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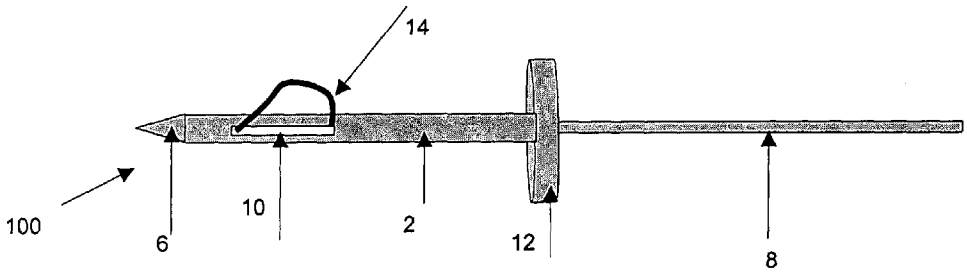
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(57) **Abstract:** A suturing device is disclosed. The suturing device comprises a shaft with a proximal end and a distal end and a passage extending therebetween disposed on a longitudinal axis. A rod is disposed within the shaft passage and is capable of moving axially along the longitudinal axis. A loop-forming opening extends partly along the shaft and into the shaft passage, and is disposed proximal to the distal end. A stop is disposed between the rod and the distal end. A resiliently flexible wire is coupled to the rod and to the stop. In use, movement of the rod towards the distal end compresses the wire against the stop to form a suture-receiving loop extending from the loop-forming opening and wherein movement of the rod towards the proximal end retracts the suture-receiving loop from the loop-forming opening to move the wire into the shaft.

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