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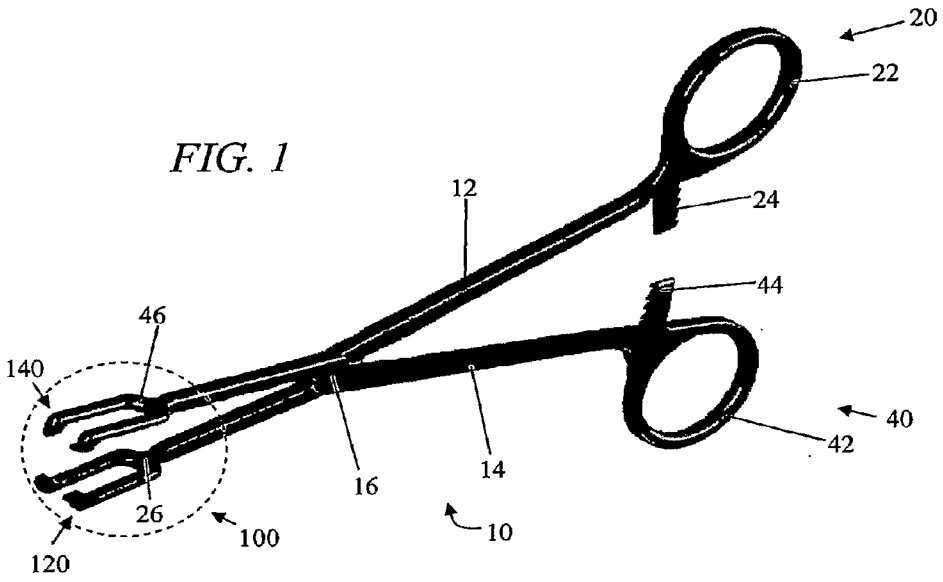


FIG. 1

(57) Abstract: A novel surgical instrument for holding a flexible implant is provided, as is a novel flexible implant to be held by such instrument. The novel surgical instrument comprises flexible implant hooks. The flexible implant comprises one or more apertures, which are used to hang the flexible implant on the flexible implant hooks of the instrument. The instrument is adapted to hold the implant, deliver it to a tissue and hold it in place while a surgeon makes a surgical repair using the flexible implant.

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