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(54) **Refrigerator including a beverage dispenser.**

(57) In known refrigerators equipped with a beverage dispenser, one wall of the refrigerator housing is formed with a relatively deep recess for the accommodation therein of a cup to be filled with a beverage, and a dispenser nozzle or the like. The depth of this recess adversely affects the thermal insulation of the respective wall, and the recess itself gives rise to the accumulation of dirt.

According to the invention, a shallower recess (6) is formed in a wall of the refrigerator housing (4), and closed by a manually operable closure flap (7) which can be lowered to a use position in which it acts as a support for a cup of the like. The closure flap (7) is operatively connected to a rotatable dispenser spout (15), so that the latter (15) extends inside the recess (6) when the flap (7) is in the closed rest position, and projects outwards to a location above the closure flap (7) when the latter is lowered to its use position.

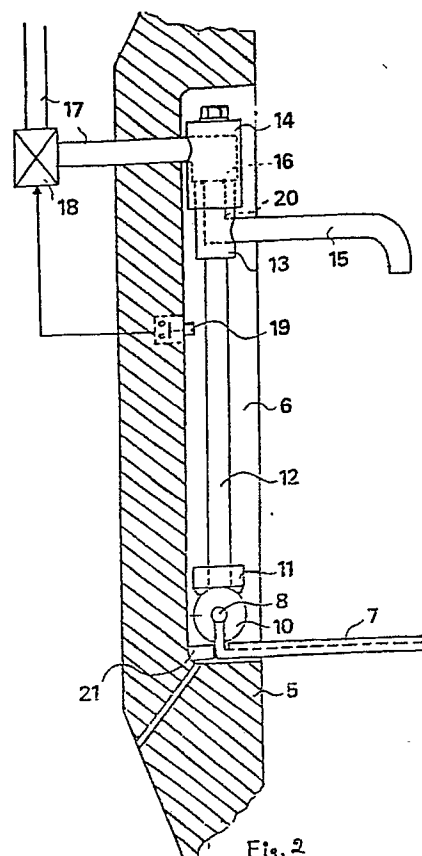


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