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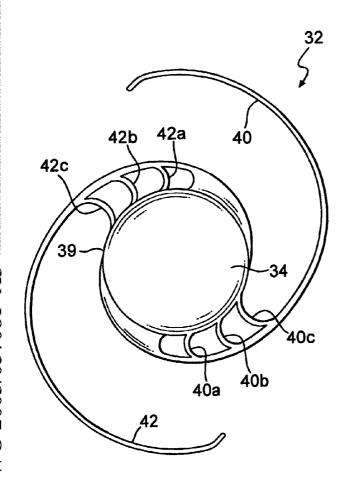
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(57) Abstract: An IOL (32) having at least one, but preferably a plurality of frangible structures (40a,b,c;42a,b,c) formed between the haptics (40,42) and optic of the IOL (34) wherein one or more of the frangible structures may be selectively severed in-vivo to adjust the position of the IOL in the eye which, in turn, adjusts the focal power of the IOL in-vivo in a controlled and predictable manner.

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