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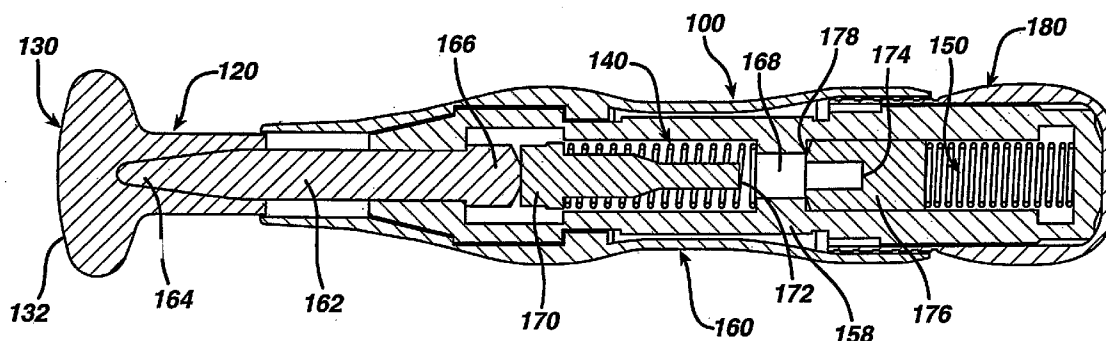
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(57) Abstract: A device including a micro -protrusion member having a skin- contacting surface and plurality of stratum corneum-
piercing microprotrusions thereon suitable to treat skin disorders, such as acne.

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1. claim: 17

a microprotusion member comprising an anti-acne agent

2. claims: 18-22

a stratum corneum piercing device

3. claim: 27

a device comprising a handle, at least one stratum corneum
piercing microprotusion and a compressible cover

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