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[54] **METHOD FOR DEYDRATING VEGETIVE MATTER**

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[57] ABSTRACT

A method for dehydrating vegetive matter including the steps of heating a liquid medium to a predetermined temperature; applying negative pressure to the liquid medium; and placing the matter to be dehydrated in the liquid medium to cause dehydration thereof. An apparatus for dehydrating matter having a vessel having an internal vacuum chamber adapted to receive a liquid medium; a system for applying a negative pressure to said liquid medium; a system for heating the liquid medium; and an assembly for placing matter to be dehydrated in the liquid medium to cause dehydration thereof.

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