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(54) **Refrigerating appliance, in particular for household use, comprising a device for distributing a beverage**

(57) The present invention relates to a refrigeration appliance (1), in particular for household use, of the type comprising:

- a structure (2) within which at least one compartment (3, 4) is obtained for preserving foodstuffs, which is adapted to be closed by at least one door (3P, 4P);
- a device (10) for dispensing a beverage, said device (10) comprising a tank (11) associated with an inner wall (5) of the structure (2), in particular of said at least one door (3P, 4P).

The invention is characterized in that said tank (11) is secured to said inner wall (5) and comprises at least one first block (15) which allows coupling at least one container or door storage compartment (16) to said tank (11), so that said tank (11) can act as a support for said at least one container or door storage compartment (16).

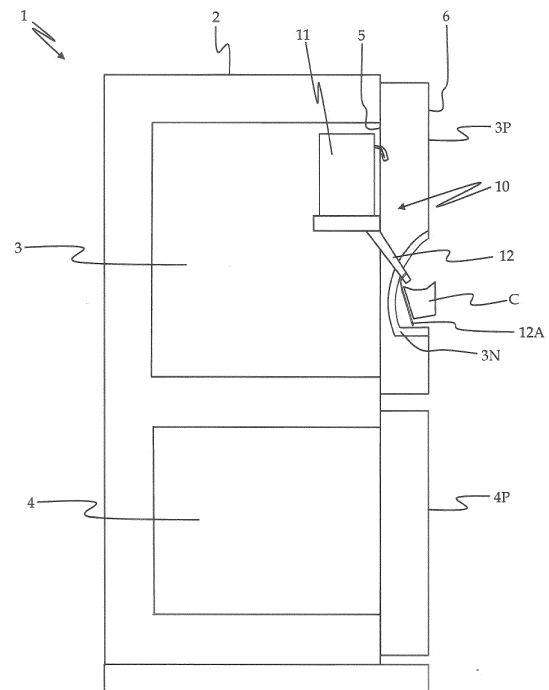


Fig. 1



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- 1-8
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1. claims: 1-8

Refrigeration appliance with a beverage tank having a block which can support a container or a storage compartment.

2. claims: 9-15

Refrigeration appliance having a support being adapted to support a beverage tank.

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