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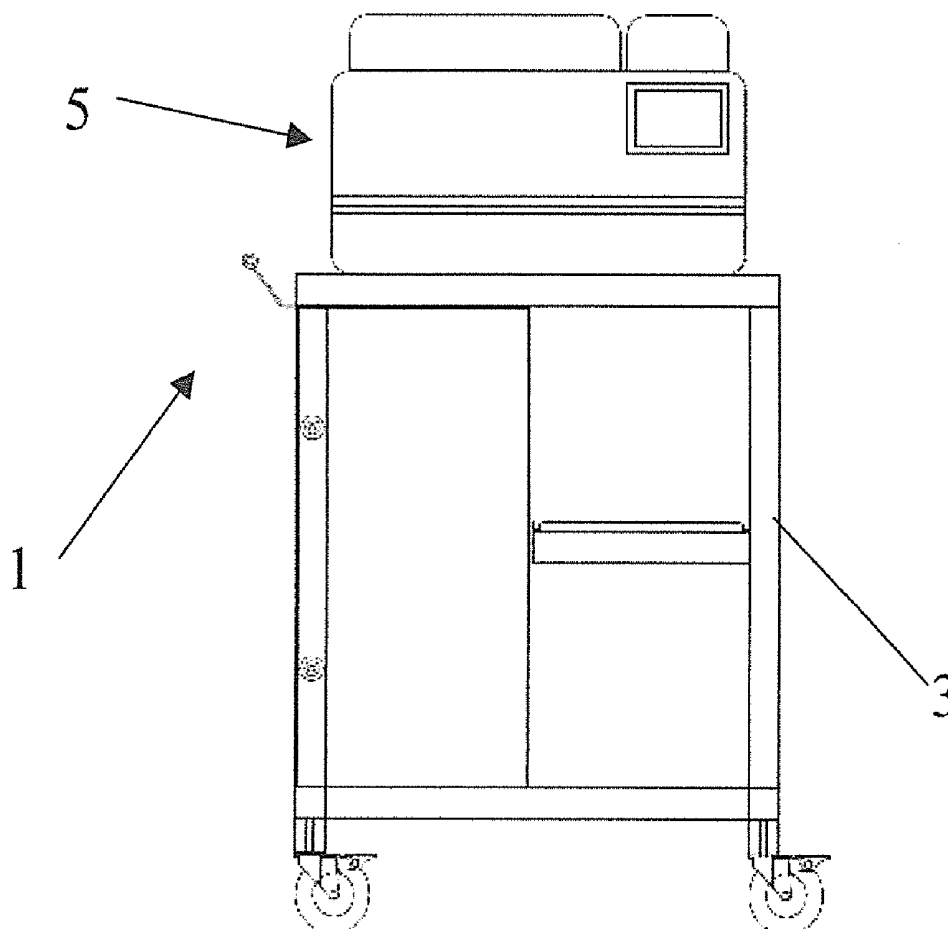
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A portable system (1) is described, for heating, washing and sucking liquids for laparoscopic and laparotomic surgery, gynecology and urology, comprising: a trolley (3) for supporting and handling; a case (5) placed on the trolley (3) and composed of a first part made as a tank (7) for liquids equipped with an inclined bottom (9) to enable discharging liquids and cleaning the tank (7); and a second part containing at least one peristaltic pump (11) for sending a variable jet of liquid inside abdominal cavities, and at least one valve (13) for sucking liquids to wash the surgery field; a container (15) of liquids placed on the trolley (3) and equipped with a double pump (16) for taking and removing liquids into and from the tank (7); and a device (18) for keeping the temperature of liquids at an established maximum value.



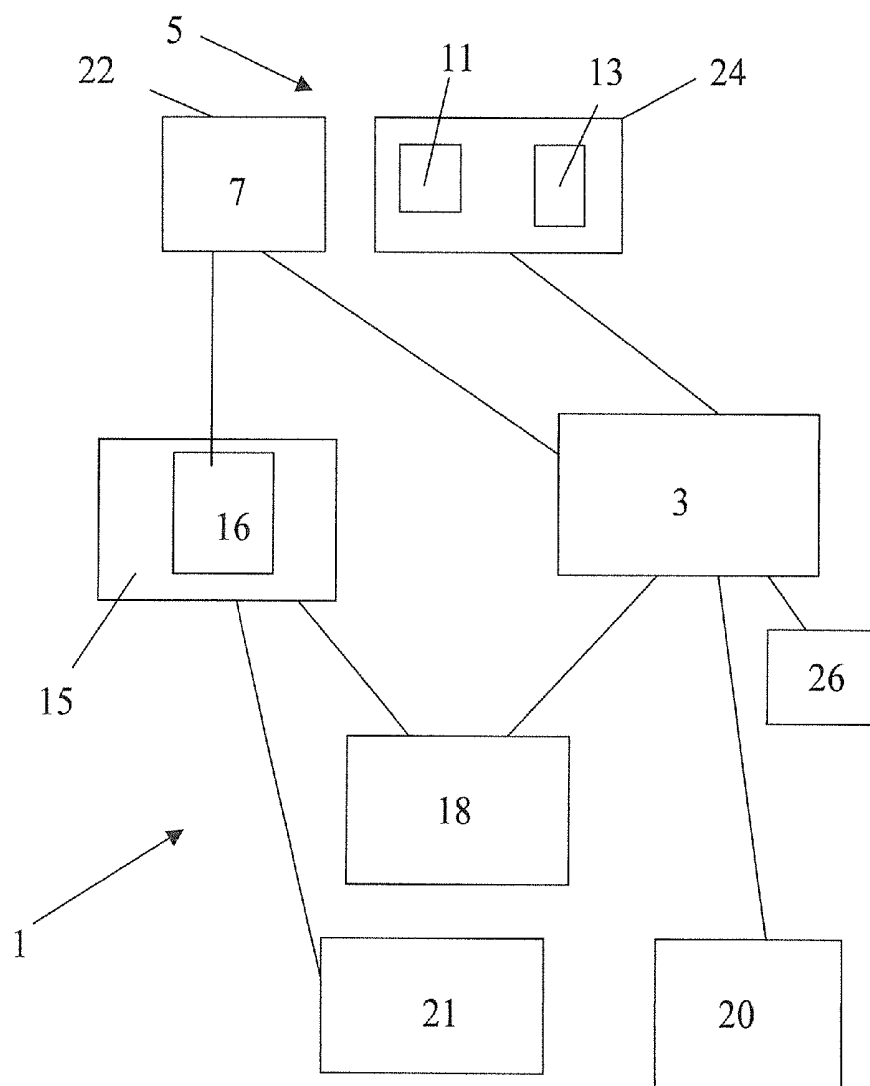


FIG. 1

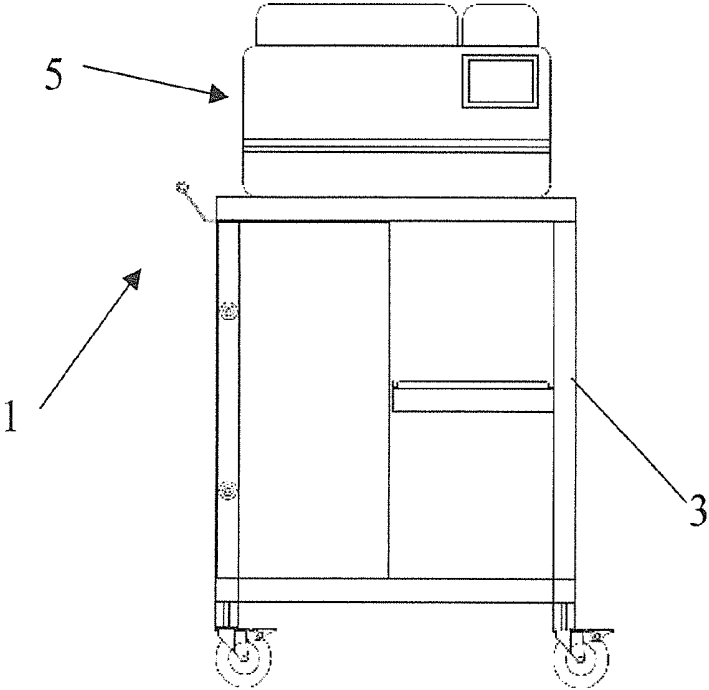


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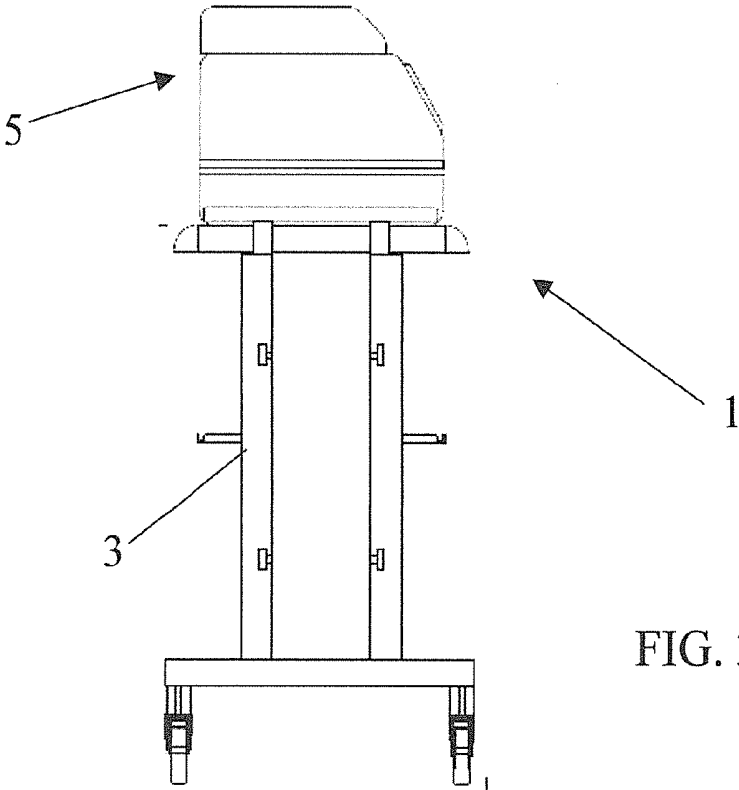


FIG. 3

**PORTABLE SYSTEM FOR HEATING,
WASHING AND SUCKING LIQUIDS FOR
LAPAROSCOPIC AND LAPAROTOMIC
SURGERY, GYNECOLOGY AND UROLOGY**

[0001] The present invention refers to a portable system for heating, washing and sucking liquids for laparoscopic and laparotomic surgery, gynecology and urology.

[0002] The system of the invention stems from the need of using washing liquids at controlled temperature (from ambient to 40° C. maximum) and outlet flow in laparoscopic and laparotomic surgery, gynecology and urology. In these fields, the operators have the need of using washing systems for cleaning the surgery field from hemorrhages, coagulations or biologic liquids produced by a human organism.

[0003] In the majority of operating rooms, the washing system is simply composed of a bag with saline solution connected to a tube that conveys the washing liquid to a cannula due to a fall. The solution is used at ambient temperature (20-22° C.) or heated in microwave ovens and bag-heating devices: in both cases, the temperature of the physiologic liquid is not controlled, but dangerously boiling.

[0004] In some cases, peristaltic pumps with limited regulation are used, equipped with dedicated and costly disposable circuits.

[0005] As regards suction, another disposable circuit is used, connected to the room sucking device.

[0006] These methodologies imply the continuous presence of nurse personnel, who must guarantee assistance to the operation of the various above listed components.

[0007] The system of the invention, instead, guarantees a physiologic solution at a temperature and outlet flow which can be set by a suitable display and can be verified at any time during the intervention. The nurse room personnel, once having started the system, will then be able to perform all other necessary jobs for the correct maintenance of a surgery room.

[0008] The system of the invention has therein three functionalities in a single apparatus:

[0009] 1. heating of the washing liquid

[0010] 2. washing

[0011] 3. sucking.

[0012] As regards heating of the washing liquid, as pointed out above, risks of burns occur for the nurse personnel and for the patient's internal organs, since the operator is never made aware of the temperature of the washing liquid which, at the beginning of the treatment, is boiling, but after some minutes goes back to ambient temperature: the responsible personnel must therefore concentrate their attention on the washing needs of the operator and, given the short time of maintenance of the temperature, this pre-heating is completely useless.

[0013] In the inventive system, instead, the bags of physiologic solution are immersed in a heated tank which can be set by a display at the established temperature, preferably up to a maximum of 40° C. Such temperature is kept and monitored through the display itself during the whole intervention, while the responsible personnel will only have to replace the bag when it is emptied. This does not imply any risk or problem, and the operator has a hot solution available at any time during the intervention.

[0014] As regards washing, in the majority of cases it occurs due to gravity; in some cases, a peristaltic pump is used, often with a difficult regulation, not immediate and not accurate. The consequent risks are the impossibility of

quickly washing with efficiency, and in any case without an accurate regulation, or with a wholly absent regulation, of the washing flow. In case of hemorrhages of a medium entity, it is necessary to convert the intervention from laparoscopy to laparotomy, with risks and damages for the patient and a double expense of materials for a single intervention. The counterindications are that washing by gravity does not allow removing clots from the surgery field, does not allow performing the hydro-dissection in adhesiolysis episodes, and therefore results slow and scarcely efficient: in conclusion, the scarce accuracy and the complexity of managing a peristaltic pump or washing by gravity do not enable regularity and stability for intervention phases.

[0015] In the inventive system, instead, together with the heating tank, a peristaltic pump is installed. The flow regulation is simple and immediate through the display; it can occur from a minimum of 200 ml/min (ideal for laparotomy) to a maximum of 1950 ml/min (ideal for hydrodissection). This does not imply risks or problems, and an easy management and a quick regulation change of the flow provide the operator with the safety of having a system which can be quickly suited to the type of procedure during the whole intervention.

[0016] As regards sucking, currently, in parallel with the disposable set for washing, a second separate set for sucking is prepared, connected to the central sucking system of the room, and therefore with continuous operation. In some cases, cannulas are used of the "flute" type, with valve opening keys which allow the saline solution to go out. This implies the risk that, since the sucking flow is continuous and cannot be managed by the operator, if soft tissues are next to the cannula, they are sucked, clogging the cannula itself. The flute cannulas often are inhibited in their function for forming clots around the valves which do not allow any more their opening/closing. As counterindications, often the operator must extract the sucking cannula for restoring the operation, while, in case of occlusion from a clot, the disposable device must be replaced with another new device with related increase of costs: in conclusion, currently, this solution is scarcely safe for the operator and scarcely efficient in checking the sucking function.

[0017] In the inventive system, instead, sucking is regulated by a gate-type valve, which can be easily controlled with a suitable pedal. The sucking flow is not continuous and the operator can manage the various steps depending on the needs dictated by the intervention. When the valve is closed, a depression is created, which amplifies the suction effect upon the first pressure of the pedal, allowing to suck also big clots. The disposable set is single for washing and sucking, while the pedal commands guarantee the lack of occlusion of the cannula or of the set. There are no risks or problems, and there is a total control safety by the operator and a great sucking efficiency; the chamfered cannula for multiple uses made of stainless steel allows its use as palpating tool.

[0018] As described above in detail, therefore, object of the present invention is solving the above prior art problems, by providing a portable system for heating, washing and sucking liquids for laparoscopic and laparotomic surgery, gynecology and urology, which is adapted to be transported, compact, easy to use and at the same time equipped with all required functionalities for this type of hospital operations.

[0019] The above and other objects and advantages of the invention, as will result from the following description, are

obtained with a portable system for heating, washing and sucking liquids for laparoscopic and laparotomic surgery, gynecology and urology as claimed in claim 1. Preferred embodiment and non-trivial variations of the present invention are the subject matter of the dependent claims.

[0020] It is intended that all enclosed claims are an integral part of the present description.

[0021] The present invention will be better described by some preferred embodiments thereof, provided as a non-limiting example, with reference to the enclosed drawings, in which:

[0022] FIG. 1 is a schematic view of a preferred embodiment of the system according to the present invention, in which the component parts are designated with references to blocks;

[0023] FIG. 2 is a front schematic view of a preferred embodiment of the system according to the present invention; and

[0024] FIG. 3 is a side view of the system of FIG. 2.

[0025] With reference to the Figures, a preferred embodiment of the system of the present invention is shown and described.

[0026] It will be immediately obvious that numerous variations and modifications (for example related to shape, sizes, arrangements and parts with equivalent functionality) could be made to what is described, without departing from the scope of the invention, as will appear from the enclosed claims.

[0027] According to the preferred, but not limiting, embodiment as shown, the portable system 1 for heating, washing and sucking liquids (preferably heated sterile physiologic water) for laparoscopic and laparotomic surgery, gynecology and urology according to the present invention comprises:

[0028] at least one trolley 3 for supporting and handling;

[0029] at least one case 5 placed on the trolley 3 and composed of: a first part made as a tank 7 for liquids equipped with an inclined bottom 9 to facilitate the discharge of liquids and the cleaning of the tank 7; and a second part containing at least one peristaltic pump 11 for making a variable jet of liquid inside abdominal cavities, and at least one valve 13 to suck liquids for washing the surgery field;

[0030] at least one container 15 of liquids placed on the trolley 3 and equipped with a double pump 16 for taking and removing liquids into and from the tank 7; and

[0031] at least one device 18 for keeping the temperature of liquids at an established maximum value, preferably 40° C.

[0032] The presence of the double pump 16 in the container 15 of liquids allows saving a lot of time in surgery rooms, enables the use of the inventive system 1 and allows always supplying clean water, free from limestone.

[0033] The inventive system 1 can be further equipped with a displaying device 20 for setting the operating parameters of the system 1 itself. In particular, such displaying device 20 is of the touch-screen type and allows entering operating parameters and commands for the system 1.

[0034] Moreover, the inventive system 1 can be equipped with at least one depurating device 21 for liquids in order to keep them clean upon every loading and emptying passage of the tank 7.

[0035] For a better operation, the case 5 is equipped with two separate covers 22, 24 for the two parts of which it is composed, such covers 22, 24 providing the chance of having different opening widths, with room for the passage of disposable tubes for liquids, in order to avoid that tubes are squashed by possible manouvres.

[0036] In particular, the trolley 3 can be equipped with a plurality, preferably four, of pivoting wheels 26 which can be blocked, for its operating handling.

[0037] Still in particular, the valve 13 for sucking liquids can be of the gate type and is controlled by control means, preferably of the pedal type.

[0038] Finally, the system 1 can also be equipped with a blocking device for the case 5 to prevent it from possibly falling.

[0039] With the inventive system 1, it is thereby possible to use hot liquids, in particular water for this type of application, with the following clinical advantages:

[0040] 1) Compression: the saline solution quickly washes the surgery field and dilutes the clots, allowing the sucking system to also remove the biggest clots. It also reduces the concentration of peritoneal liquids, the formation of displasies and protects the peritoneum from lesions. Moreover, compressed hot water helps keeping the optics clean.

[0041] 2) Thermo-hemostasis: the use of a saline solution at 40° C. during the whole intervention removes the risks of hypothermia and accelerates biologic hemostases.

[0042] 3) Hydrodissection: the outlet pressure of the saline solution between 0 and 1.5 bar allows separating the tissues in adhesiolysis episodes.

[0043] 4) Hydroprotection: in destruction procedures of peritoneal pathologies, such as laser, CO2 or bipolar electrocoagulation, the saline solution can protect the structures below, like pelvic cavity, urether, prostate and rectum vessels.

[0044] 5) Hydro-floatation: in gynecology, due to fertility problems of the Douglas, a sub-aquatic inspection is necessary, and in any type of surgery the sub-aquatic inspection of the surgery field is very useful, in modo to point out possible hemorrhages.

[0045] 6) Waking up: in cooperation with anesthesiologists, from 100 to 300 cc of saline solution are left in the peritoneal cavity: this allows a quick rehydration of the peritoneum, replaces and complements the intravenous perfusion.

[0046] 7) Pain killing: the use of a hot saline solution at 40° C. during the whole intervention and the final filling of the abdominal cavity enable the last cc CO2 to go out and almost completely remove post-surgery pains.

[0047] In conclusion, from the clinical point of view, the use of a washing system which allows the immediate setting through a display both of the temperature (from ambient to 40° C.), and of the flow-rate, allows the operator to always have the chance of adequately acting in the various steps of the intervention, without useless and risky waits. In the conclusive step, all physiologic solution can be used which is necessary for the sub-aquatic inspection, without lowering the patient's body temperature. The patient already subjected to CO2 blowing at a lower temperature than his body temperature does not risk any hypothermia even during long interventions. The anesthesiologists therefore are facilitated during the whole intervention, and the patient will have a sweeter wake-up and practically absent post-surgery pains.

[0048] As regards commercial advantages, the inventive system gives the opportunity to propose a single apparatus which provides for the use of a hot physiologic solution, while the system itself is not a further expense with respect to already used systems, but rather an alternative with not comparable performances which are much greater.

[0049] A further feature of the inventive system is that, differently from prior art systems in which liquids are heated, the system of the invention performs a “bain marie” heating, in which the physiologic solution practically passes from the bags in which it has originally been supplied, directly into the patient, guaranteeing a higher sterility safety.

[0050] Some preferred embodiments of the present invention have been previously shown and described: numerous variations and modifications, functionally equivalent to the previous ones, will immediately appear to the skilled people in the art, and fall within the scope of the invention as appears from the enclosed claims. For example, the inventive system 1 can be adapted to operate with a dedicated disposable circuit (not shown) with a bar code reading to activate the system 1 itself for four hours, and with steel cannulas having different sizes and which can be re-used.

1. Portable system (1) for heating, washing and sucking liquids for laparoscopic and laparotomic surgery, gynecology and urology, comprising:

at least one case (5) composed of: a first part made as a tank (7) for liquids; and a second part containing at least one peristaltic pump (11) for sending a variable jet of liquid inside abdominal cavities, and at least one valve (13) for sucking liquids for washing the surgery field;

characterized in that said system (1) further comprises:

at least one trolley (3) for supporting and handling, said case (5) being placed on said trolley (3) and said tank (7) being equipped with an inclined bottom to enable discharging liquids and cleaning the tank (7);

at least one container (15) of liquids placed on said trolley (3) and equipped with a double pump (16) for taking and removing liquids into and from said tank (7); and

at least one device (18) for keeping the temperature of liquids at an established maximum value, said device (18) heating both said container (15) and said tank (7).

2. System (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that it is further equipped with a displaying device (20) for setting the operating parameters of the system (1).

3. System (1) according to claim 2, characterized in that said displaying device (20) is of the touch-screen type and allows entering operating parameters and commands for

4. System (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that it is further equipped with at least one depurating device (21) for liquids in order to keep them clean upon every loading and emptying passage of said tank (7).

5. System (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that said case (5) is equipped with two separate covers (22, 24) for the two parts of which it is composed, said covers (22, 24) providing the chance of having different opening widths, with room for the passage of disposable tubes for liquids, in order to avoid that such tubes are squashed by possible manoeuvres.

6. System (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that said trolley (3) is equipped with a plurality, preferably four, of pivoting wheels (26) capable of being blocked, for its operating handling.

7. System (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that said system (1) is further equipped with a blocking device of the case (5) for preventing its possible fall.

8. System (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that said valve (13) for sucking liquids is of the gate type and is controlled by control means, preferably of the pedal type.

9. System (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that the temperature of liquids is set at a maximum value of 40° C.

10. System (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that said liquids are composed of heated sterile physiologic water.

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专利名称(译)	便携式系统，用于加热，清洗和吸入液体，用于腹腔镜和剖腹手术，妇科和泌尿科		
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摘要(译)

描述了一种便携式系统（1），用于加热，清洗和抽吸用于腹腔镜和剖腹手术，妇科和泌尿科的液体，包括：用于支撑和支撑的手推车（3）。处理；一个案例（5）放在手推车上（3），由第一部分制成罐子（7），用于配备液体的液体倾斜的底部（9），以便排出液体和清洗水箱（7）；第二部分包含至少一个蠕动泵（11），用于在腹腔内发送可变的液体射流，以及至少一个用于吸入液体的阀门（13）洗手术区；一个容器（15）放置在手推车上（3）并装有双泵（16），用于取出液体并将液体取出从坦克（7）；以及用于将液体温度保持在设定的最大值的装置（18）。

