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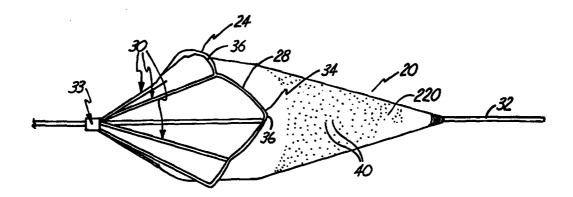
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A device (20) adapted for deployment in a body vessel for collecting floating debris and emboli in a filter. The device (20) includes a collapsible proximally tapered frame (24) for operably supporting the filter (22) between a collapsed insertion profile and an expanded deployment profile. The tapered collapsible frame (24) includes a mouth (28) which is sized to extend to walls of the body vessel in the expanded deployed profile to seal the filter (22) relative to the body vessel for collecting debris floating in the body vessel.

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