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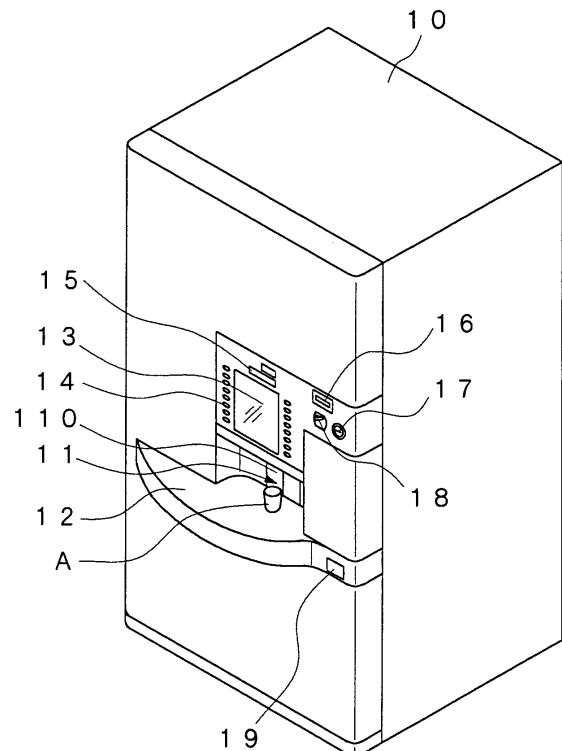
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(54) **Automatic beverage vending machine.**

(57) The invention is to provide an automatic beverage vending machine capable of automatically opening the gate of its article outlet with a simple structure. Thus, when a carrying mechanism (100) carries a cup (A) ahead from behind the article outlet (11), an extruding plate (123) fitted to a first carrying mechanism body (102a) opens the gate (110). Therefore, the gate (110) can be automatically opened without having to use expensive equipment, such as a dedicated motor, with a corresponding saving in manufacturing cost, and enables the buyers to pick up delivered cups (A) more easily.

Fig. 1



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