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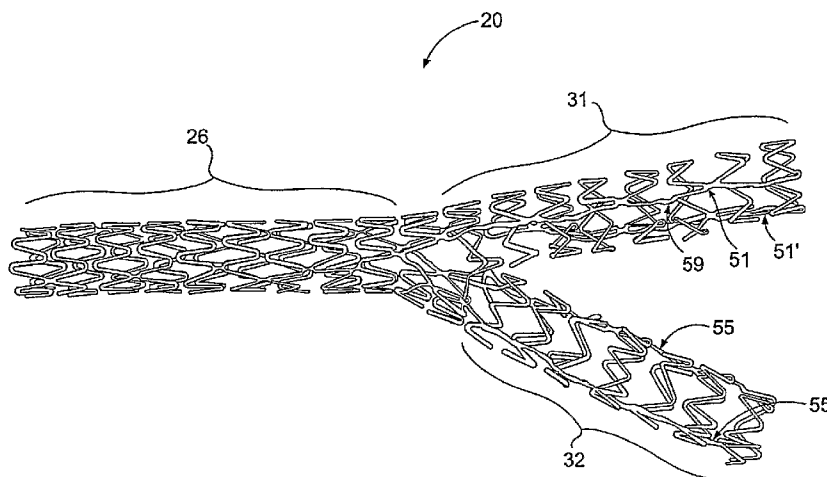
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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention concerns a novel bifurcated (20) stent apparatus for use in treating lesions at or near a bifurcation point in bifurcated vessel. More particularly, a dedicated bifurcation stent apparatus is fabricated from a single tube structure for use in a bifurcated body vessel having a main lumen and a side lumen. The stent apparatus includes a first stent portion (26) comprised of a first stent pattern that is configured for radial expansion into a generally cylindrical main body. A second stent portion is integrally formed with the first stent portion, and includes a second stent pattern configured to form a first branch leg (31) and a second branch leg (32). Collectively, the first stent portion, and the branch legs form a crocodile cut shape. Each branch leg is of a cylindrical shell-shaped arc segment in a first condition, and each of the first branch leg and the second branch leg is patterned for manipulation and radial expansion, in a second condition, into a generally cylindrical first body and a generally cylindrical second body, respectively.



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