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(54) **Beverage dispense system and method**

(57) The present invention relates to beverage dispense systems and methods for dispensing beverages such as lager or cider at a low temperature. The present invention provides a beverage dispense system comprising a beverage line having a distal end connectable to a beverage supply for transporting beverage from the beverage supply to a dispense font and a cooler for cooling beverage. The beverage line comprises a first beverage line portion extending from the distal end to the cooler within a first insulated carrier. The first insulated carrier comprises a first cooling line for transporting cooling medium through the first insulated carrier so as to allow heat exchange between the cooling medium in the first cooling line and the beverage in the first beverage line portion. The present invention also provides a connector for use in a beverage dispense system for connecting a beverage line to a beverage supply. The connector comprises a sensor for sensing bubbles within the beverage line and for generating a signal for closing the beverage line when a predetermined level of bubbles is detected.

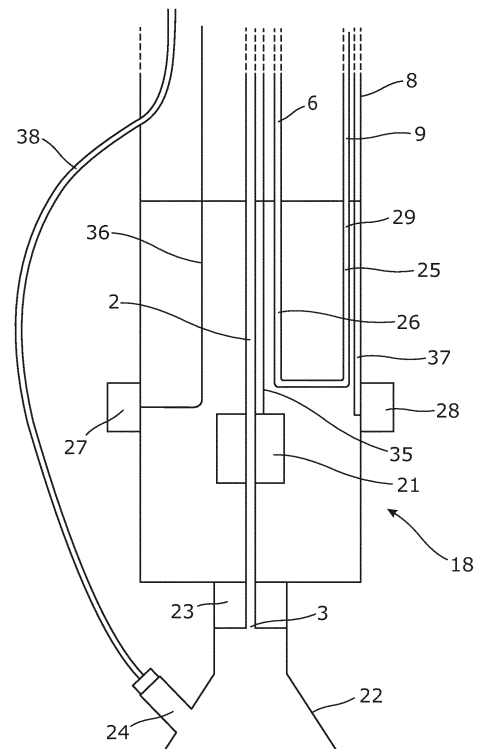


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