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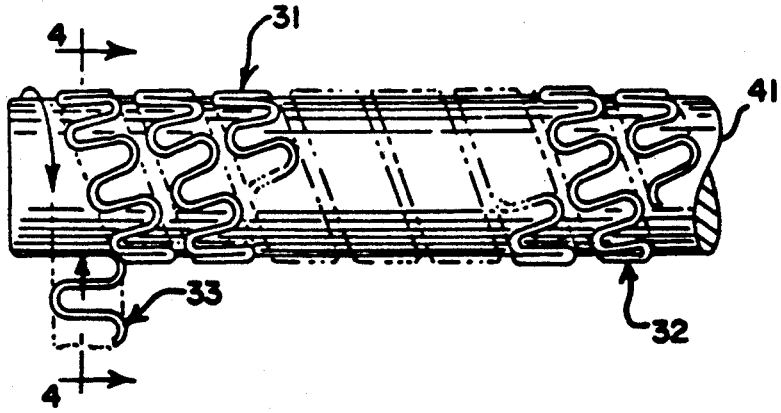
[57] **ABSTRACT**

Radially expandable endoprostheses or stents are provided, as well as their method of manufacture. These stents include a plurality of adjacent generally circumferential sections that are substantially axially positioned with respect to each other. At least one of the generally circumferential sections has a generally circumferentially disposed expandable segment that imparts circumferential and radial expandability to the stent.

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