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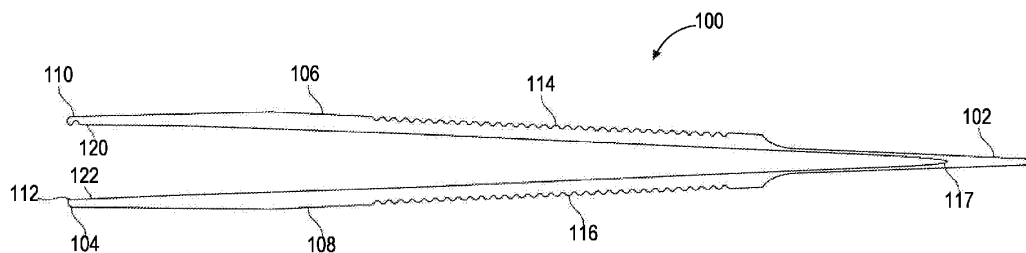


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: The invention involves forceps having rounded grasping tips. The rounded tips are configured to avoid puncturing an amniotic membrane during insertion over an ocular surface for the treatment of dry eye disease and inflammation of the eyes and to avoid injuring the conjunctiva during removal of an amniotic membrane from the ocular surface. The forceps have grasping tips at its distal end, wherein one of the grasping tips has a notch on its inside surface. The dimensions of the notch are configured to permit an eye doctor to securely and safely grasp a lip of an amniotic membrane insert for better insertion and removal from an ocular surface.

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