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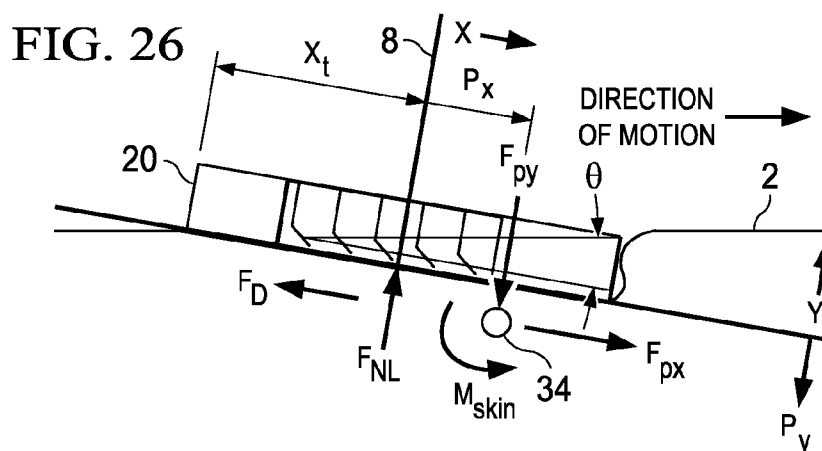
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(57) Abstract: A razor blade assembly connected to a handle via a linkage mechanism is provided including a razor cartridge that rotates about a virtual pivot axis. The linkage mechanism is suspended from the handle for rotating the cartridge about the virtual pivot axis. The virtual pivot axis is positioned in a virtual pivot axis region located forward of the cartridge midpoint toward the front edge of the cartridge and into the skin. The virtual pivot axis region is defined by a first boundary and a second boundary.