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(54) **STYLUS ASSEMBLY**

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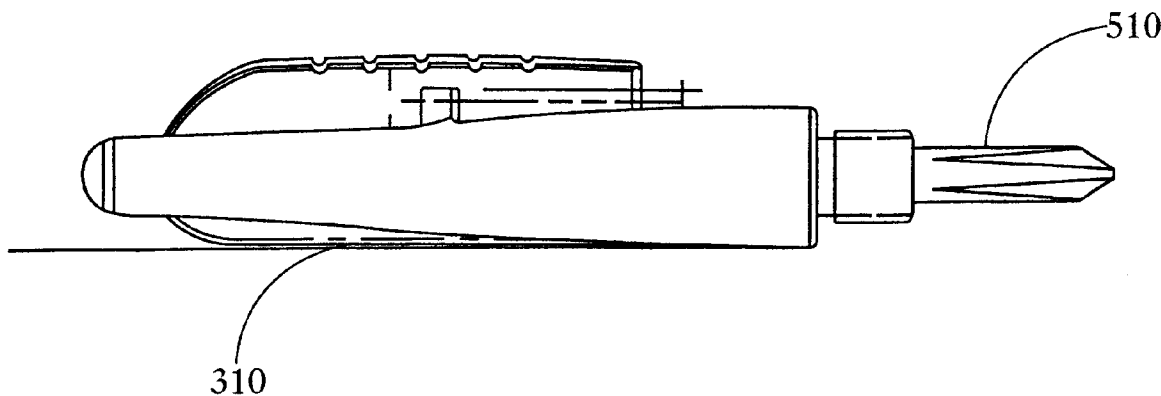
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A stylus assembly adapted to enter data into an electronic device and provide a user with a tool to access the electronic device to maintain and/or repair the electronic device. The stylus assembly includes a stylus body and a stylus point coupled to the stylus body. The stylus point further includes a first end for entering data into an electronic device, such as a personal data assistant, and a second end coupled to the stylus body. A tool is then detachably coupled to one of the stylus body and the second end of the stylus point. When the tool is not accessing the electronic device and the stylus body and the stylus point are coupled together the tool is disposed within the other of the stylus point and the stylus body to which it is not attached.

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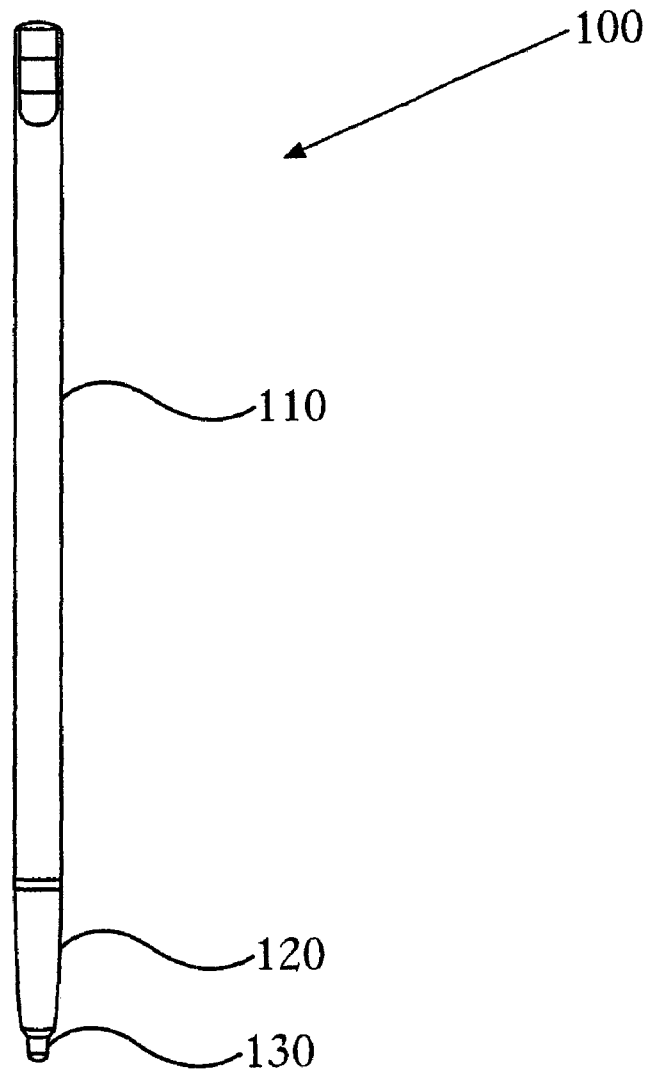


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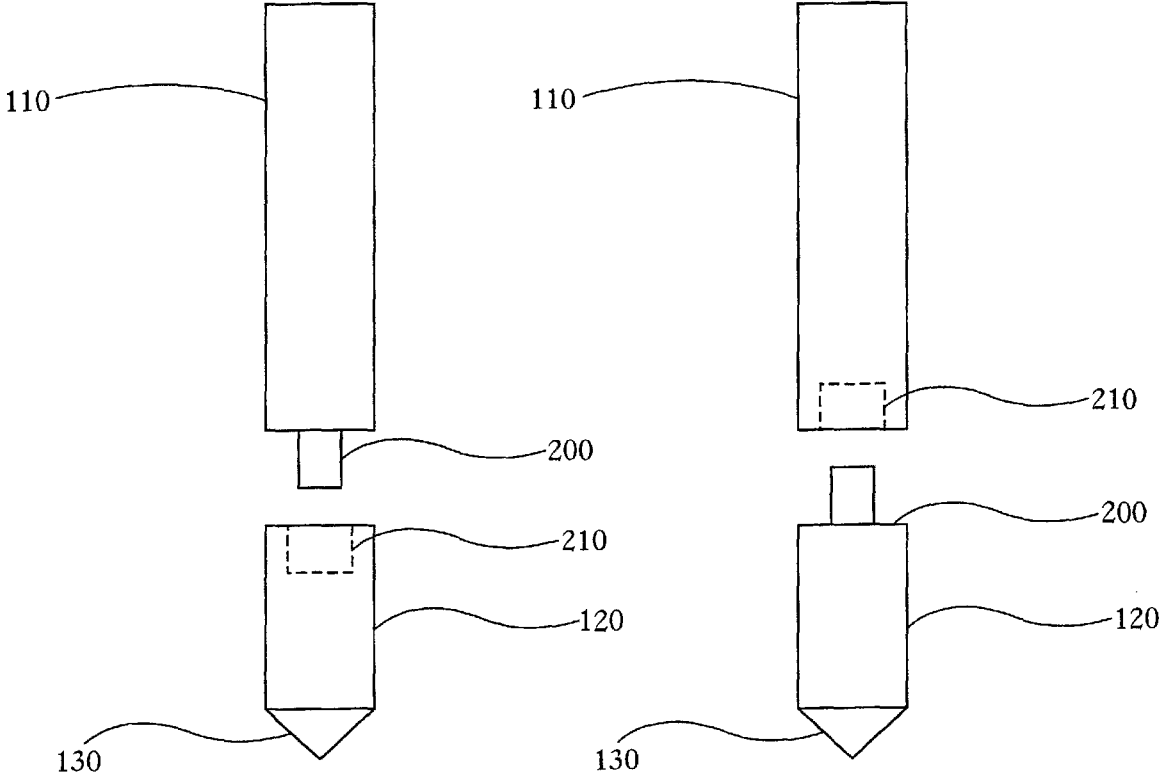


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FIGURE 2B

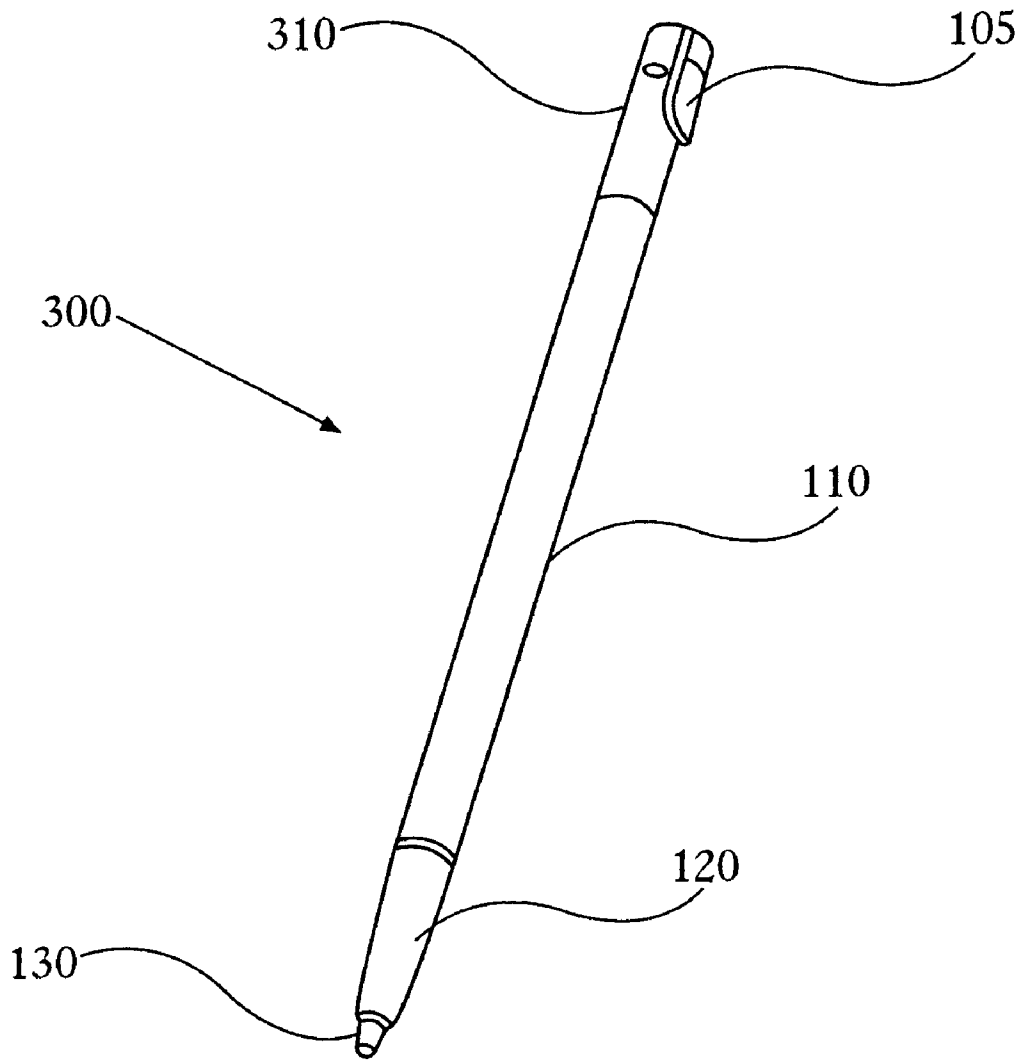


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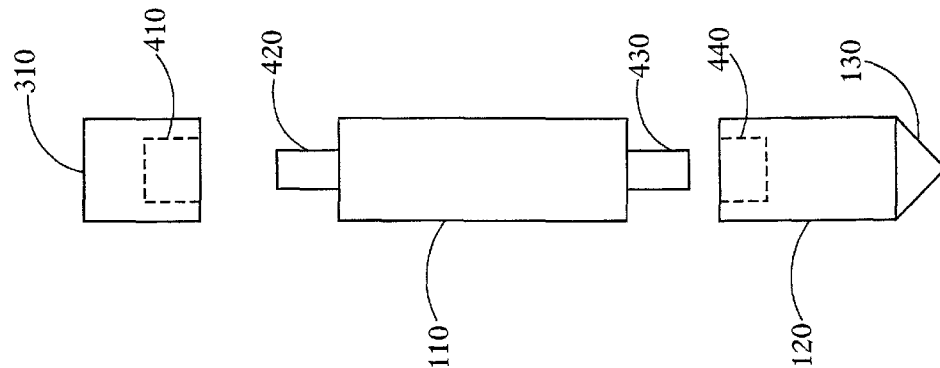


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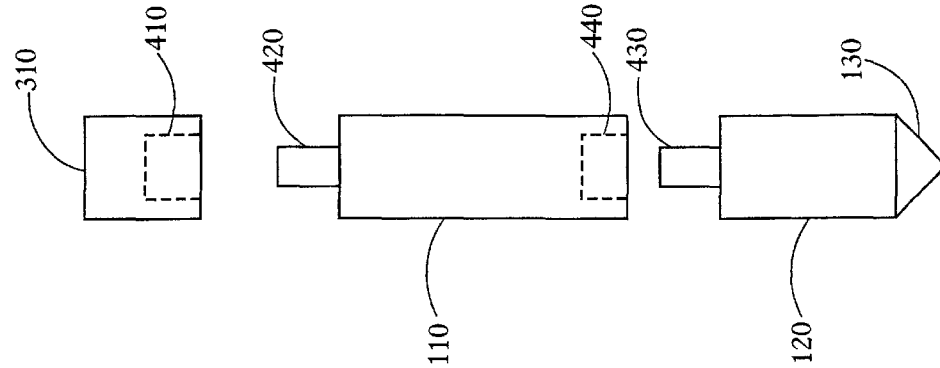


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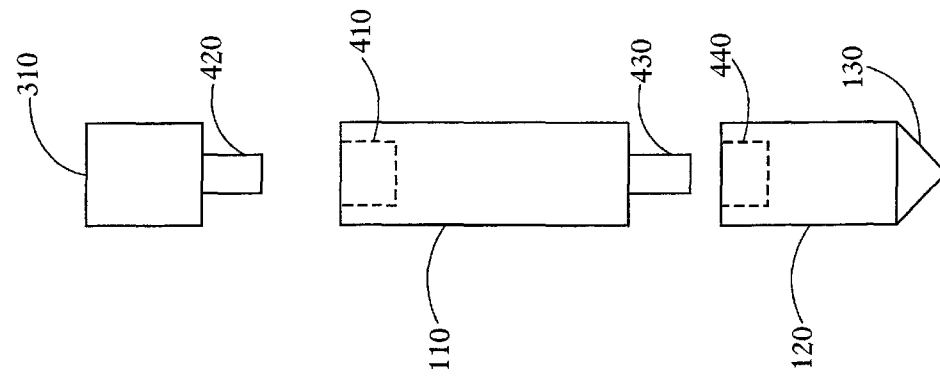


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