	<u>B65B 3/022</u>
Pressurizing filled containers	<u>B65B 31/04</u>
Nozzles with flow cut-off means	<u>B65B 39/001</u>
Preservation of foods in combination with packaging	<u>B65B 55/00</u>
Safety devices for opening doors or panels	<u>F16P 3/08</u>
Devices for transferring samples or any liquids to, in, or from, the analysis apparatus, e.g. suction devices, injection devices	<u>G01N 35/00</u>

Special rules of classification

Pressure-control in counter-pressure filling classified in <u>B67C 3/12</u>.

Flow control devices classified in B67C 3/28.

Filling heads specially adapted for filling cans are also classified in <u>B67C 2003/2657</u>.

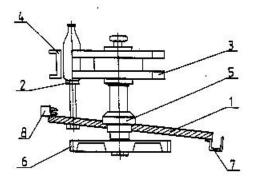
Constructional details of bottling equipment or filling machines are classified in <u>B67C 3/22</u>, e.g. frame or support details, or <u>B67C 3/22</u>, e.g. automatic exchange of components.

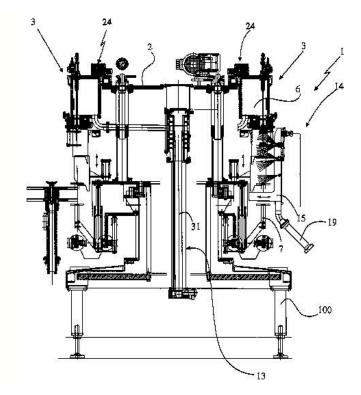
Constructional details of filling heads are also classified in <u>B67C 3/26</u>.

Classes <u>B67C 3/2617</u> and <u>B67C 3/2625</u> and subgroups also comprise documents not explicitly directed to counter-pressure filling.

{Cleaning of filling devices}

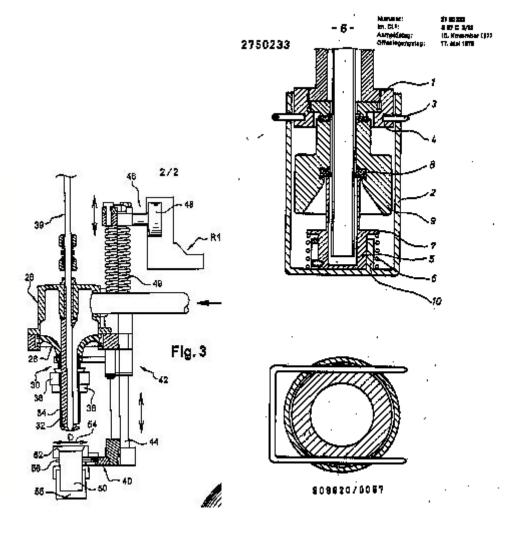
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{using cups or dummies to be placed under the filling heads}

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{permanently attached to the filling machine and movable between a rest and a working position}

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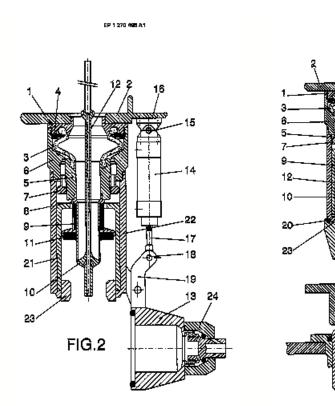
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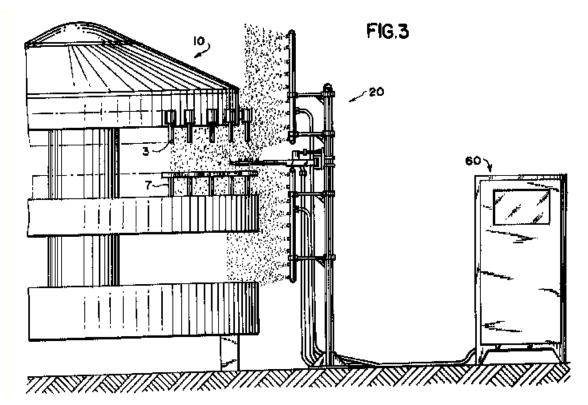
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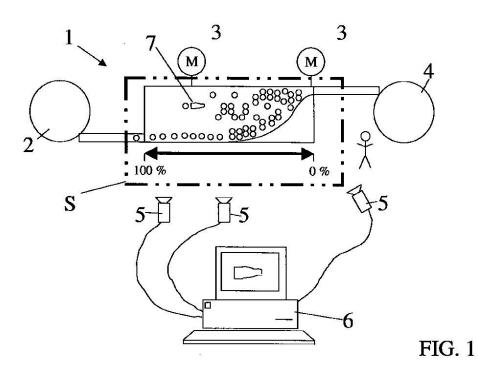
{Cleaning outside parts of filling devices}

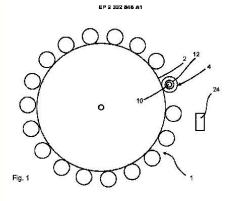
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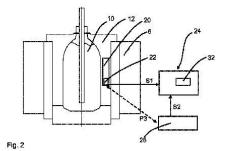


{Applications of control, warning or safety devices in filling machinery (flowcontrol <u>B67C 3/28</u>)}

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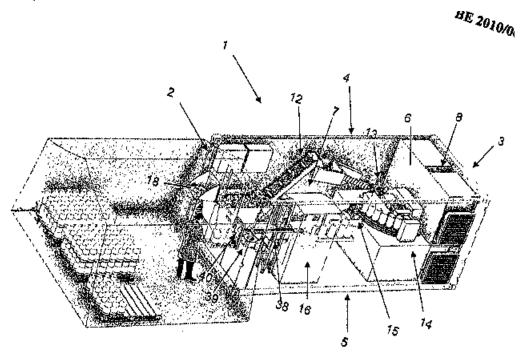






{Bottling or like apparatus specially adapted to be transported, e.g. positioned on a truck or in a container}

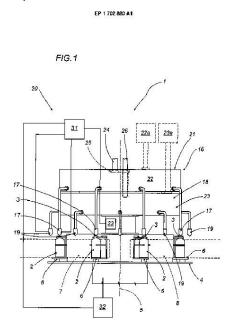
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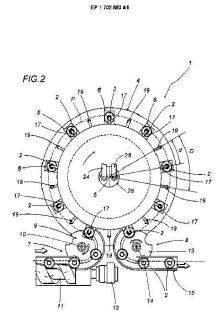




Bottling liquids or semiliquids; Filling jars or cans with liquids or semiliquids using bottling or like apparatus

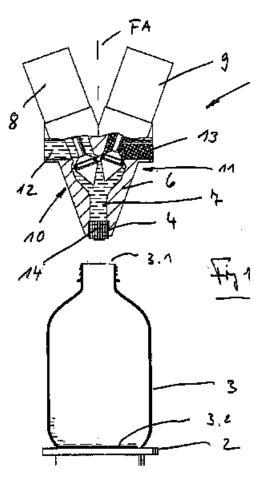
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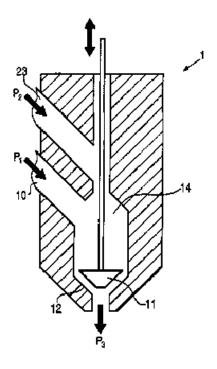
{Filling multiple liquids in a container (<u>B67C 3/208</u> takes precedence)}

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{Filling the liquids simultaneously}

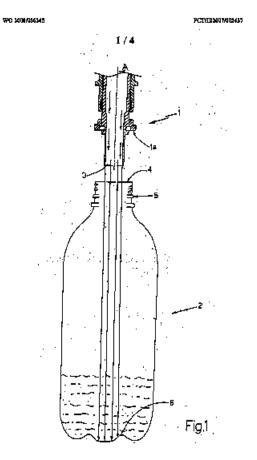
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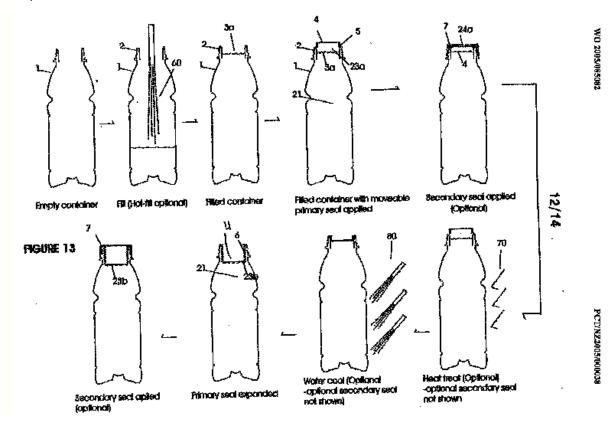
without applying pressure

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{Apparatus specially adapted for filling bottles with hot liquids}

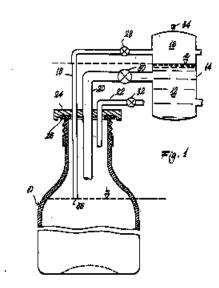
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using counterpressure, i.e. filling while the container is under pressure

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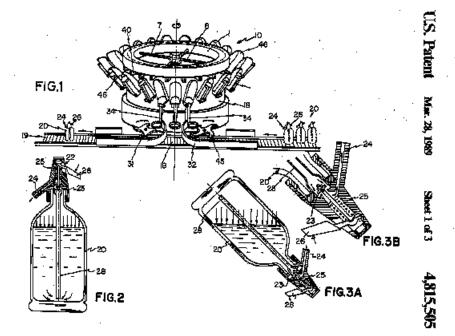
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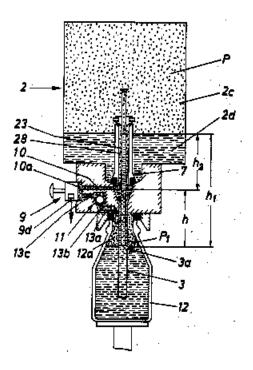
{Filling siphons, e.g. carbonating beverages during filling (siphons <u>B67D 1/0456</u>)}

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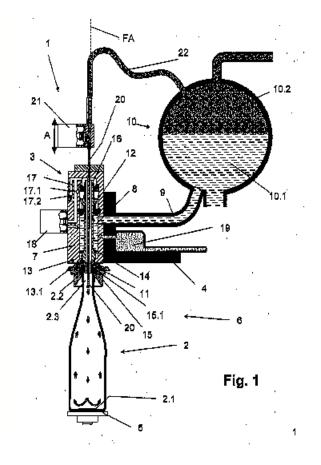
and subsequently lowering the counterpressure

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preliminary filling with inert gases, e.g. carbon dioxide

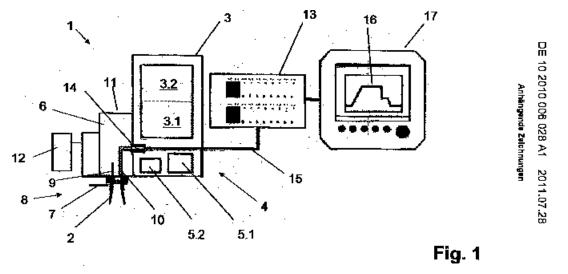
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Pressure-control devices

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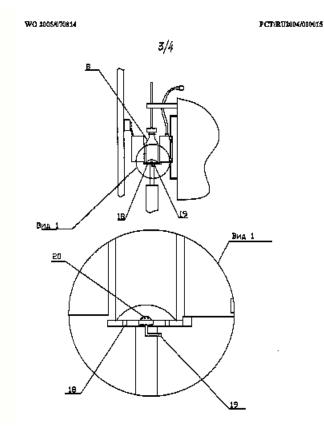
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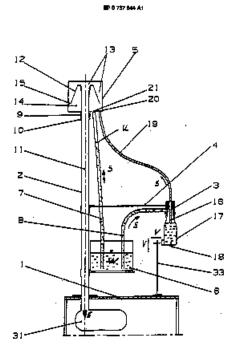
specially adapted for filling with hot liquids

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using suction

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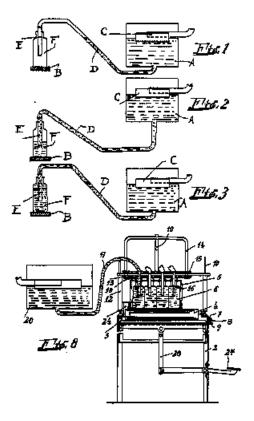
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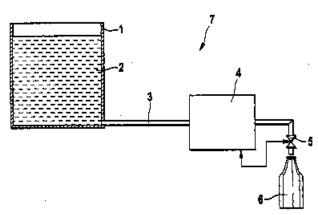
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with provision for metering the liquids to be introduced, e.g. when adding syrups (measuring volume, or volume flow, in general <u>G01F</u>)

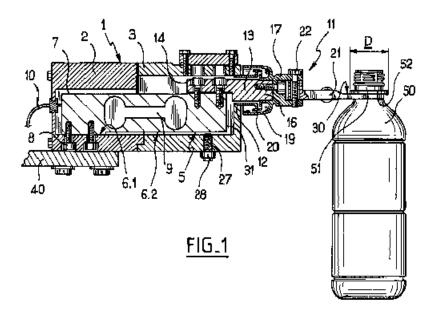
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{by weighing}

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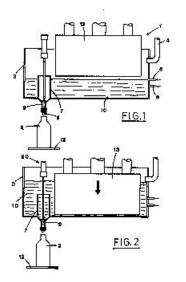
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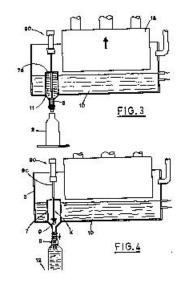


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{using dosing chambers}

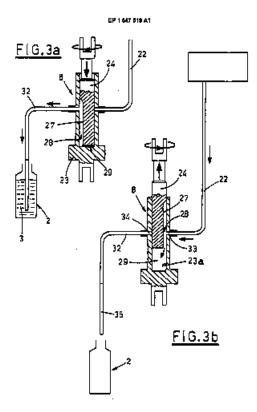
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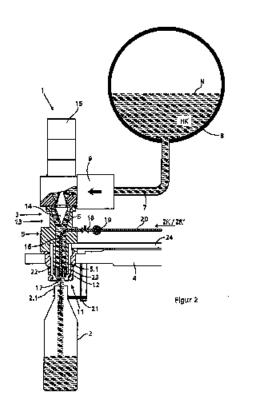
{using arrangements of cylinders and pistons (<u>B67C 3/208</u> takes precedence)}

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{specially adapted for adding small amounts of additional liquids, e.g. syrup}

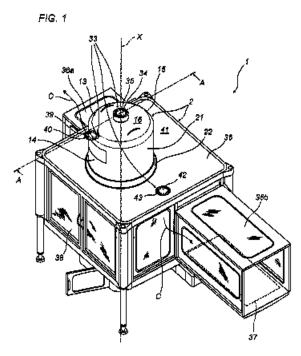
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Details

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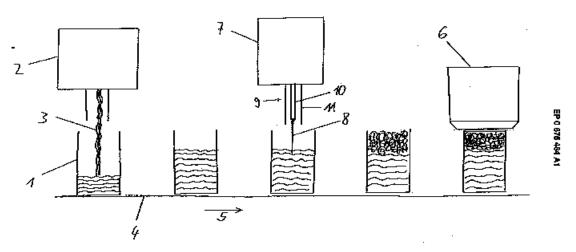
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{Head-space air removing devices, e.g. by inducing foam}

Definition statement



References

Informative references

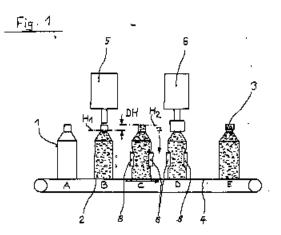
Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Topping-up containers or receptacles to ensure complete filling	<u>B65B 3/24</u>
Adding fluids for preventing deformation of filled and closed containers	<u>B65B 31/006</u>

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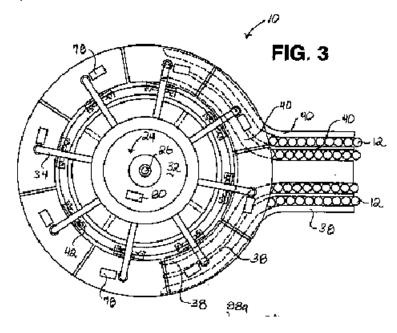
{by squeezing the container elastically}

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{Means for filling simultaneously, e.g. in a rotary filling apparatus or multiple rows of containers}

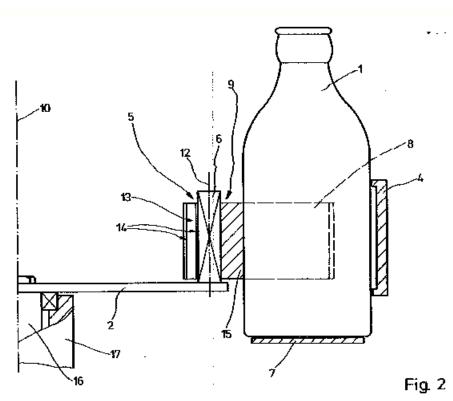
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Devices for supporting or handling bottles (transport or storing devices in general <u>B65G</u>)

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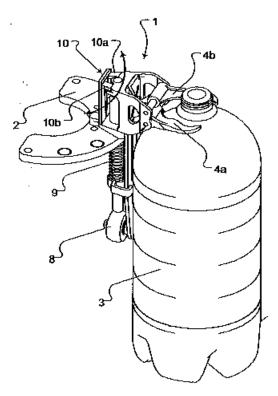
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Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Pucks used as container carrier in handling devices such as conveyors	65G 2201/0261
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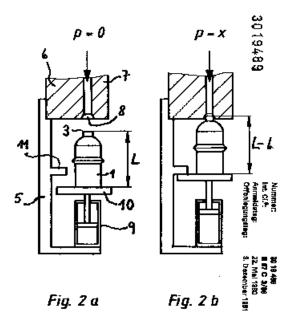
{engaging with bottle necks (<u>B67C 3/26</u> takes precedence)}

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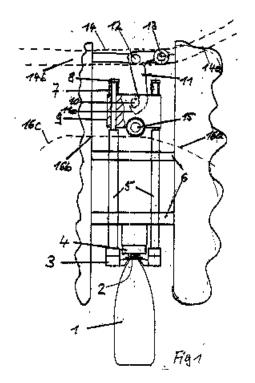
{Bottle lifting devices actuated by jacks, e.g. hydraulic, pneumatic (<u>B67C 3/242</u> takes precedence)}

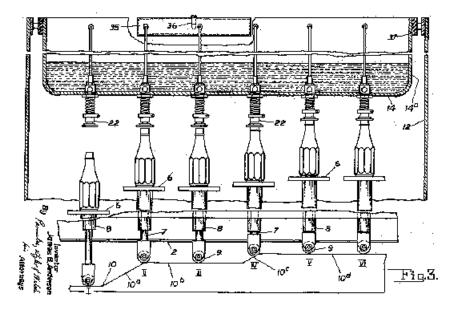
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{Bottle lifting devices actuated by cams (<u>B67C 3/242</u> takes precedence)}

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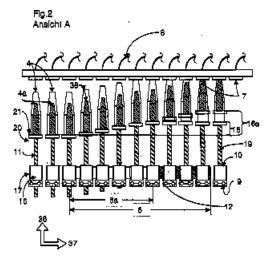




{Bottle lifting devices actuated by threads (B67C 3/242 takes precedence)}

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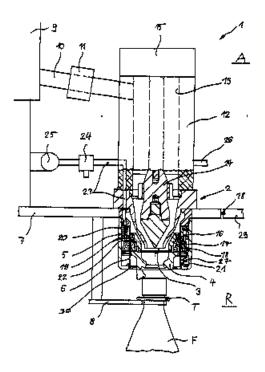
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Filling-heads; Means for engaging filling-heads with bottle necks

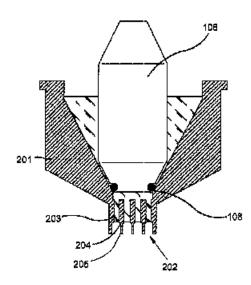
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{comprising anti-dripping means}

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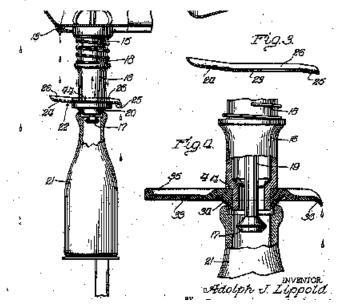
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{to prevent dripping from sources other than the filling product, e.g. deflectors for vapours condensed on the outer surface of the filling device}

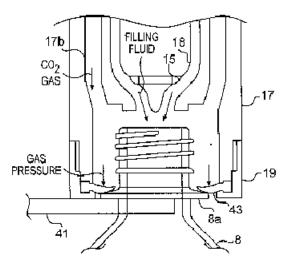
Definition statement



{specially adapted for counter-pressure filling}

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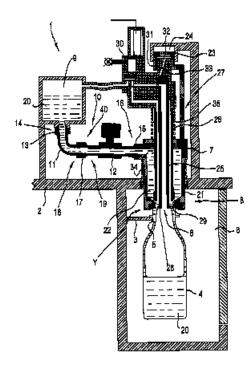
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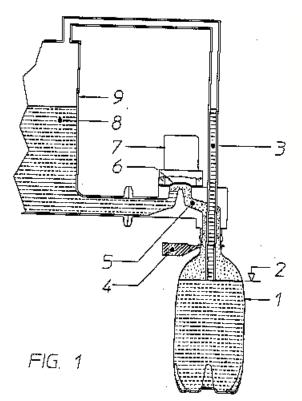
{the liquid valve being opened by mechanical or electrical actuation}

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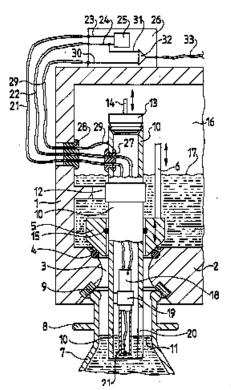
{and the filling operation stopping when the liquid rises to a level at which it closes a vent opening}

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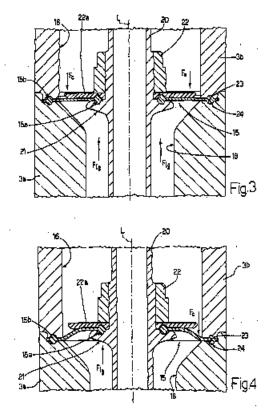
{and the filling operation stopping when probes, e.g. electrical or optical probes, sense the wanted liquid level (level control in general G01F)}

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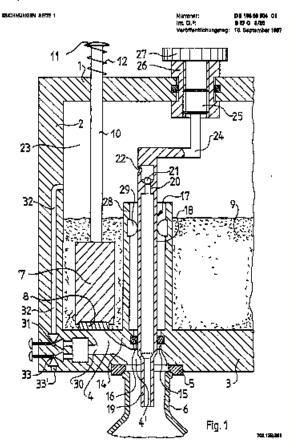
{the liquid valve being opened automatically when a given counter-pressure is obtained in the container to be filled}

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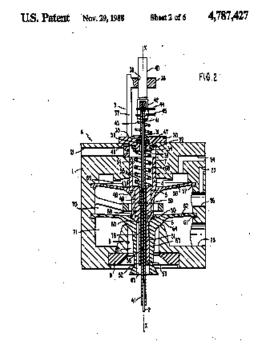
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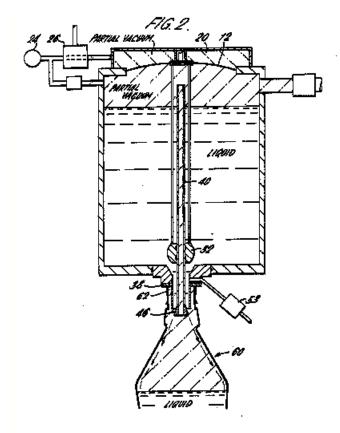
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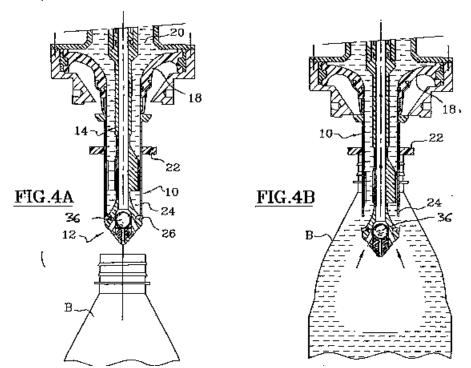
{specially adapted for vacuum or suction filling}

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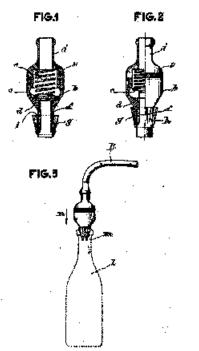
{comprising a liquid valve opened by relative movement between the container and the filling head}

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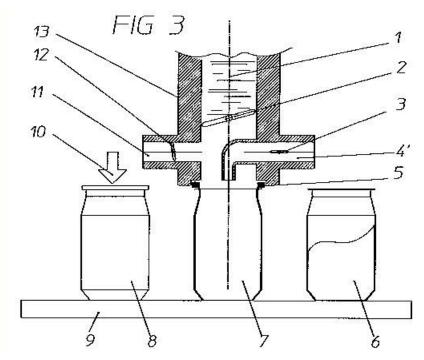
{and the filling operation being carried out manually}

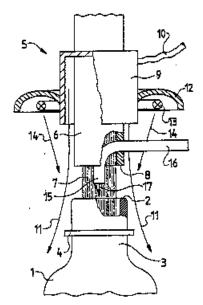
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{specially adapted for sterilising prior to filling}

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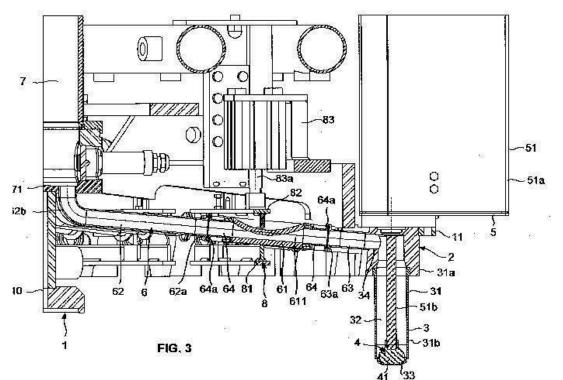


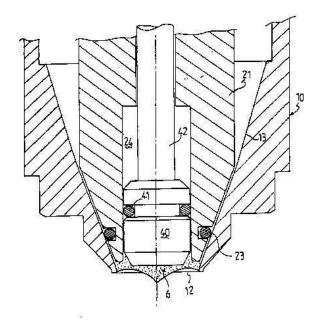


Flow-control devices, e.g. using valves ({B67C 3/2617, B67C 3/2625, B67C 3/2637 take precedence}; valves in general F16K)

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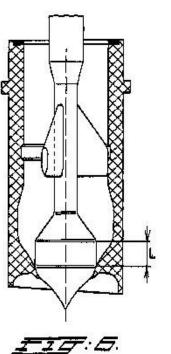


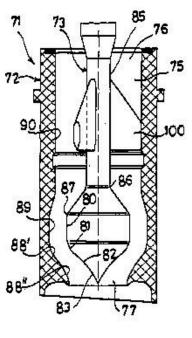


<u>FIG. 2b</u>

{Profiled valve bodies for smoothing the flow at the outlet of the filling nozzle}

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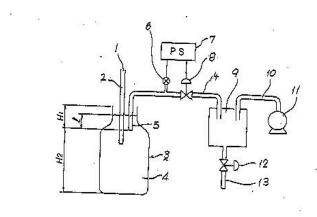


{using pressure sensing means}

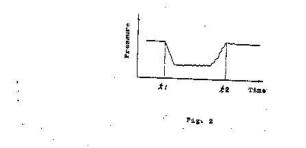
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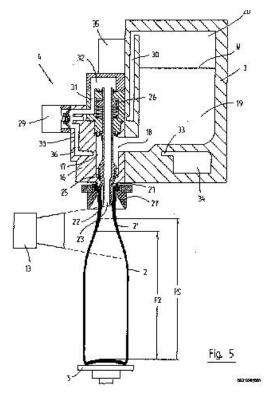






{using non-liquid contact sensing means (<u>B67C 3/283</u> takes precedence)}

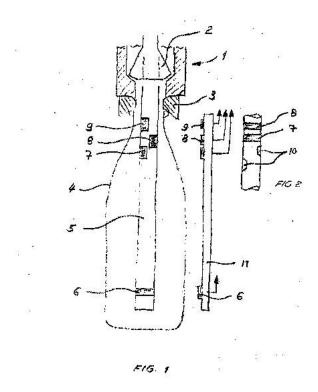
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{using liquid contact sensing means (B67C 3/283 takes precedence)}

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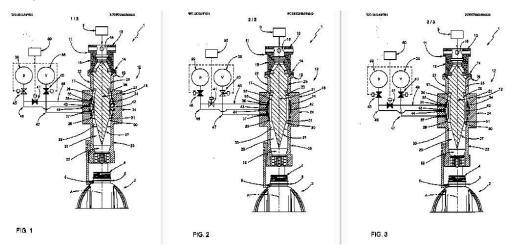
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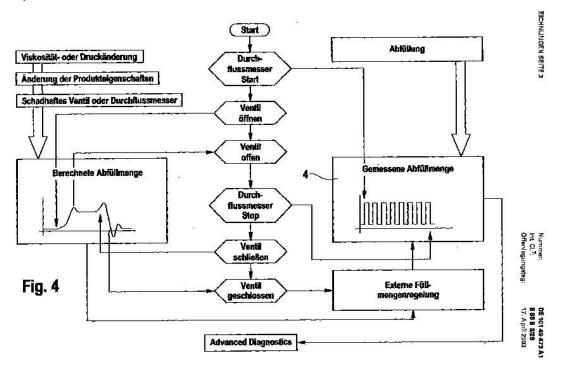
{related to flow rate control, i.e. controlling slow and fast filling phases}

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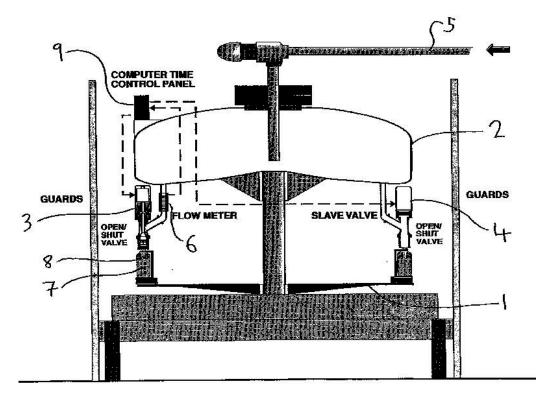
{related to flow control using predetermined or real-time calculated parameters}

Definition statement



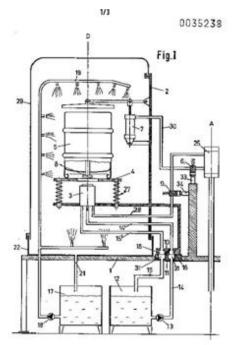
{using master-slave controls}

Definition statement



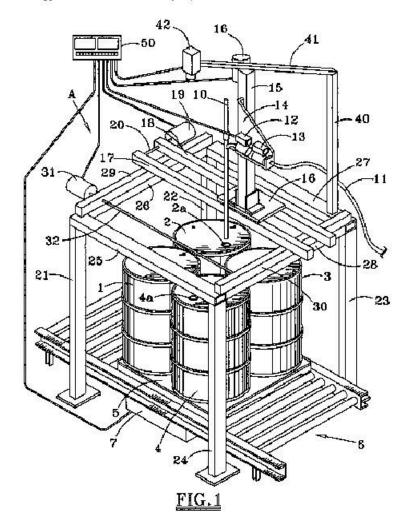
Filling of barrels or casks

Definition statement



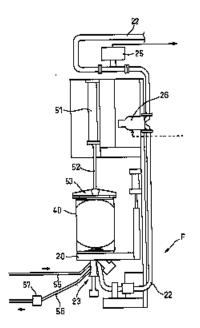
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using counterpressure, i.e. filling while the container is under pressure

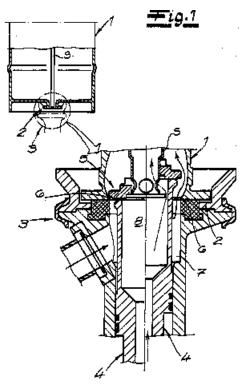
Definition statement



Devices for engaging filling-heads with filling-apertures

Definition statement

This place covers:



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Concurrent cleaning, filling, and closing of bottles; Processes or devices for at least two of these operations

Definition statement

This place covers:

Details of conveying or synchronising.

Sterilising, aseptic filling and closing.

Lever action devices operated by hand or foot.

References

Limiting references

This place does not cover:

Heat treatment of liquids, i.e. pasteurising or sterilising	<u>A23L 3/00</u>
Details about sterilising processes or apparatuses as such, only in combination with some form of subsequent process in/of a bottling line	<u>A61L 2/00</u>
Disinfecting or sterilising as such of objects	<u>A61L 2/00</u>
Mixing of liquids	<u>B01F</u>

Limiting references

Forming and filling of bottles in a mould	<u>B65B 3/022</u>

Informative references

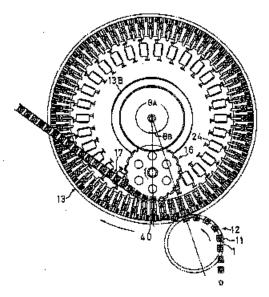
Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

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Pasteurising or sterilising of liquids	<u>A23L 3/00</u>
Sterilising or disinfecting of objects	<u>A61L 2/00</u>
Cleaning in general	<u>B08B</u>
Cleaning of containers	<u>B08B 9/20</u>
Details related to subsequent processes of blow moulding and filling	<u>B29C 49/00</u>
Preservation of foods in combination with packaging	<u>B65B 55/00</u>
Packaging in aseptic tunnels	<u>B65B 55/025</u>
Packaging in aseptic chambers	<u>B65B 55/027</u>
Conveying of containers in general	<u>B65G</u>
Grippers	<u>B65G 47/847,</u> <u>B65G 47/90, B08B 9/426,</u> <u>B29C 49/4205</u>

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{Conveying; Synchronising}

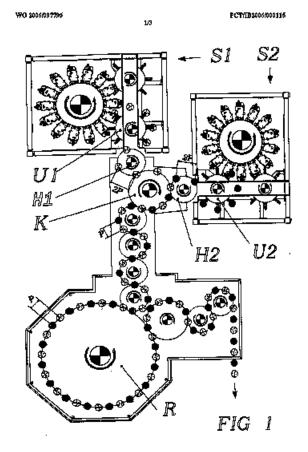
Definition statement



{Synchronising}

Definition statement

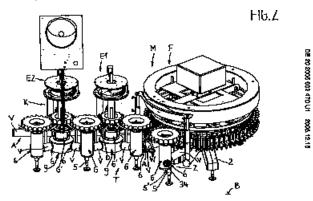
This place covers:



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{General lay-out of bottle-handling machines}

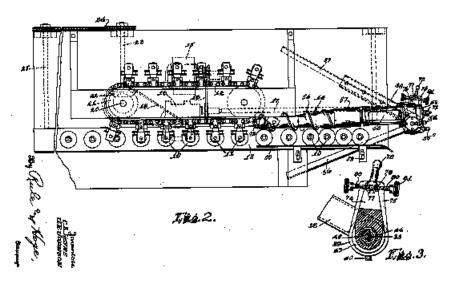
Definition statement



{the containers travelling along a linear path}

Definition statement

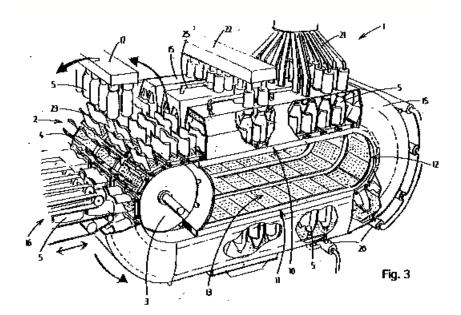
This place covers:



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{the operation being performed batch-wise}

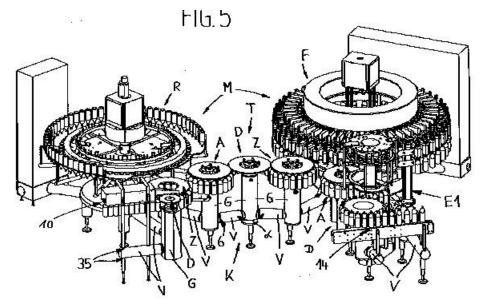
Definition statement



{the containers travelling along a circular path}

Definition statement

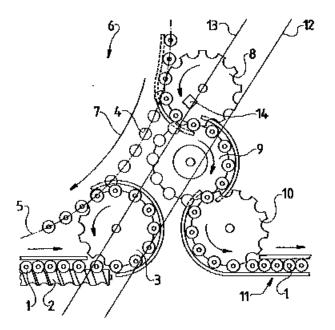
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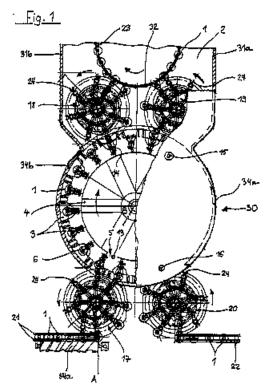
{Infeed and outfeed devices}

Definition statement



{using grippers (for supporting bottle necks during filling <u>B67C 3/242</u>)}

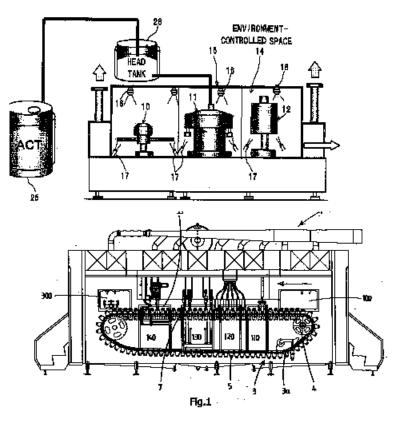
Definition statement



{Sterilising, aseptic filling and closing (<u>B67C 3/2642</u> takes precedence)}

Definition statement

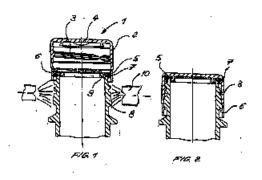
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{comprising a cleaning step between two closing steps}

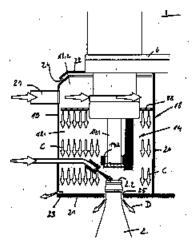
Definition statement



{Sterilisation being restricted to the area of application of the closure}

Definition statement

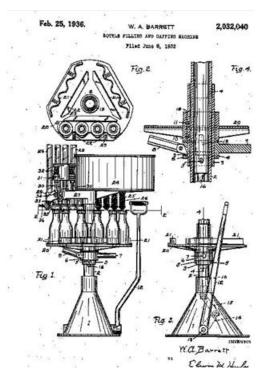
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{Lever action devices operated by hand or foot}

Definition statement



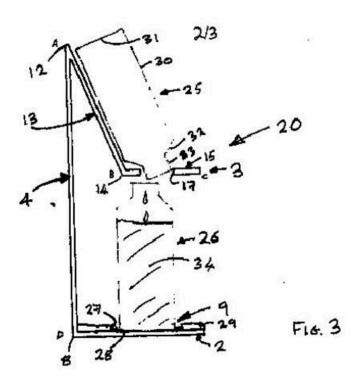
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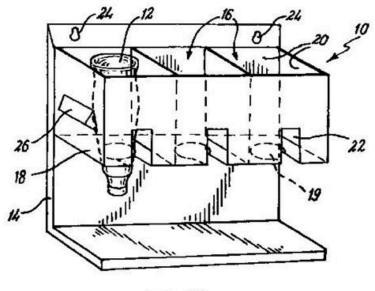
Devices for emptying bottles, not otherwise provided for {(during preparation of alcoholic beverages except beer C12G 1/00)}

Definition statement

This place covers:

Illustrative examples of subject matter classified in this group:





<u>Fiel</u>

Funnels, e.g. for liquids (filter funnels **B01D 29/085**; volume flow-meters **G01F**)

Definition statement

This place covers:

Funnels without discharge valves.

Funnels with non-automatic discharge valves.

Funnels with automatic discharge valves.

References

Informative references

Attention is drawn to the following places, which may be of interest for search:

Devices for aerating of wine	<u>B01F</u>
Funnels for introducing articles or materials in containers or wrappers	<u>B65B 39/00</u>
Filling or draining lubricant of or from machines or engines	<u>F01M 11/04</u>
Measuring spoons or scoops	<u>G01F 19/002</u>

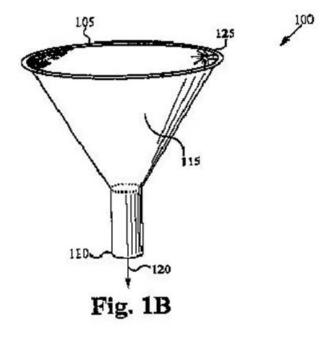
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without discharge valves

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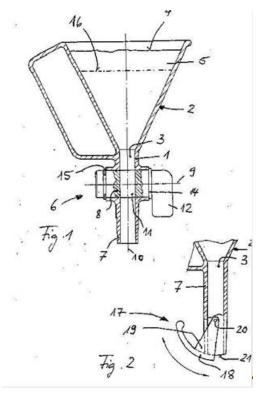
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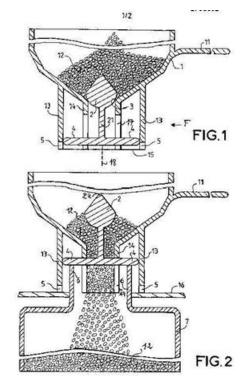
with non-automatic discharge valves

Definition statement



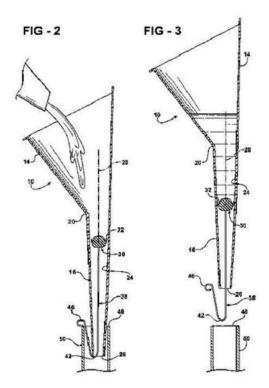
with automatic discharge valves

Definition statement



{for preventing spilling or dripping}

Definition statement



{for preventing overflow of the filled container}

Definition statement

