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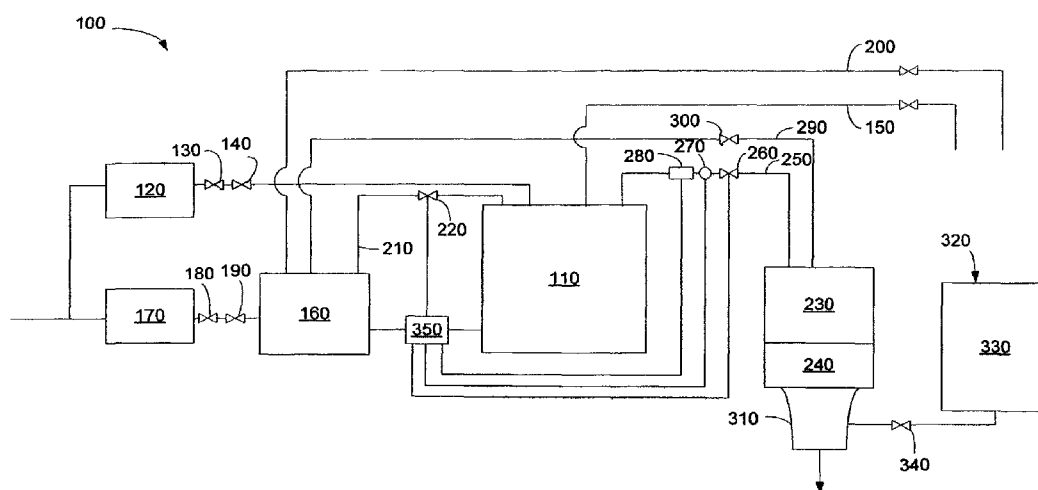
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1. claims: 1-11, 20

A method for heating an amount of material positioned within a receptacle comprising (1) heating a first volume of water to a predetermined temperature, (2) pressurising a first volume of steam to a predetermined pressure, (3) releasing the first volume of steam towards the first volume of water so as to force this water into the receptacle and (4) heating the material within the receptacle.

2. claims: 12-19

A method for brewing tea leaves, comprising (1) heating a volume of water to ca. 93-107 degrees C, (2) forcing the water to the tea leaves at a pressure of up to ca. 5.2 bar and (3) brewing the tea leaves for ca. 10-15 s.

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