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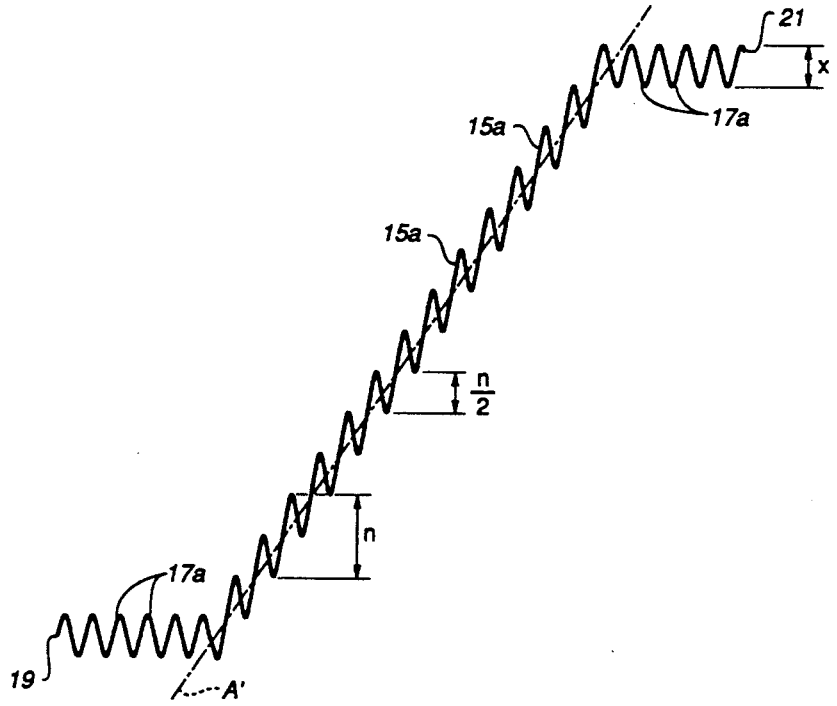
[57] **ABSTRACT**

A vascular stent includes at least one filament formed into a wave-like pattern, the filament being wound into a substantially spiral shape; and a device for connecting at least one end of the filament to slide on a another portion of the filament so as to form a hoop at each end of the spiral shape.

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