

ILLUSTRATIONS OF ANATOMY  
OF  
JOINTED CACTUS.  
PHOTOGRAPHS AND DRAWINGS  
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Fig 1.      Jointed Cactus on commonage at Uitenhage.

Fig 2.      Close view of plant showing jointed stems,  
areoles, thorns and new growth (7) (Photo taken  
November).

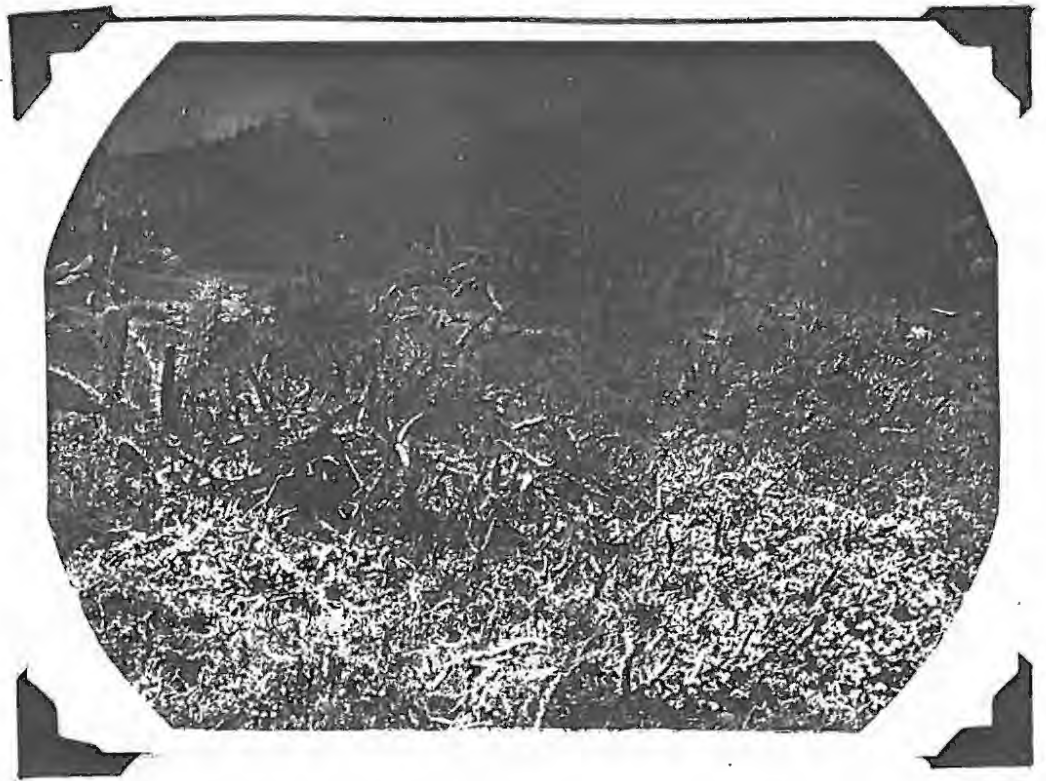


Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

Fig.3a. Long main joint bearing several shorter joints  
and fruit, f.

Fig.3b. Plant from vegetatively propagated joint.

Fig.3c. Flower. Young flower (f), and vegetative (v) buds  
areole (a)



Fig. 3a.



Fig. 3b.



Fig. 4a. Joint bearing fruit and a young shoot.

Fig. 4b. Flower (natural size).

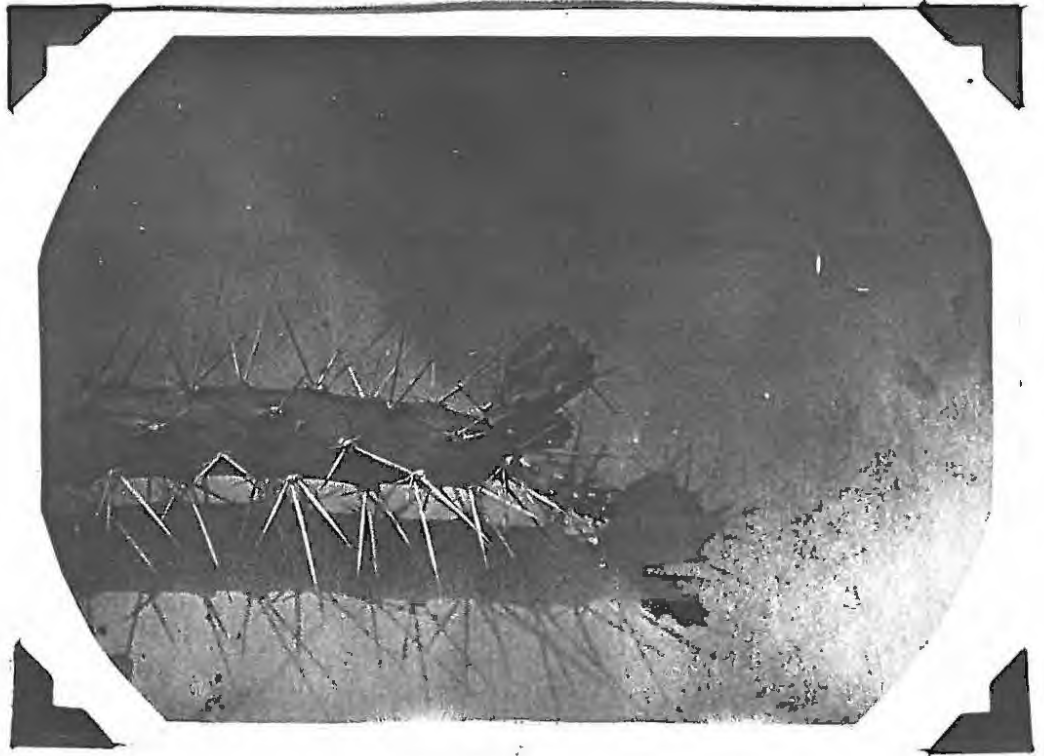


Fig 5a. Very young joint bearing leaves.  
l. leaf; t. tubercle, (swollen part of joint  
at base of leaf).  
a. areole; th. first thorns

Fig 5b. Tubercle and leaf.  
t. tubercle; l. leaf; th. first two thorns  
on either side of leaf; th<sub>2</sub>. third thorn in  
centre of areole; tr. trichomes.

Fig 6. Tip of thorn showing cells projecting out-  
wards to form barbs.

Fig 7. Young flower bud.  
s. sepals; ov. ovary wall; a. areole; l. leaf;  
th. thorn.

Fig 8a. Fruit. x1/2

Fig 8b. Fruit cut open.  
a. areole; th. thorn; b. bristles; ov. ovary wall;  
t. top of ovary; o. ovary cavity; s. seeds in mass  
inside ovary.

Fig 8c. Withered perianth attached to cone-like base  
formed by the abscission of the top of the  
receptacle.

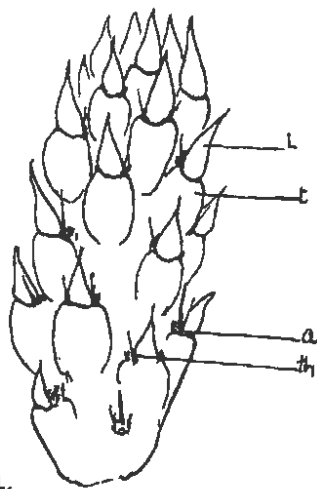


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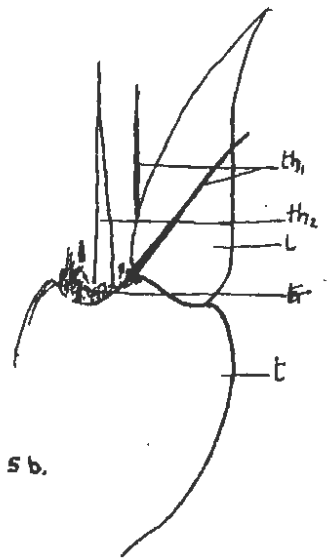


Fig. 5b.



Fig. 6.

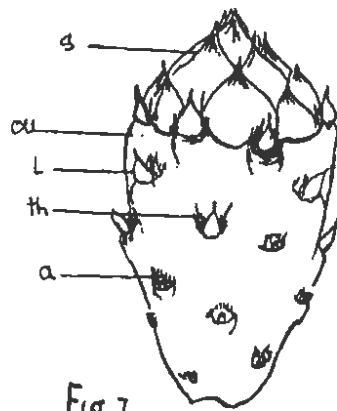


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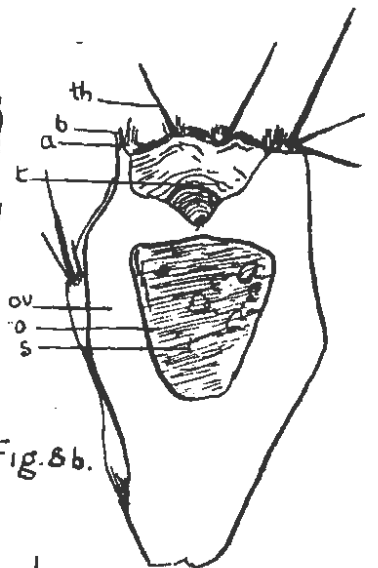


Fig. 8b.



Fig. 8c.

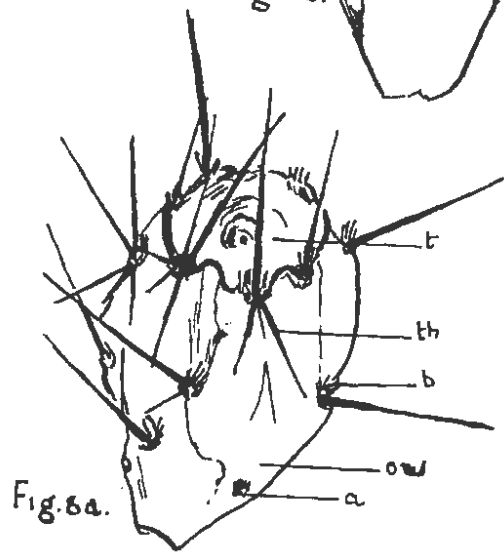


Fig. 8a.

Fig 9. Longitudinal section of young vegetative bud. X50

gp. growing point; l. leaf; co. calcium oxalate crystals.

Fig 10. Longitudinal section of growing point of vegetative shoot. X150

gp. growing point; th. thorn from developing areole; vl. vascular bundle of leaf; t. tubercle, the swollen portion of the joint at the base of the leaf in the young joint.



Fig 9.

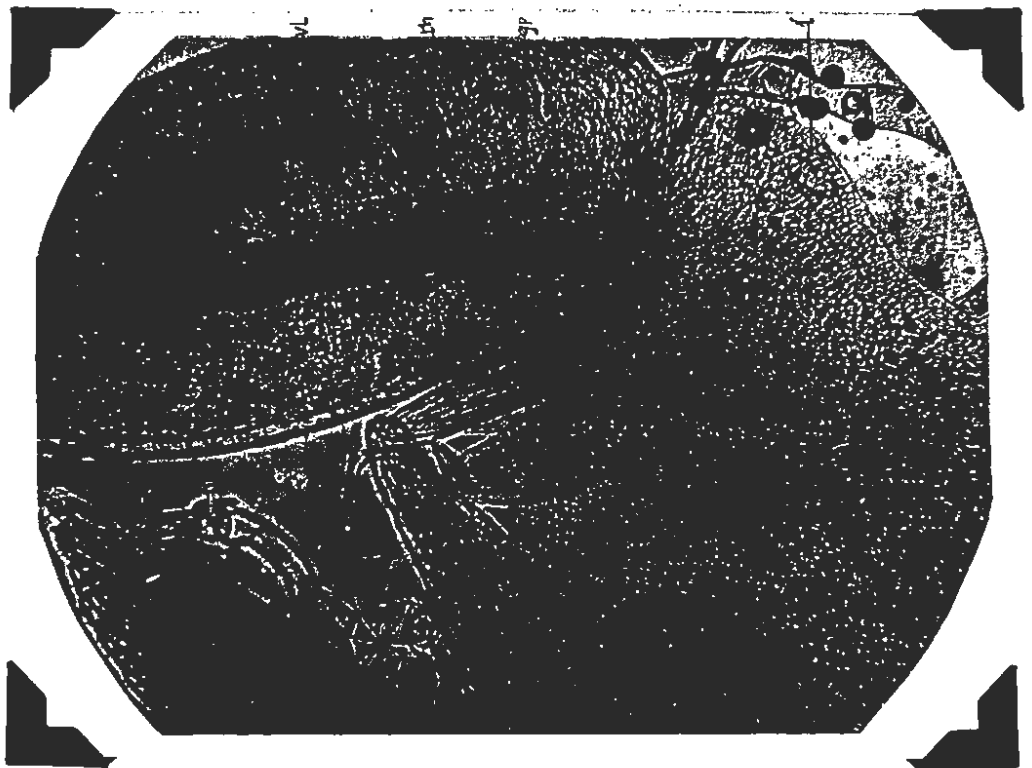


Fig 10.

Fig 11. Tangential section of leaf and leafbase  
showing leaf abscission. X150.

a. region of abscission; vb. vascular bundle  
of leaf; l. leaf.

Fig 12. Longitudinal section of well developed areole. X50

th. base of thorn; tr. trichomes; b. bristle  
cl. layer of cork beneath areole appendages.  
m. meristematic tissue of areole;  
co. calcium oxalate crystals.

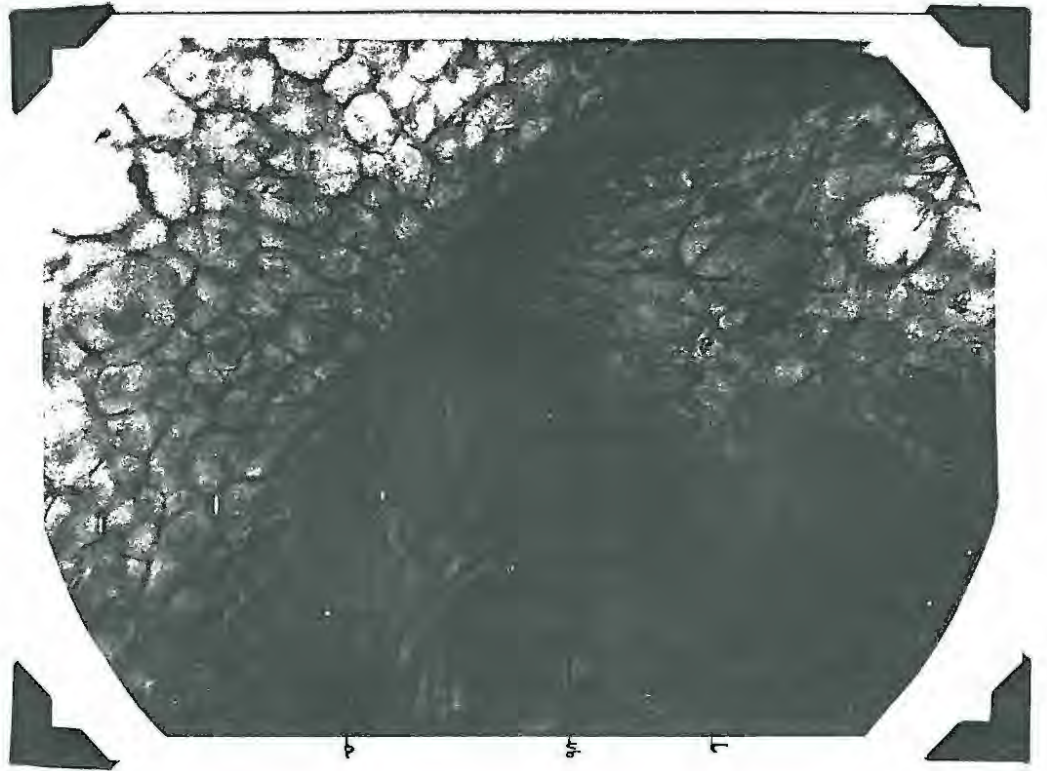


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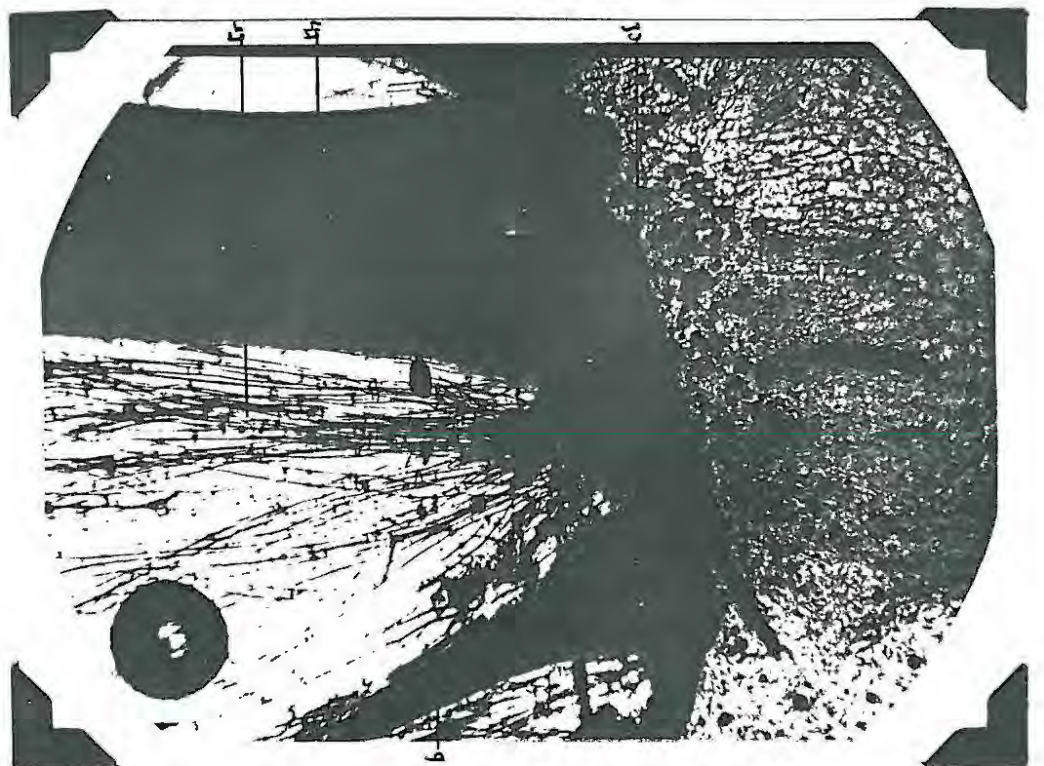


Fig 12.

Fig 13.

Surface view of epidermis x900

co. calcium oxalate crystals. These occur in the first layer of hypoderm below the epidermis, which is not separated from the hypoderm when strapped from the plant. The calcium oxalate seriously hinders the clarity of the view.

sc. subsidiary cell; gc. guard cell.

N.B. Stomata are shut.

Fig 14.

Diagram of stoma showing surface and transverse views.

sc. subsidiary cells; pr. projection of subsidiary cells above guard cells; pu. projection of sub. cells below guard cells; gc. guard cell  
p. closed pore; c. cuticle of epidermis;  
c<sub>2</sub>. cuticle of respiratory ~~cavity~~ or sub-stomatal cavity.

pa. projection of subsidiary cells above stoma.



Fig 13.

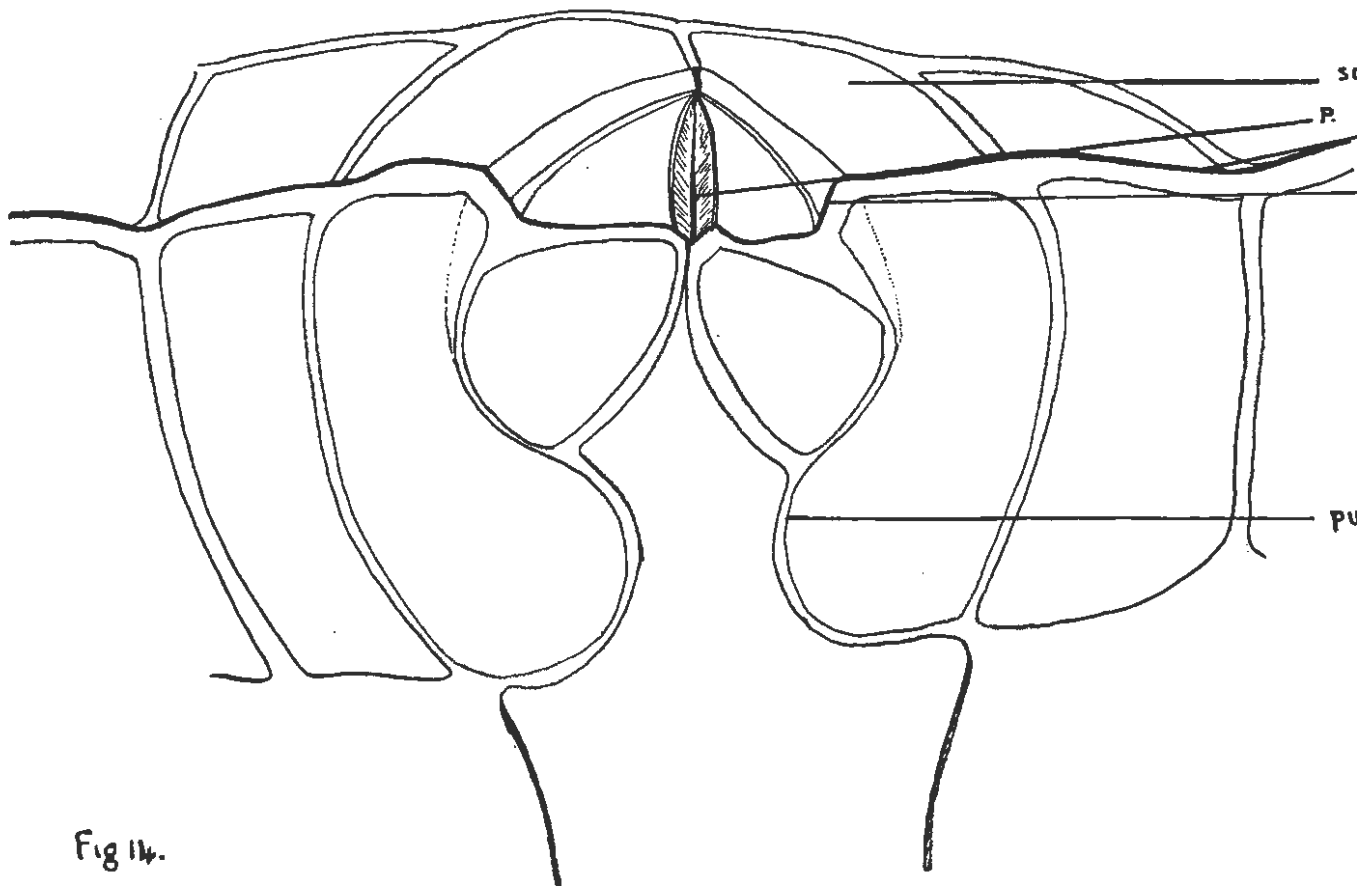


Fig 14.

Fig 15. Transverse section of young joint. X 150.

h. hypodermis, walls not yet thickened;  
cl. assimilating tissue of cortex; vb.  
vascular bundle; m. mucilage cell of medulla;  
m<sub>2</sub>. mucilage cell of cortex.

Fig 16. T.S. of vascular bundle of young joint. X 700

ph. phloem; px. protoxylem; mc. possible  
lysogenous origin of mucilage canal.

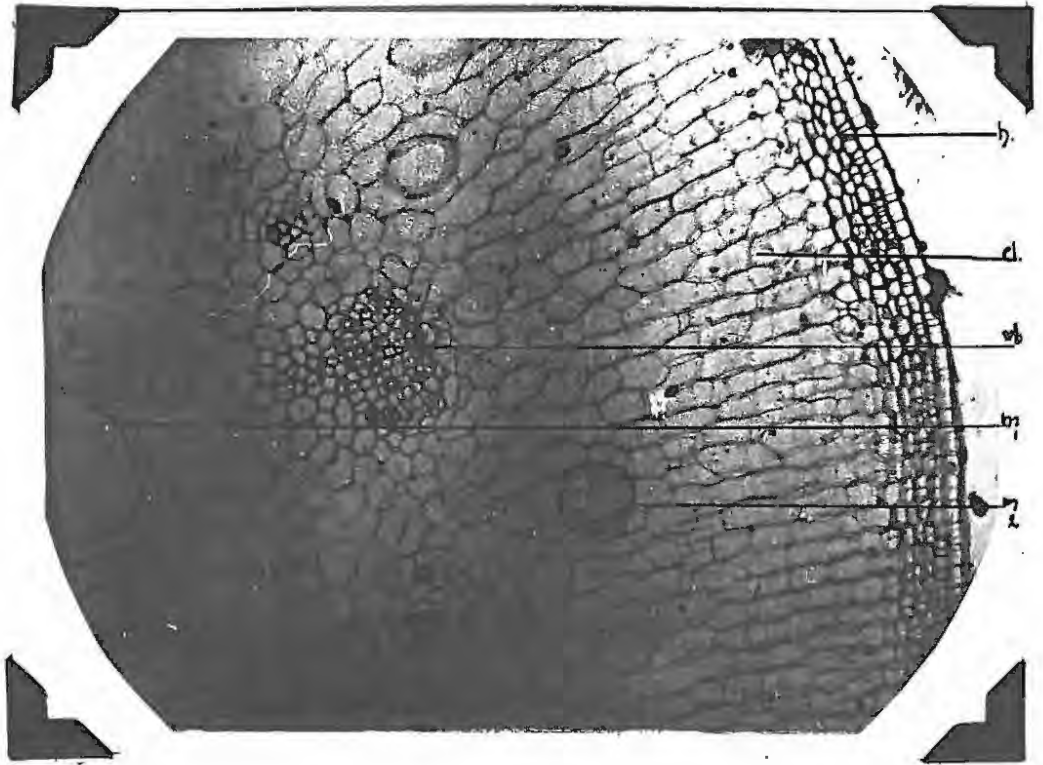


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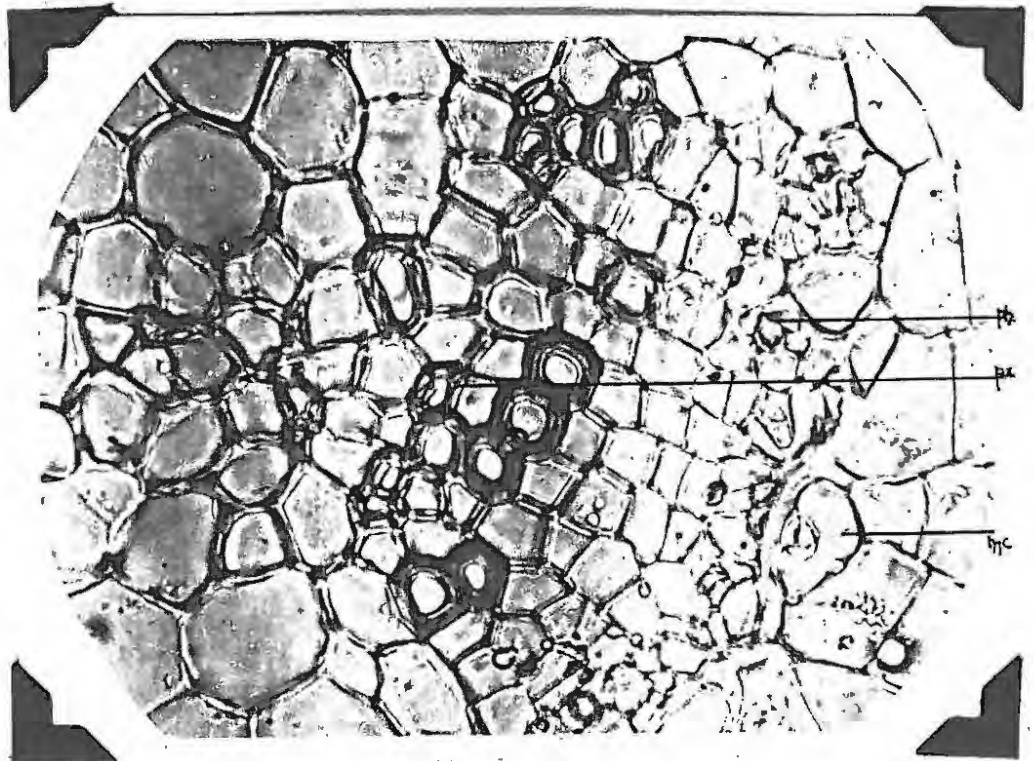


Fig 16.

Fig 17.

T.S. stage I of developing stoma. Mother cell has divided to give potential guard cells. g.c. X700

sc. subsidiary cells; rc. schizogenous formation of respiratory cavity; h. hypoderm, thickening of cell walls commencing.

Fig 18.

T.S. stage II of developing stoma X700.

th. thickening of guard cells which now start to round off.  
c. cuticle (slightly thicker than natural owing to focusing)

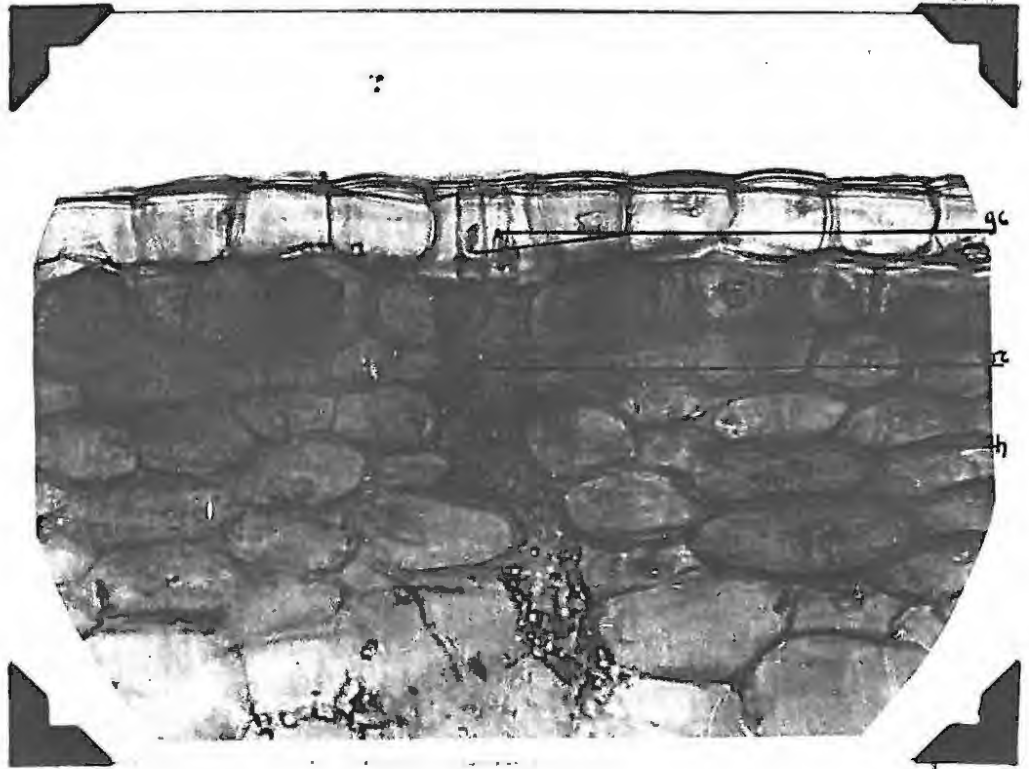


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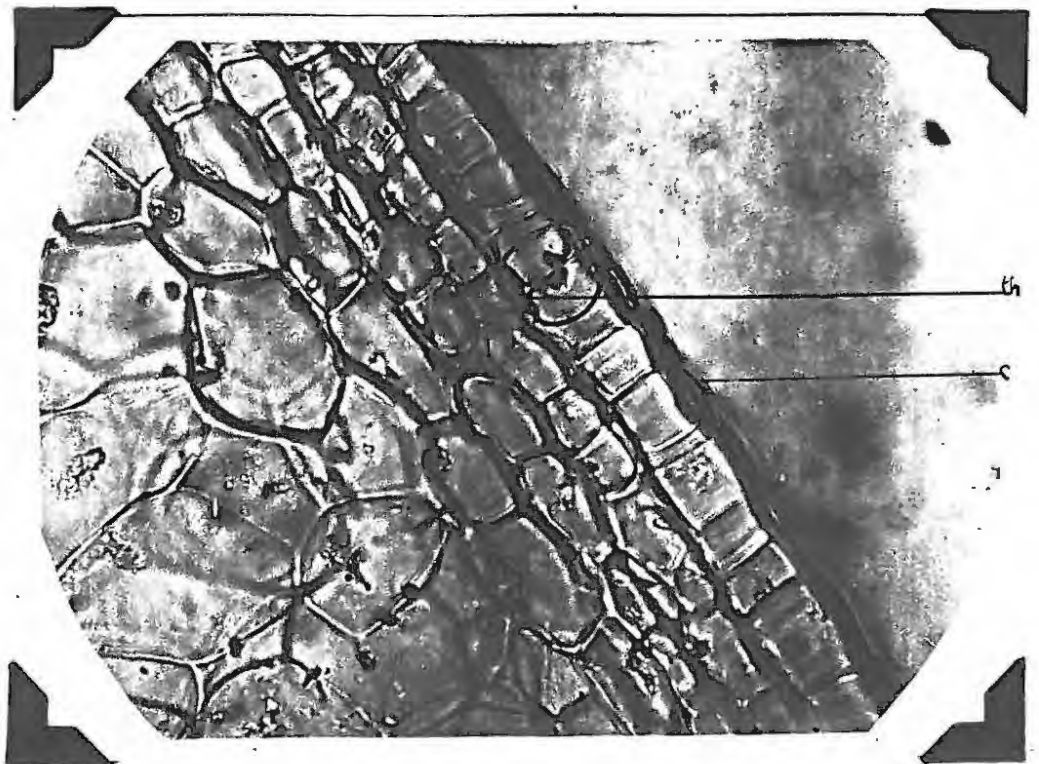


Fig 18.

Fig 19.

T.S. stage III, developing stoma. X100  
(Respiratory cavity does not show up very  
well.)

Fig 20.

T.S. stage IV, developing stoma. X700

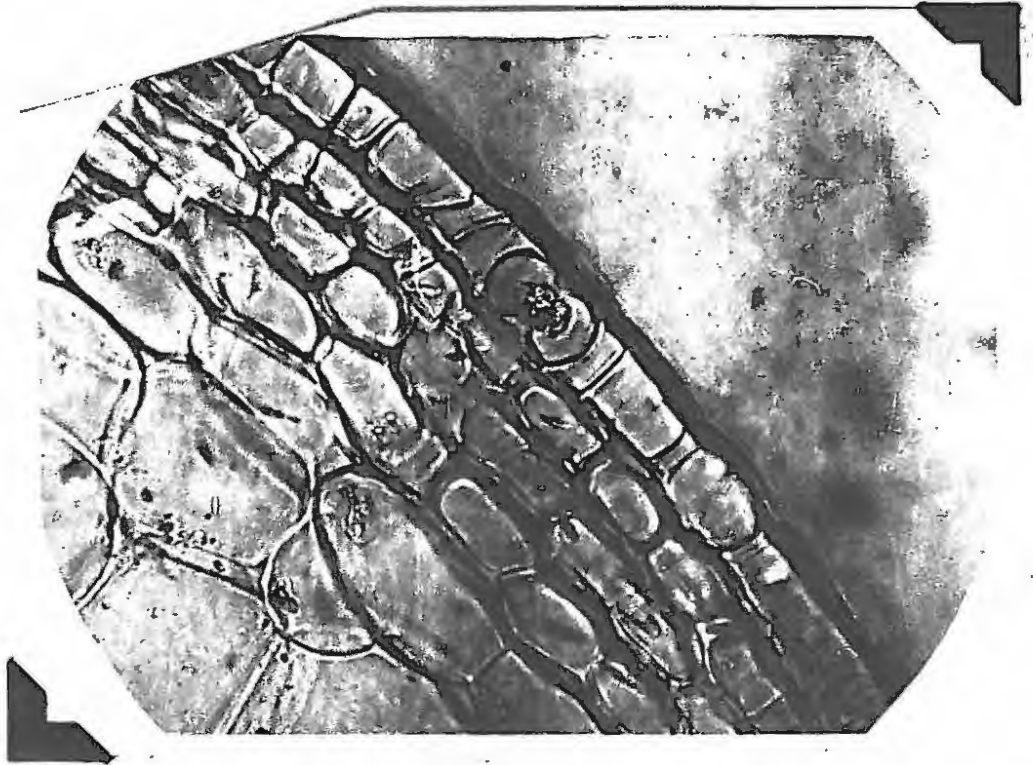


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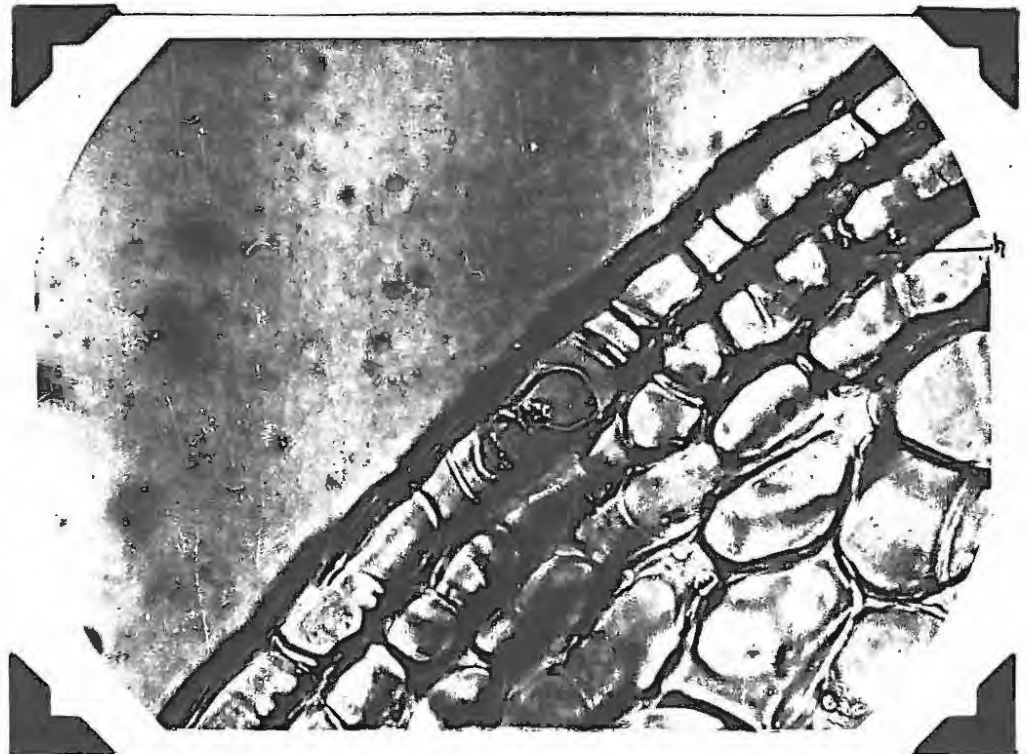


Fig 20.

Fig 21.

T.S. of stoma of well developed joint. X700

g.c. guard cell; sc. subsidiary cell;  
co. calcium oxalate crystal in hypoderm  
below epidermis; h. collenchyma of hypoderm  
r.c. respiratory cavity; c. cuticle layer  
lining respiratory cavity; cx. first cells  
of cortex below hypodermis.

Fig 22.

T.S. of stoma of old joint. X700

c. cuticle <sup>of epidermis,</sup> thicker than in fig 22;  
gcw. thickened wall of guard cell;  
sb. subsidiary cell growing in below guard  
cells; p. large simple pit in hypoderm  
collenchyma; tw. thickened wall of hypoderm



Fig 21.

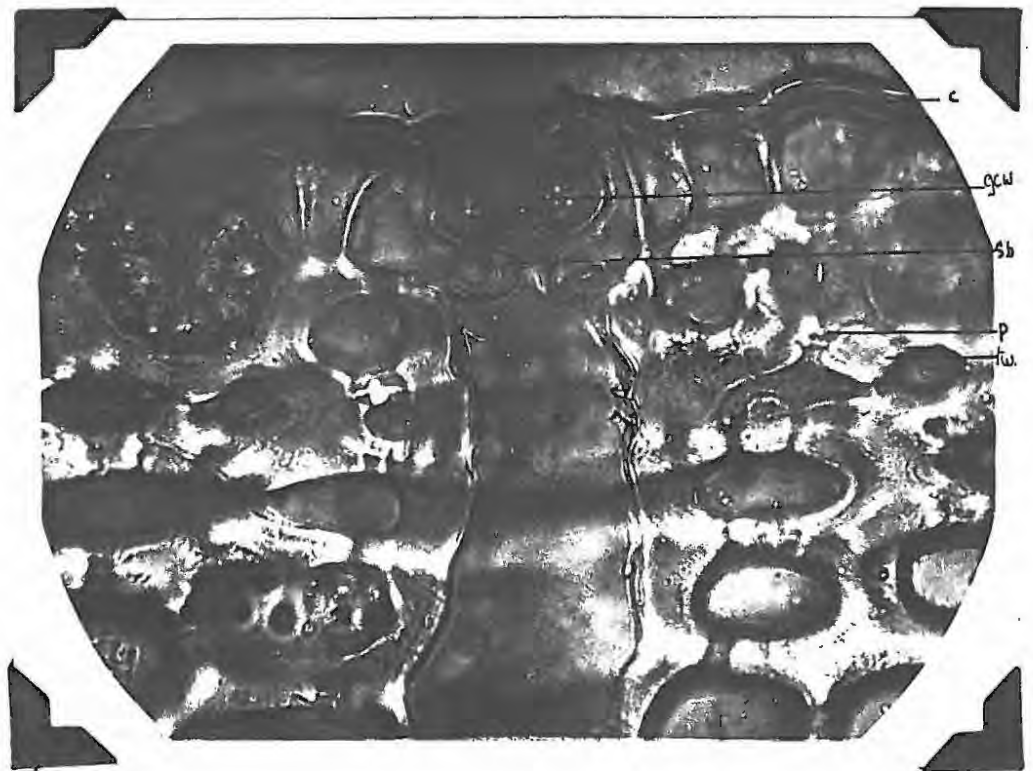


Fig 22.

Fig 23.

Diagram of conducting system of joint in longitudinal view.

a. areole; e. epidermis on outside of joint.  
lt. leaf trace to areole; lj. joining of leaf trace; sv. secondary vascular strads to areole from main trace (These eventually ~~will~~ form the vascular supply to the new joint from the areole)  
tv. reticulation of tracheids between vascular strads

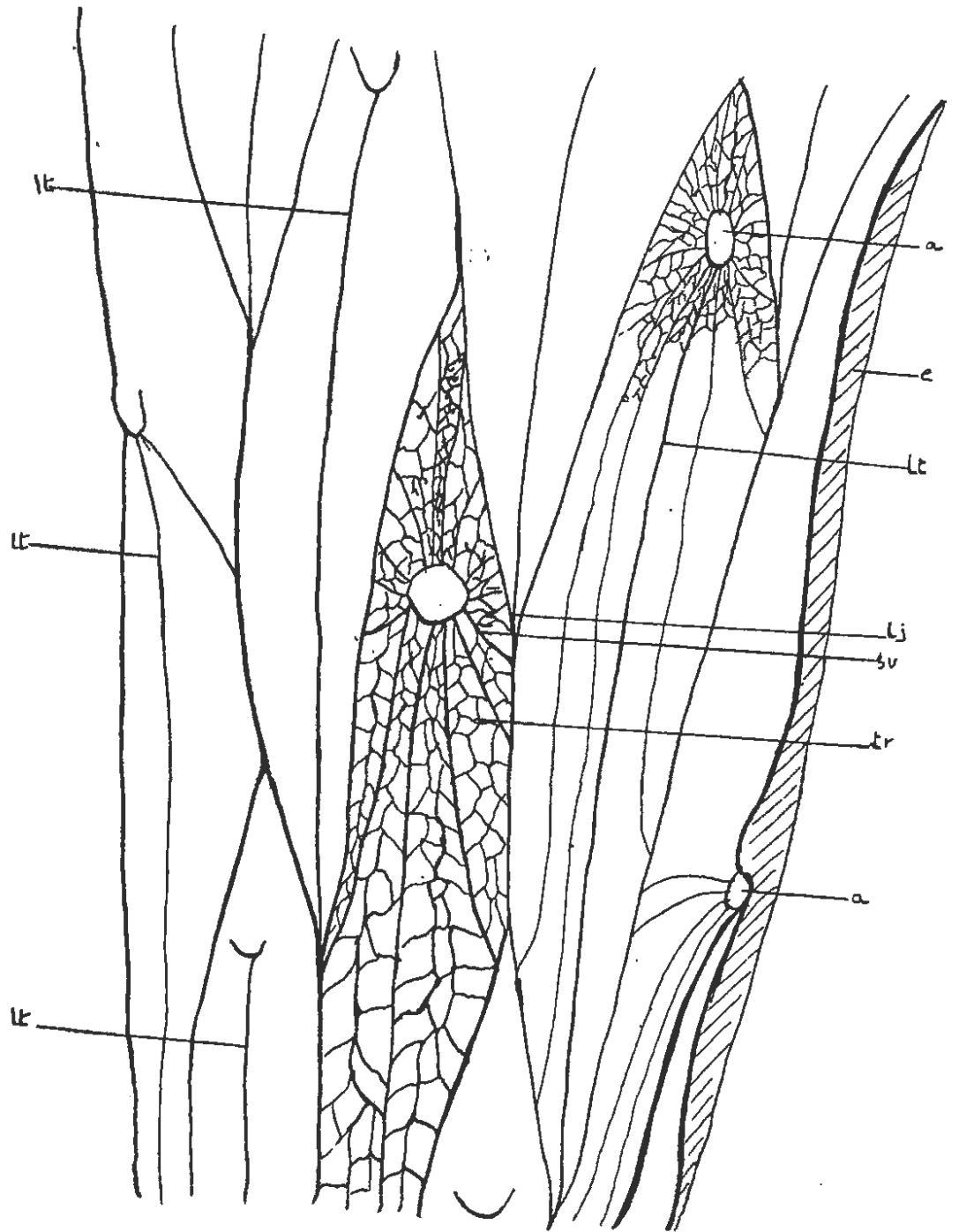


Fig 23.

Fig 24. L.S. of two vascular strands with reticulation  
of tracheids between. X50  
tr. tracheids; vb. vascular bundle;  
co. calcium oxalate crystal.

Fig.25. Tracheids which form the reticulation between  
vascular strands. X700  
t. tracheid;  
p. large celled parenchyma of ground tissue.

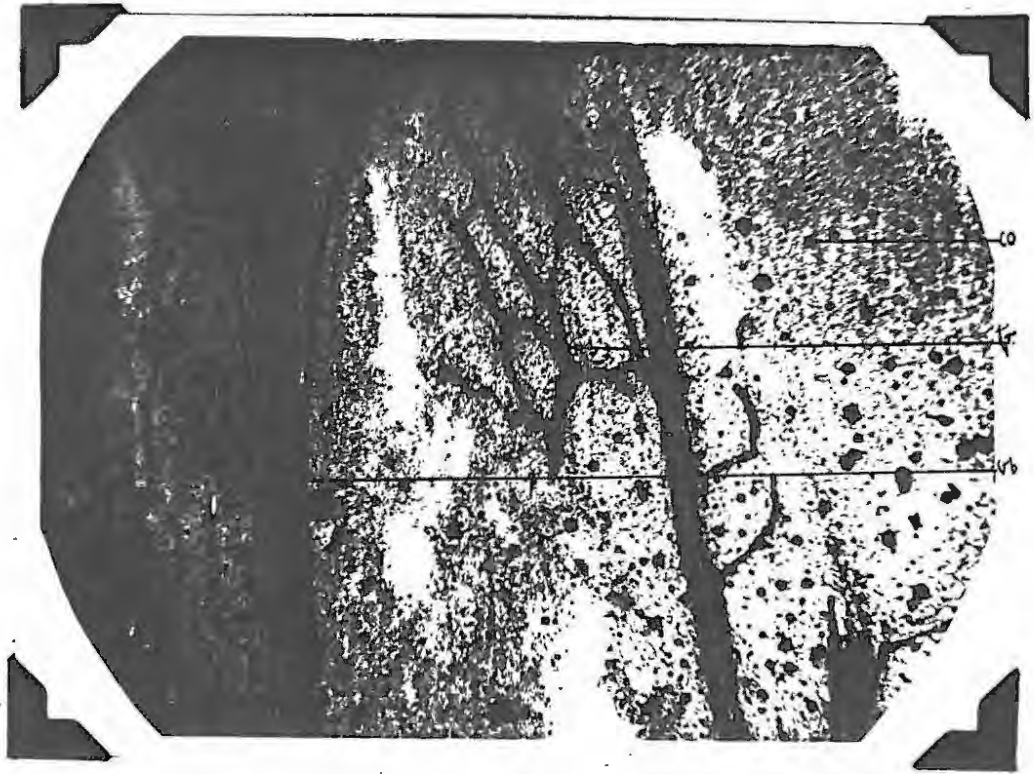


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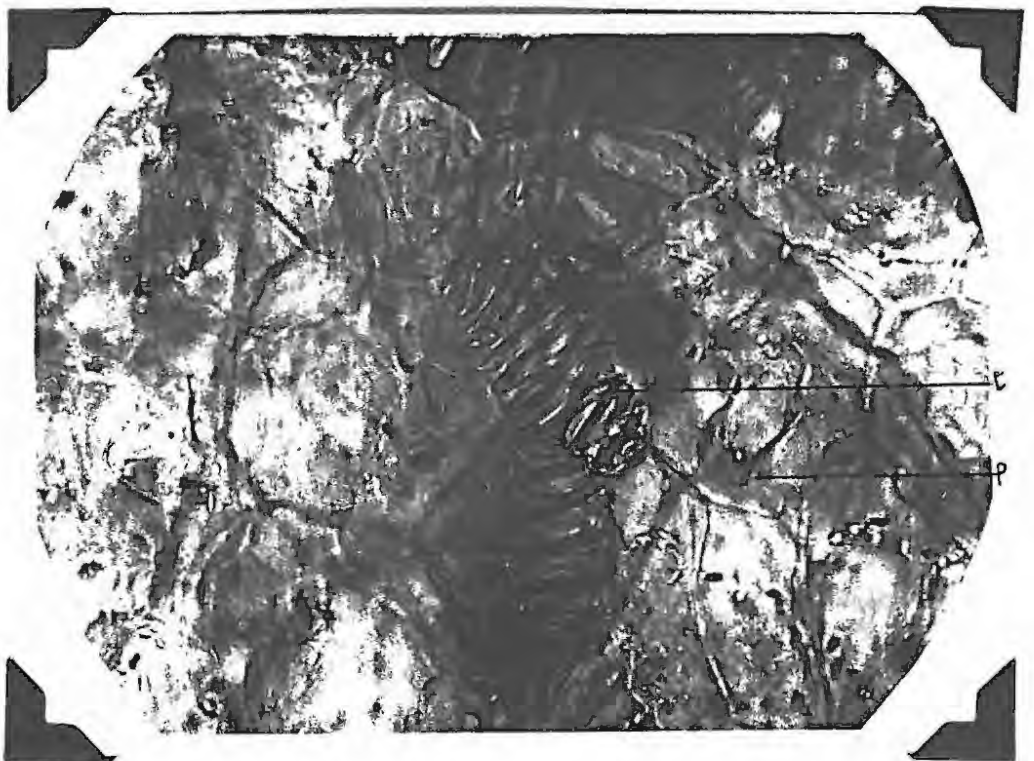


Fig 25.

Fig 26.

T.S. of vascular bundle of well developed joint. (diagram)

c.o. calcium oxalate crystals in parenchyma around phloem.

p. phloem; ic. interfascicular cambium,

f.c. fascicular cambium; sx, secondary xylem

tracheae; wp. wood parenchyma; p.x. protoxylem

mc. mucilage cell.

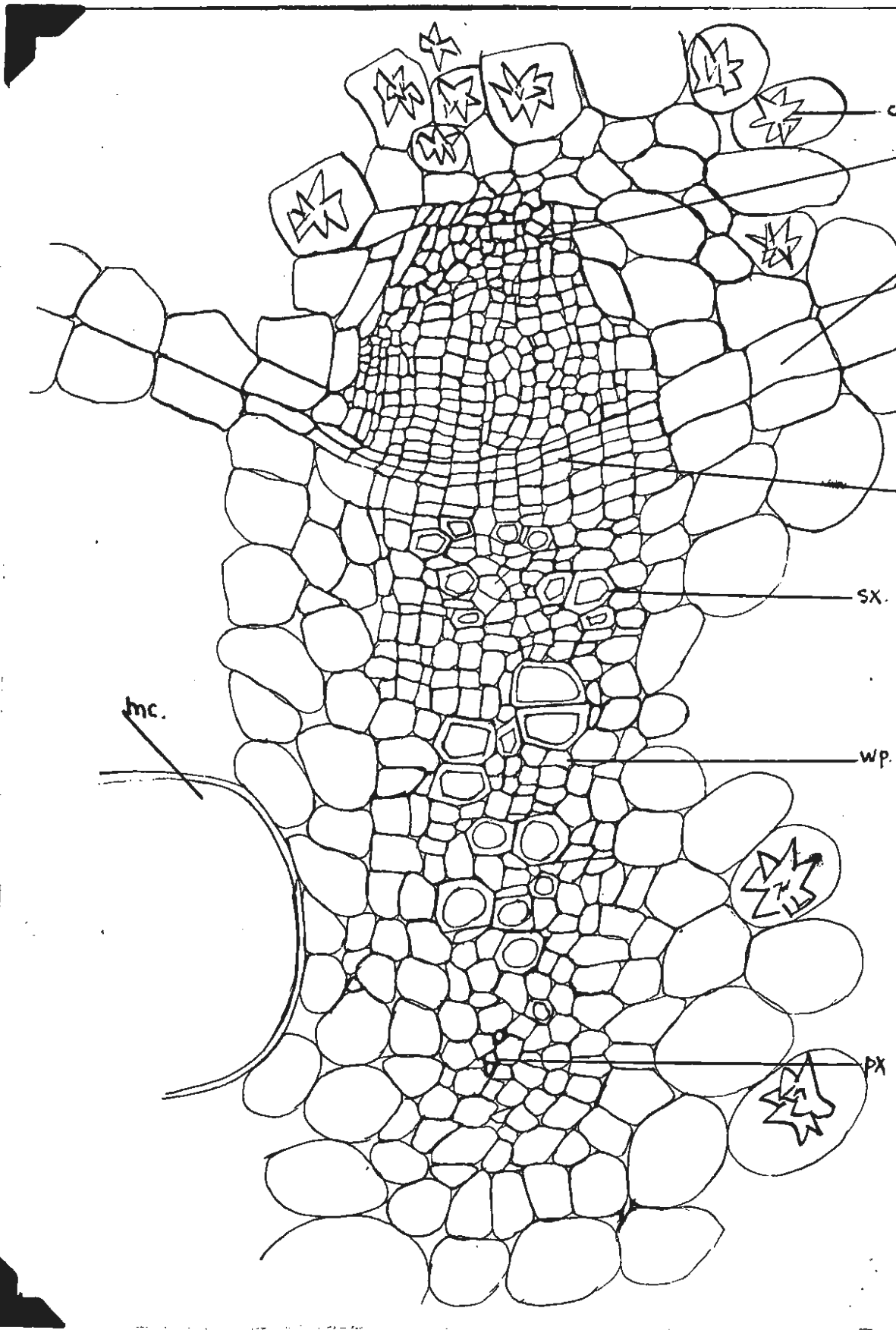


Fig 26.

Fig 27.

L.S. vascular bundle of young joint of  
fig. 13. X150

co. calcium oxalate crystal; p. phloem;  
v. annularly thickened vessel of metaxylem  
xp. protoxylem.

Fig 28.

L.S. vascular bundle of well developed joint. X150

hy. hydrocyte with 3 bands of thickening;  
t. tracheid of secondary xylem; p. phloem;  
cv. calcium oxalate crystal

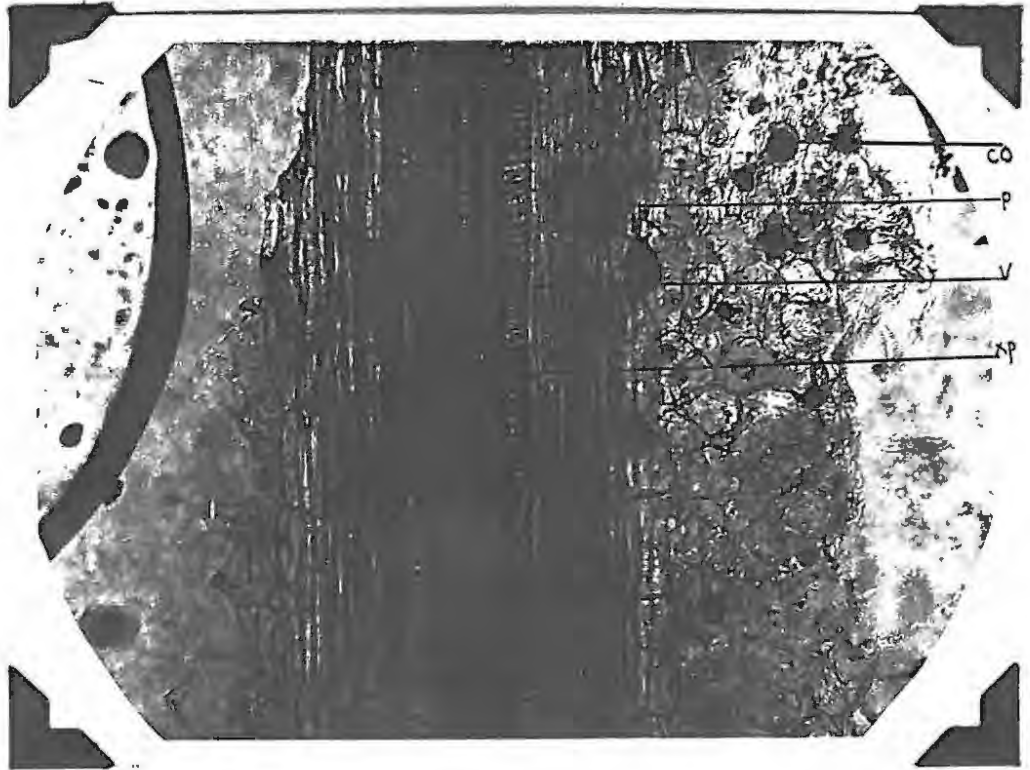


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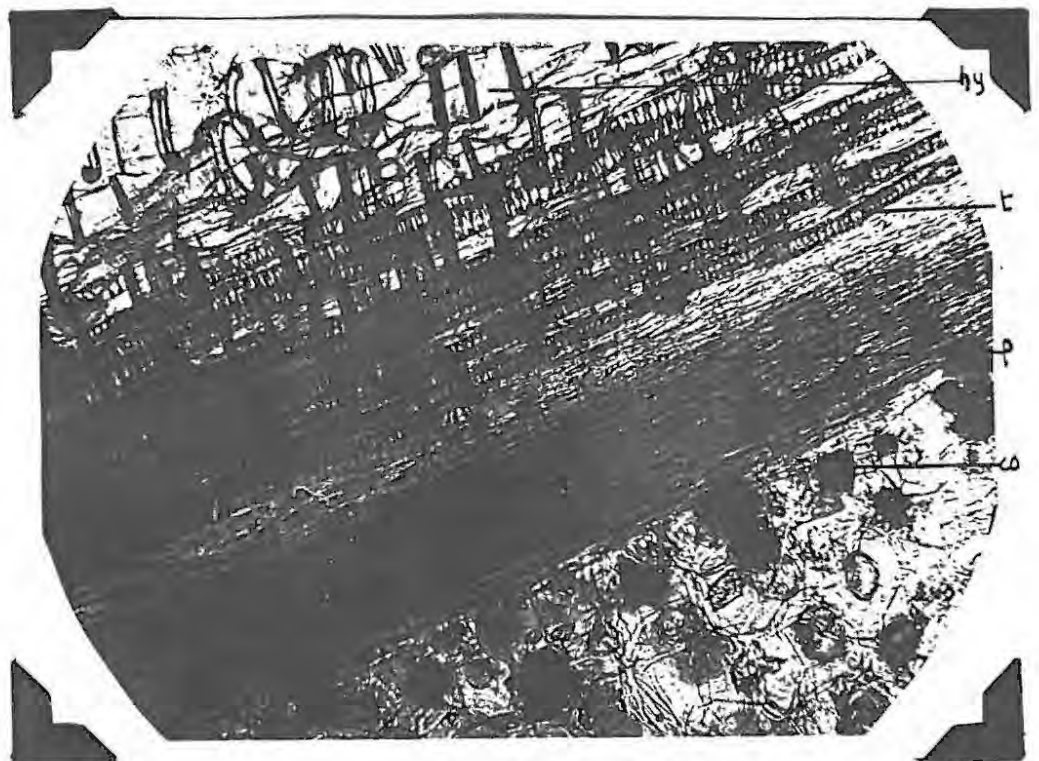


Fig 28.

Fig 29.

T.S. vascular bundle of well developed joint.X50

ic. interfascicular cambium; in mucilage cell;  
p. phloem; fc. fascicular cambium; w.p. wood  
parenchyma; x. secondary xylem; px. protoxylem;  
hy. Hydrocyte in parenchyma outside bundle.

Fig 30.

T.S. phloem and mucilage canal outside bundle.X150

co. calcium oxlate crystal; mc. mucilage canal;  
p. phloem; fc. fascicular cambium; s. starch  
grain in medullary parenchyma.

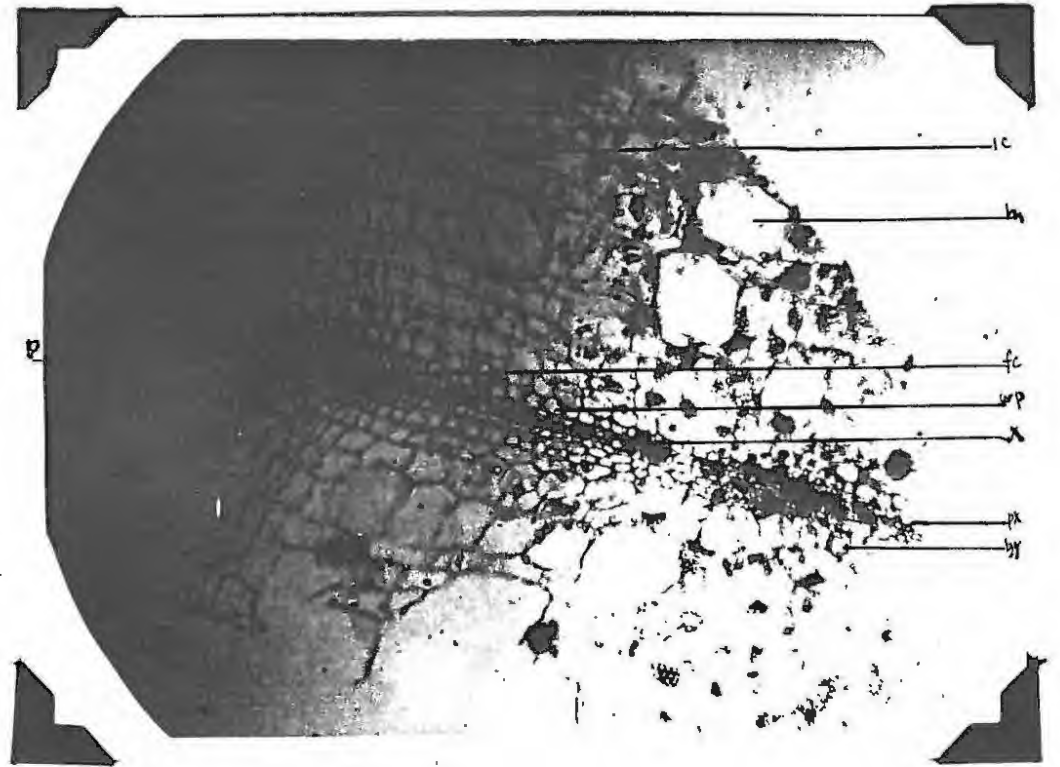


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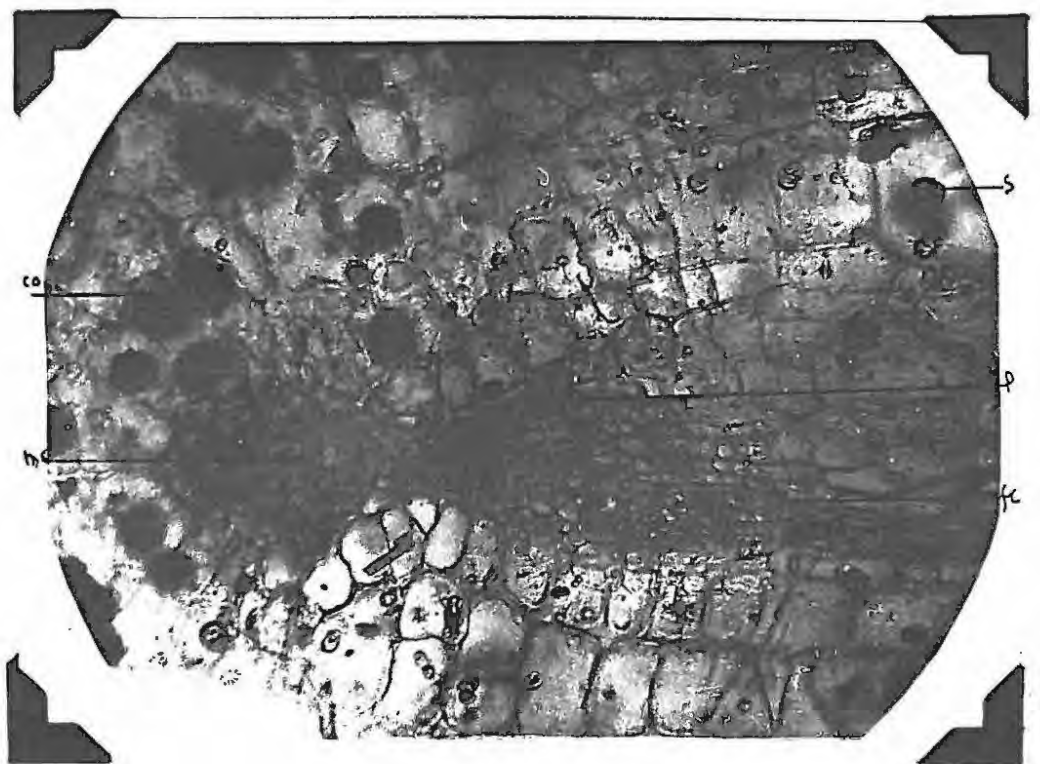


Fig 30.

Fig 31.

T.S. stoma at commencement of cork formation. X700

h. hypodermis; ec. epidermis forming cork cambium; c. cuticle lining to respiratory cavity; rc. respiratory cavity; ds. dividing wall of subsid cell which is now taking part in cork formation of cork; co. calcium oxalate crystal in hypodermis below epidermis; gc. remains of guard cells.

Fig 32.

T.S. cork formation in a tuber. X150

l. first liquified<sup>7</sup> layer of cork; c. first suberised layer of cork; l<sub>2</sub>. second liquified layer of cork; ec. epidermis transformed and acting as cork cambium; co. calcium oxalate crystal of the layer in hypodermis beneath epidermis; t. tyloses from subsidiary cell blocking respiratory cavity; rc. respiratory cavity; h. hypodermis; s. starch grains in cell cortex.

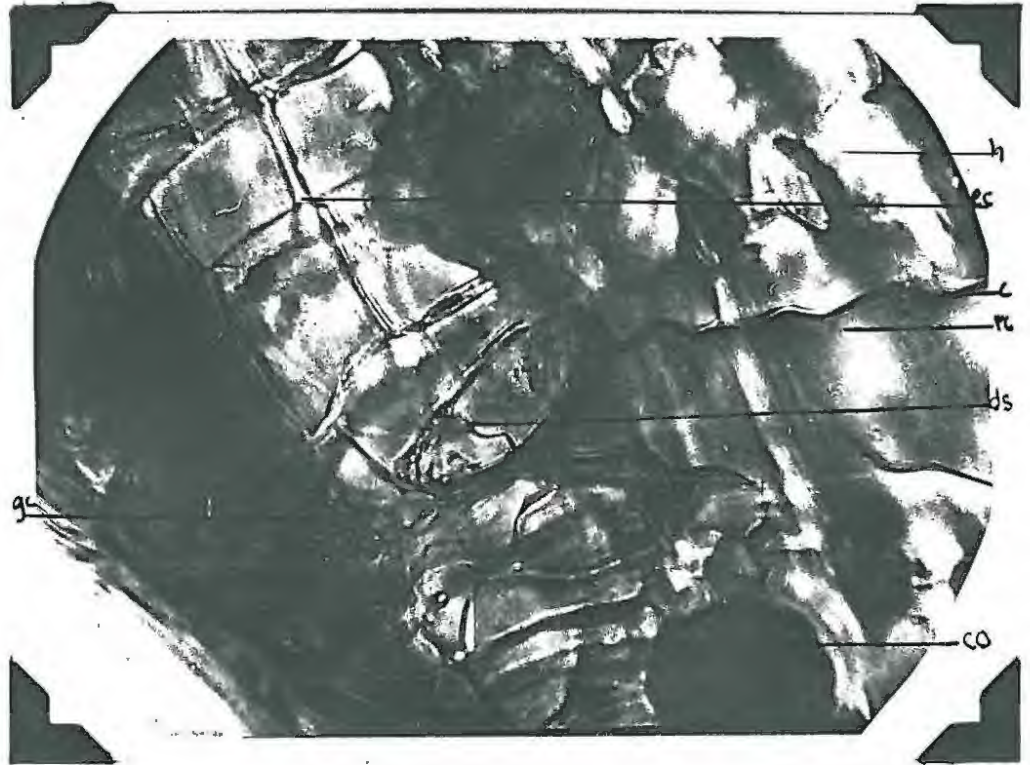


Fig 31.



Fig 32.

Fig 33. T.S. of tylosis blocking respiratory cavity. X700

s. portion of former subsidiary cell;  
t. tylosis cell.  
rc. respiratory cavity;  
h. hypodermis.

Fig 34. T.S. of tyloses tissue blocking respiratory cavity. X700

tt. tyloses tissue; rc. respiratory cavity  
enlarged by expansion of joint.

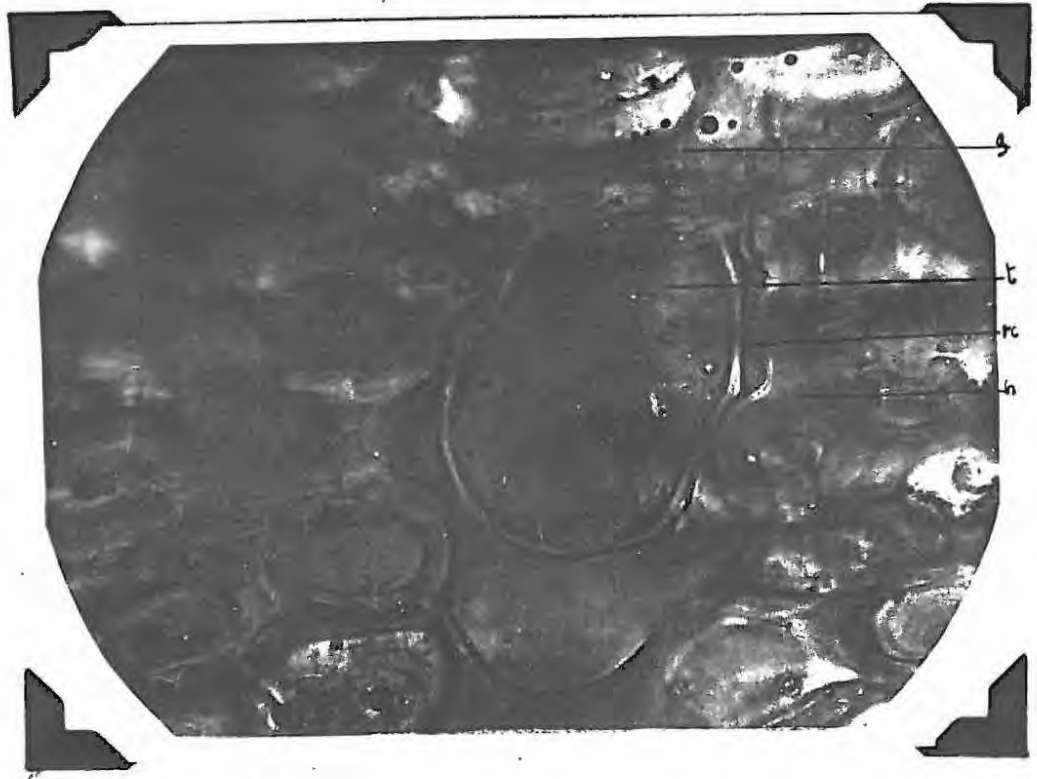


Fig 33.



Fig 34.

Fig 35. Series showing tuber formation from  
a joint.  $\times \frac{1}{2}$

Fig 36. ~~Large Tubers.~~  
Vegetative propagation and tuber formation  
from fruit.  $\times \frac{1}{2}$



Fig 35.



Fig 36.

Fig 39.

T.S. vascular bundle of tuber.

ic. interfascicular cambium; mp. medullary  
ray parenchyma; wp. wood parenchyma;  
x. secondary xylem elements;  
hy. hydrocyte.

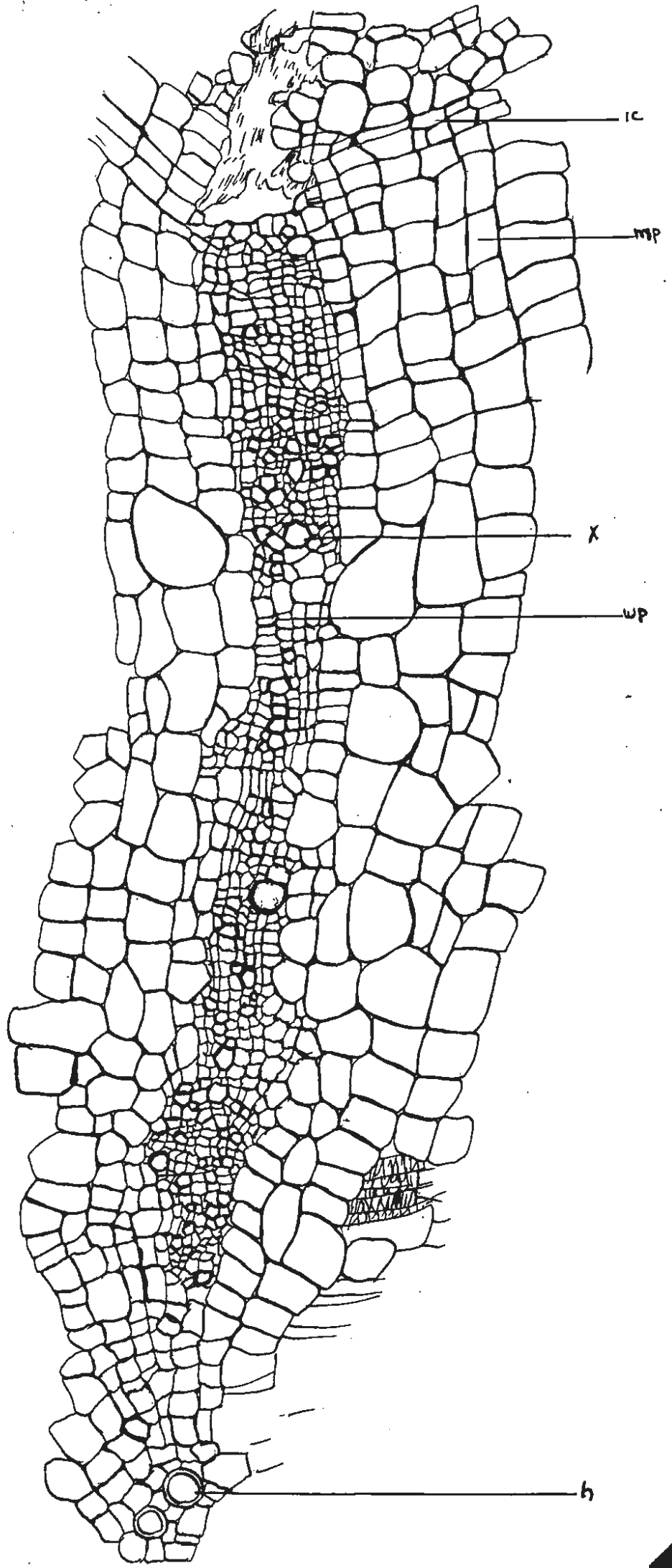


Fig 40.

T.S. of tuber. X30

mc. mucilage canal; ic. interfascicular cambium; p. phloem; fc. fascicular cambium  
mp. medullary ray parenchyma; m. mucilage cell; f. fibres patch in elongated vascular bundle.

Fig 41.

T.S. of mucilage canals in tuber. X50

vm. mucilage in lysogenous canal;  
co. calcium oxalate crystals.  
p. phloem;  
c. cortex.

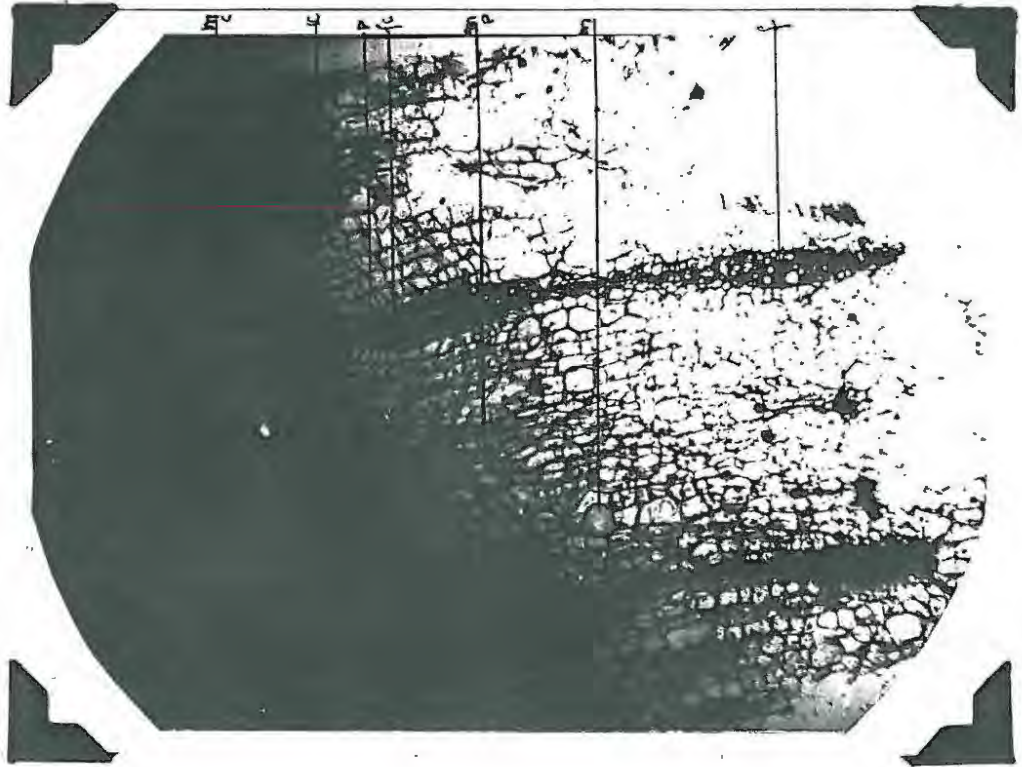


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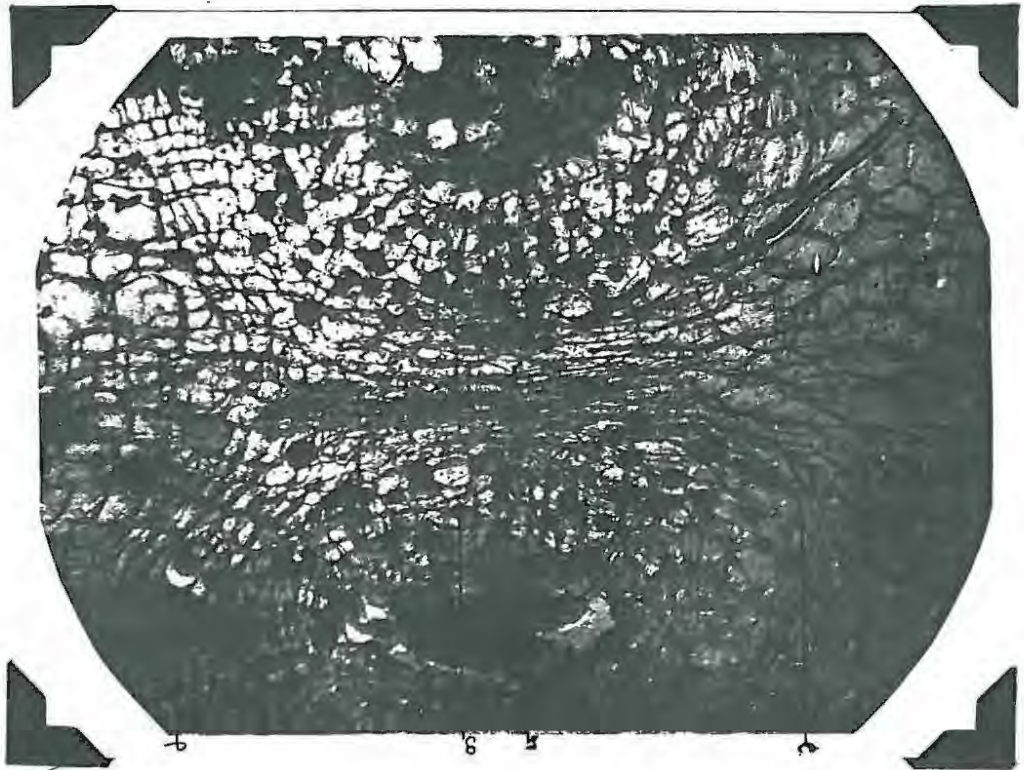


Fig 41.


A vertical micrograph showing a vascular bundle from a tuber. The bundle is elongated and contains various cellular structures, including phloem and xylem. The xylem is characterized by thick-walled tracheids with spiral thickenings.

Fig 42.

L.S. vascular bundle of tuber. X150

p. phloem; t spirally thickened trachea  
of xylem.

Fig 43.

L.S. vascular bundle, tuber. X150

tr. tracheids.

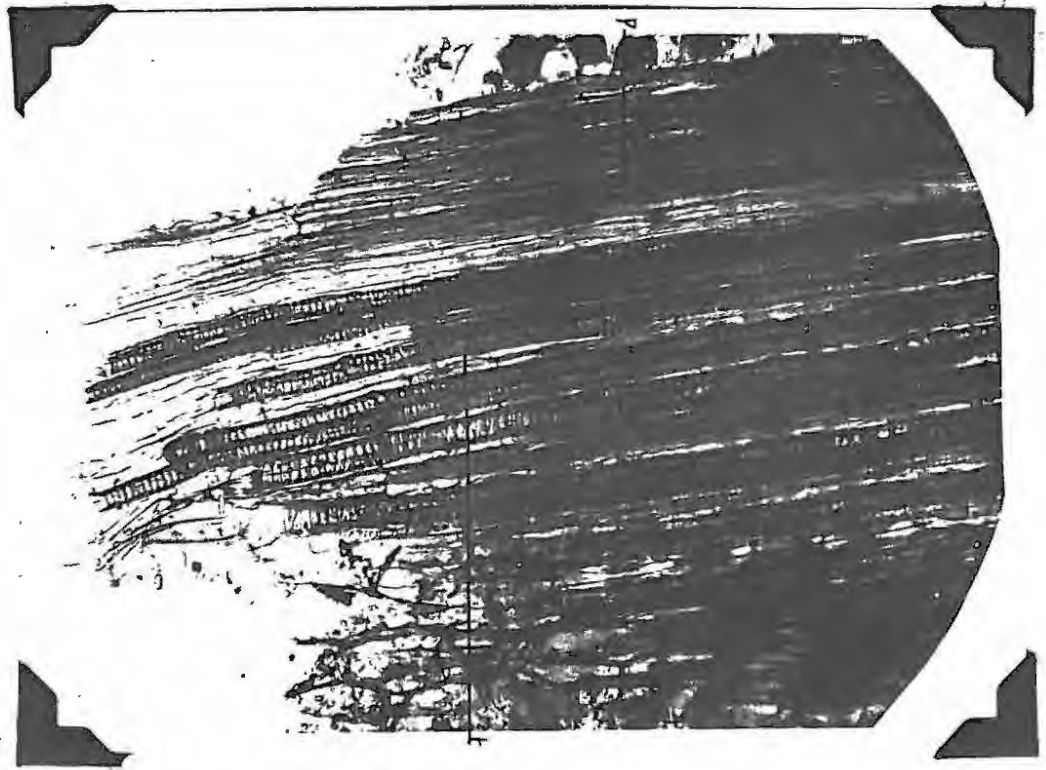


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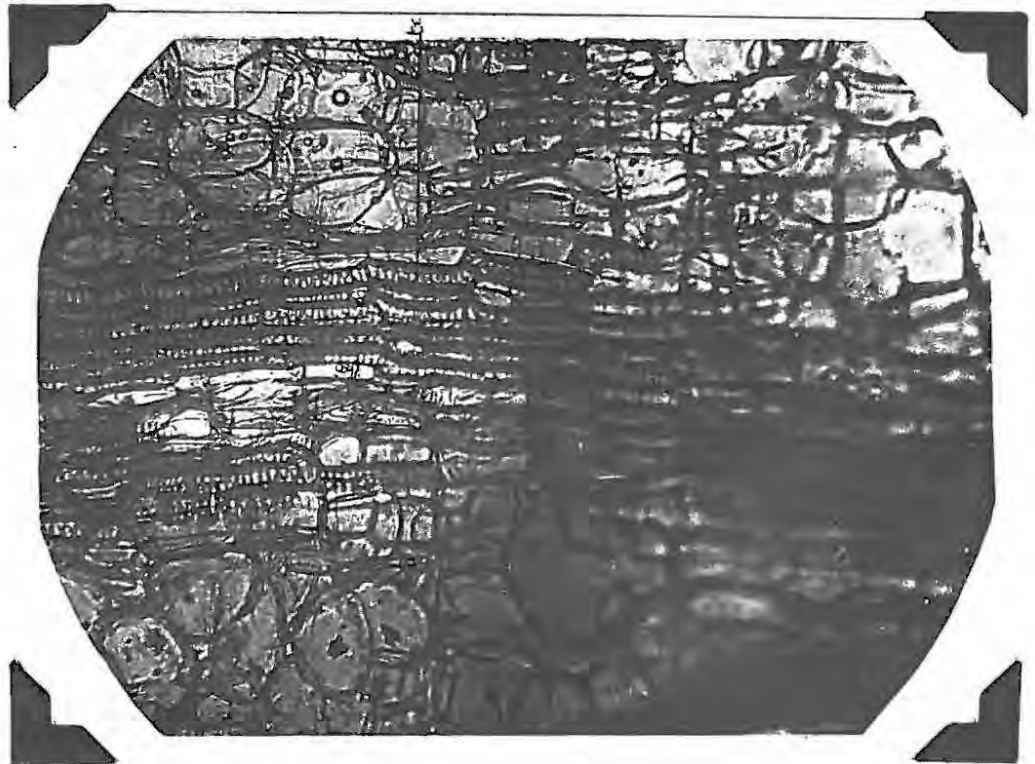


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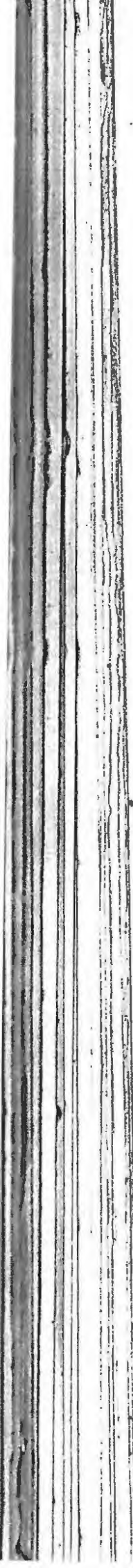


Fig 44.

T.S. tuber; joining up of 3 vascular strands. X50

mc. large mucilage canal;  
co. calcium oxalate crystals;  
m. mucilage cell in ray parench-  
yma  
hy. hydrocytes.

Fig 45.

T.S. tuber showing hydrocytes at base of vascular bundle. X150

hy. thick ring of hydrocyte thickening.  
s. starch grains surrounding parenchyma.

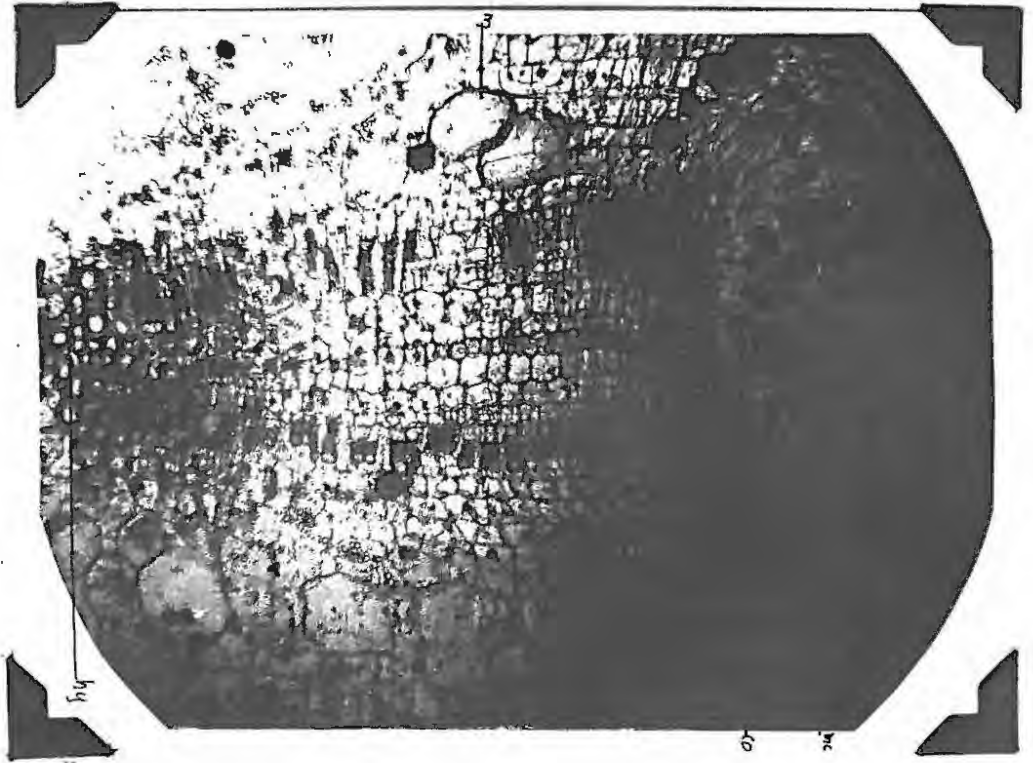


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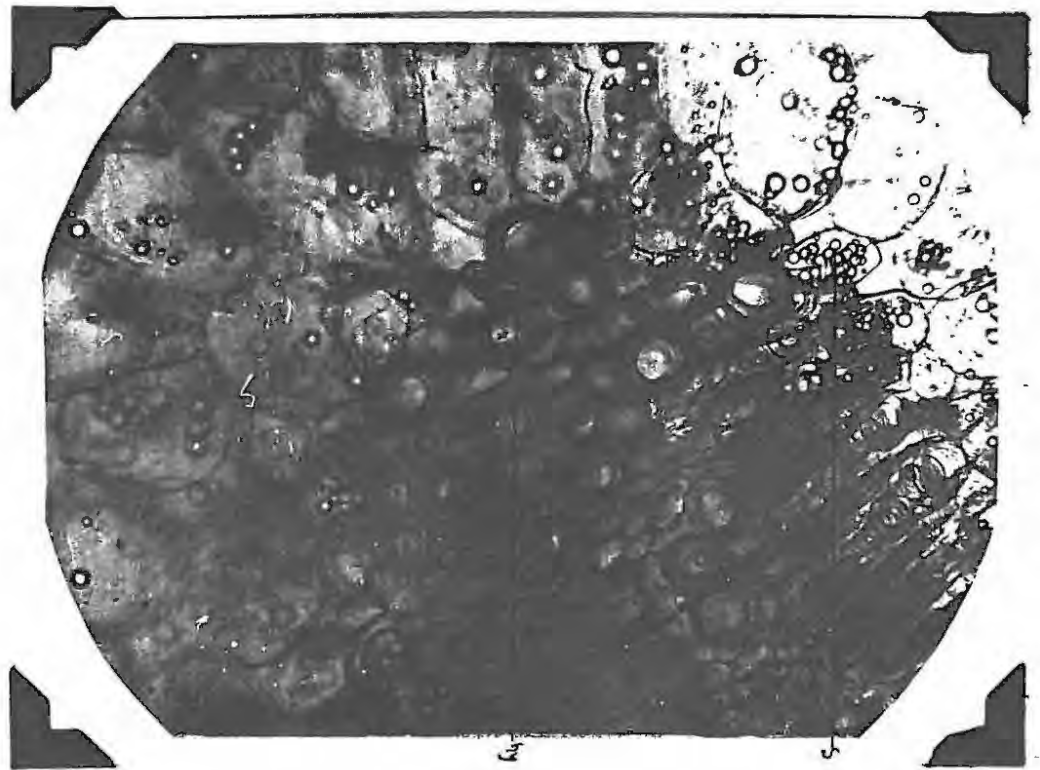


Fig 45.

Fig 46.

T.S. vascular bundle of tuber. X50

mc. mucilage canal; co. calcium oxalate  
crystals; p. phloem; wp. wood parenchyma  
x. scattered xylem elements;  
f. fibre patch; mp. medullary ray  
parenchyma.

Fig 47.

Oblique section through end of tuber  
showing large number of hydrocytes in  
medullary ray tissue. X50

ub. vascular bundle;  
hy. hydrocyte;  
s. parenchyma cell containing numerous  
starch grains.

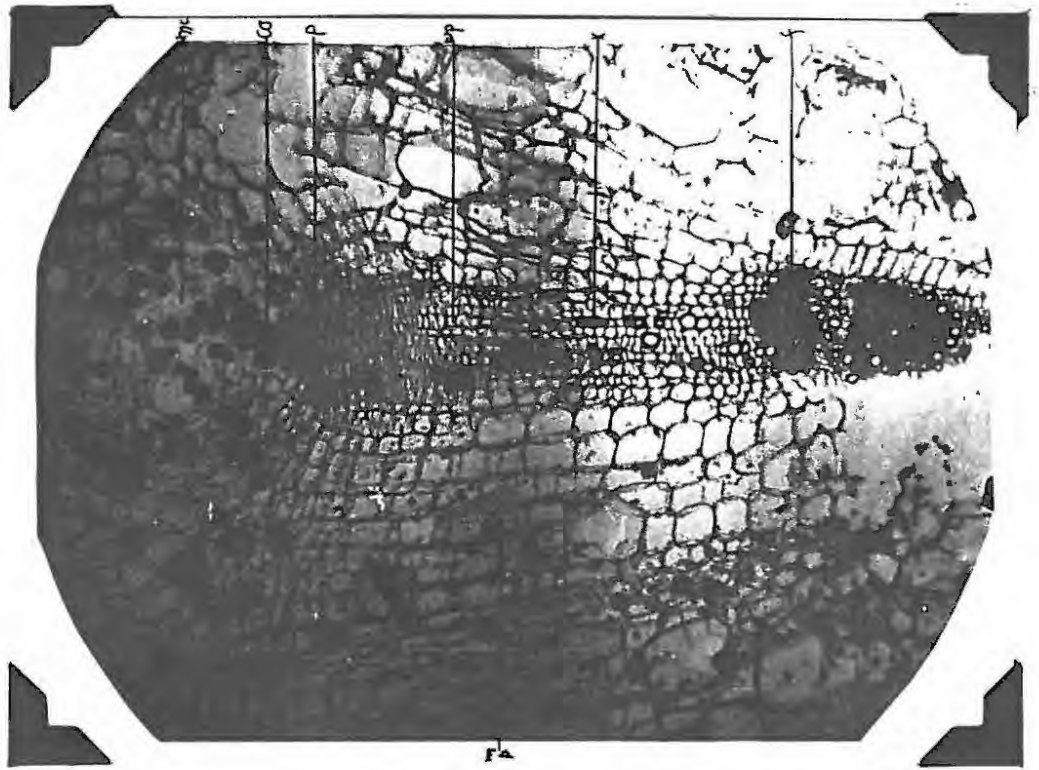


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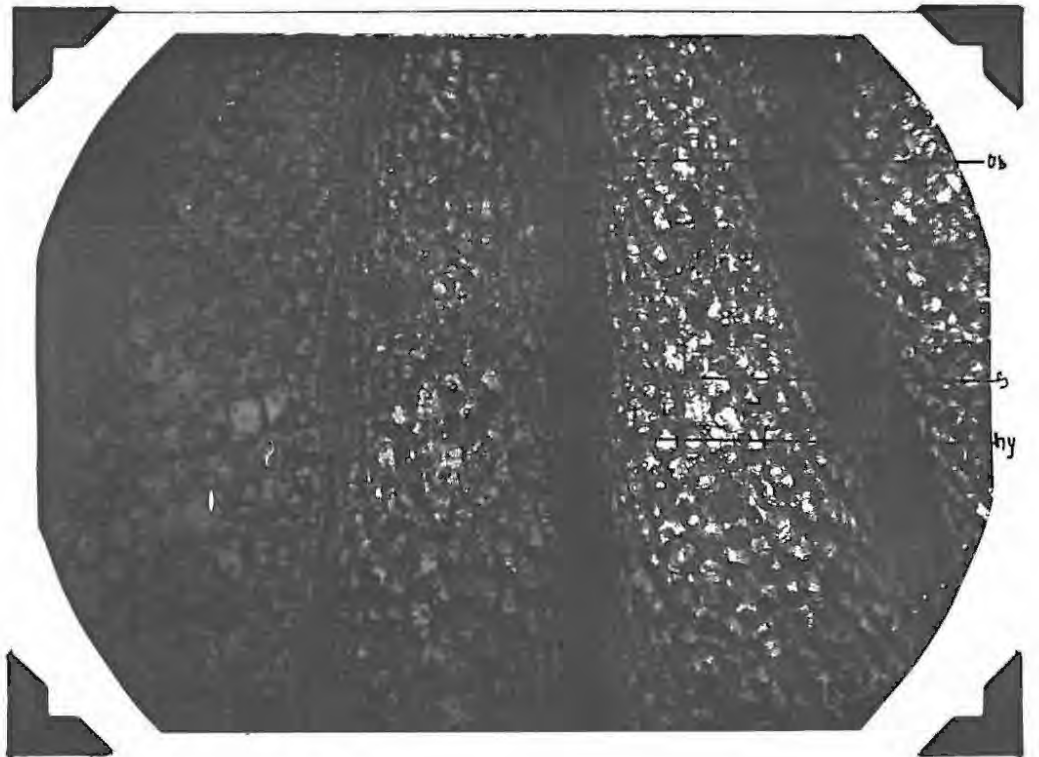


Fig 47.

Fig 48a. L.S. Flower showing stamens fully expanded

Fig 48b. L.S. Flower showing stamens shut after stimulation.

Fig 49a. Stigma and style.

Fig 49 b. T.S. of single stigmatic arm.  
p. papilla; v. vascular strand.

Fig 50. L.S. Flower bud.

Fig 50b. Pollen grain.

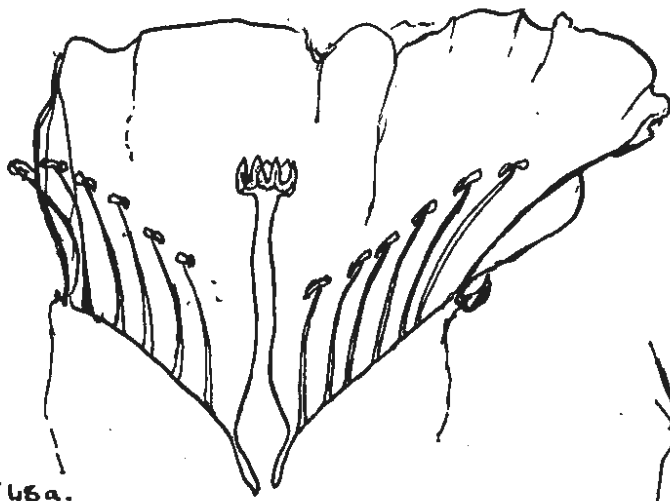


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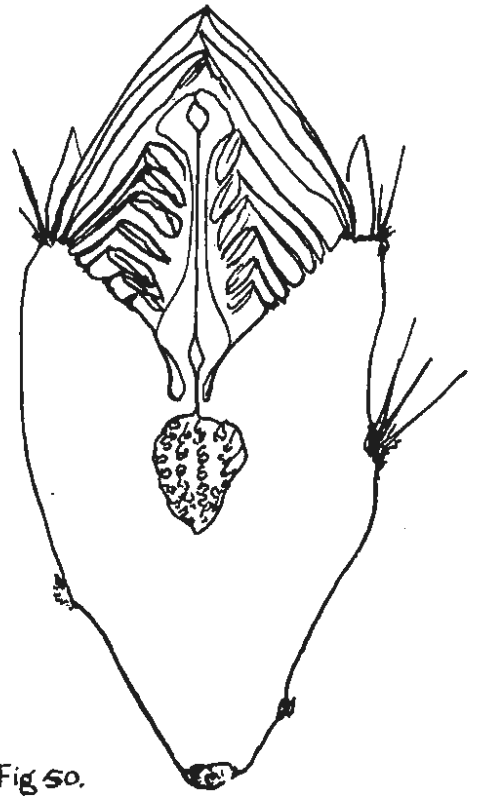


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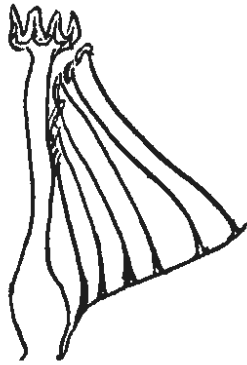


Fig 48b.



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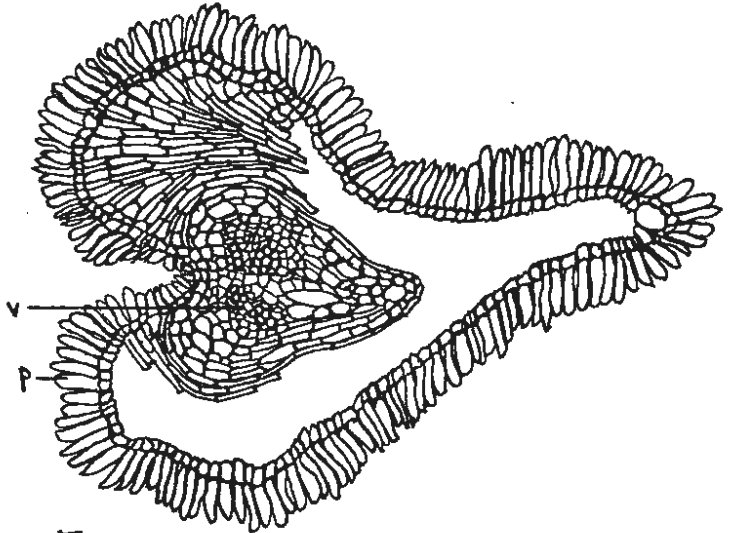


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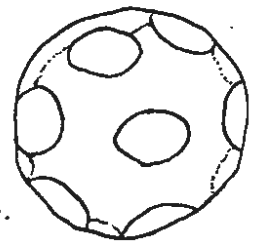


Fig 50b.

Fig 51.

L.S. very young flower bud. X 50

gp. growing point; ev. concave top  
of flower bud; vb. vascular bundle  
m. mucilage cell; co calcium oxalate  
crystal.

Fig 52.

Growing point of flower bud (ex fig51  
enlarged)  
X 150



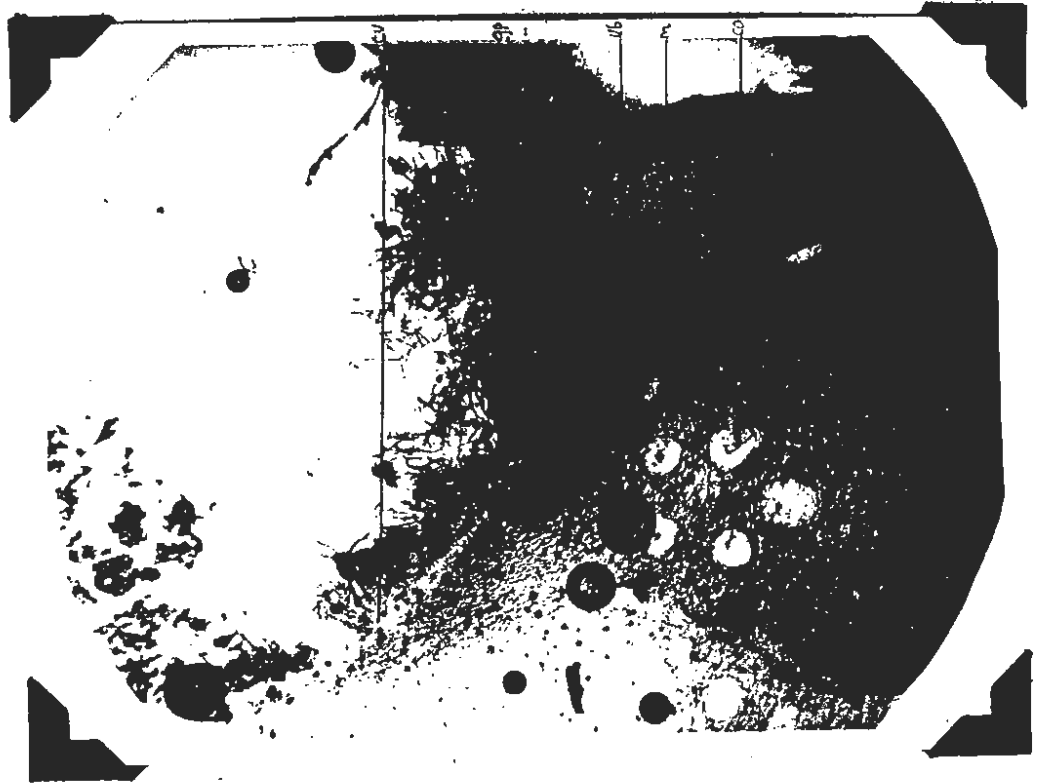


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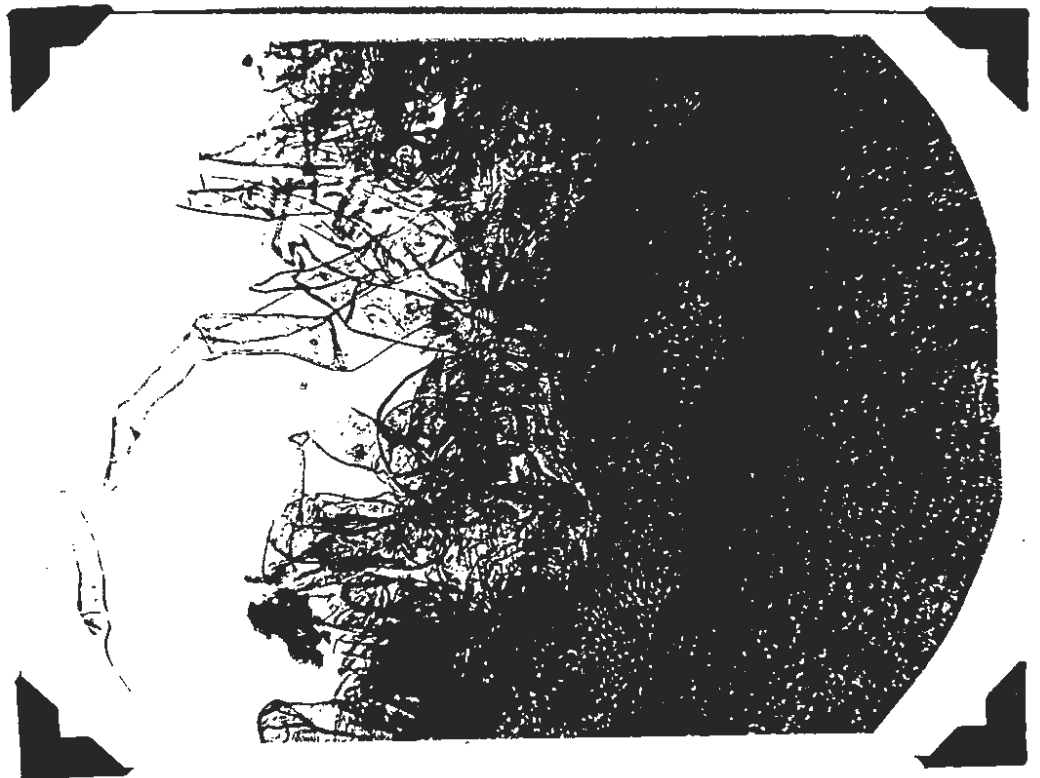


Fig 52.

Fig 53.

L.S. young flower bud. X50

vl. vascular bundle of leaf; t. thorn  
from developing areole on ovary wall;  
s. sepal; lt. leaf trace; st. stamen  
initials, c. carpel commencing to grow  
over to form ovary cavity;  
dgp. depressed growing point.

Fig 54.

Ovule initials on ovary wall. X150  
ov. ovary wall.  
oc. ovary cavity;  
o. ovule initial.

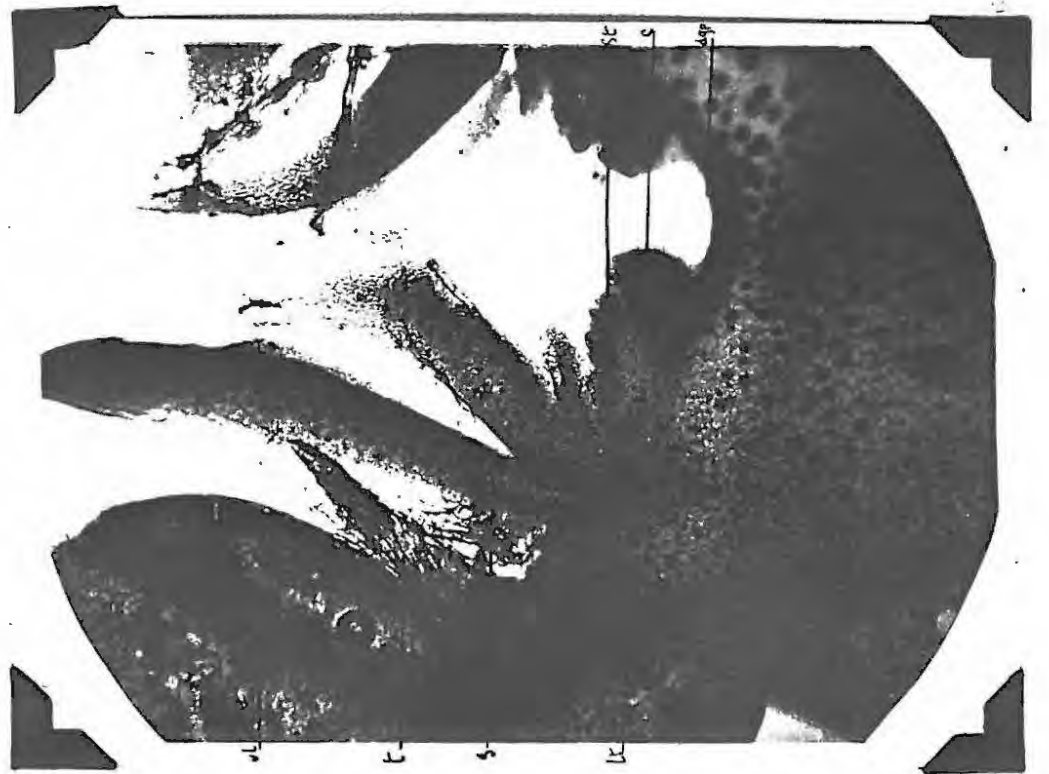


Fig 53.



Fig 54.

rig 55. 2nd stage in development of ovule. X150

fb. base of funicles of two fused.  
ov. ovary wall;  
oc. ovary cavity.

rig 56. 3rd stage in development of ovule. X150

f. funicle which has started on its  
first turn; n. nucellus;  
ii. inner integument initials;  
oi. outer integument initials.

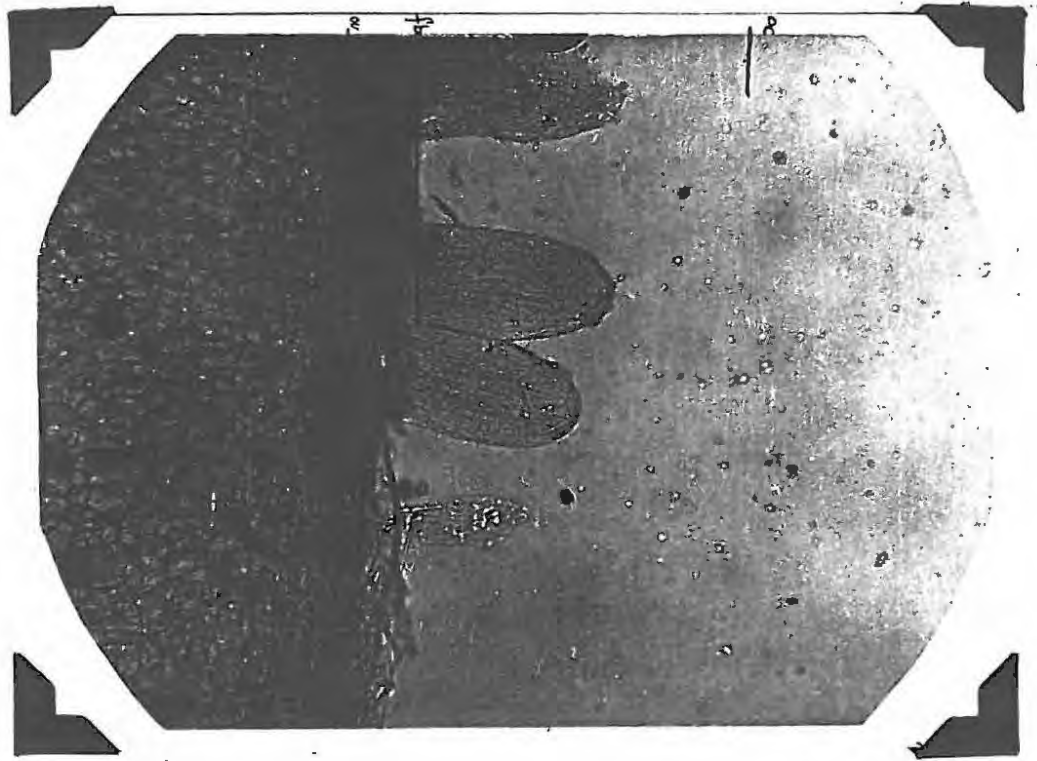


Fig 55.



Fig 56.

Fig 57. L.S. of ovule from unopened flower. X150

f. funicle; pf. papillae innerside of  
funicle; ov. Ovary wall; oi. outer integument,  
ii. inner integument; p. papillate cells  
at top of nucellus. m. micropyle.

Fig 58. ~~same as~~ Fig 57 enlarged. /  
X 700

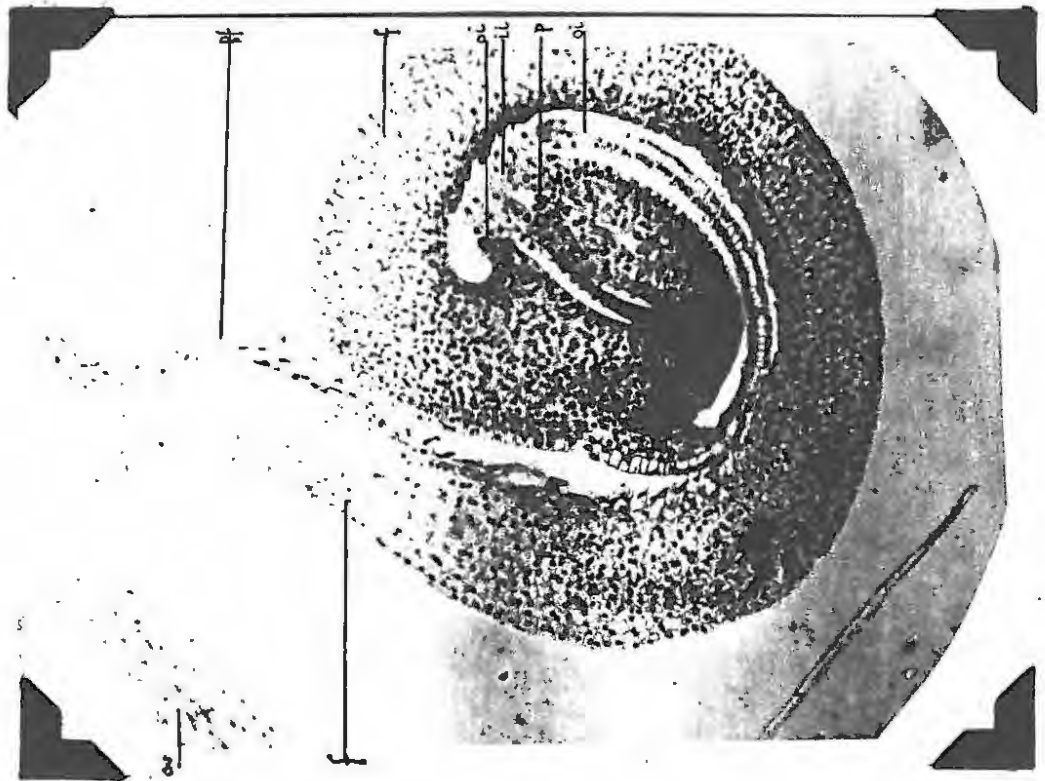


Fig 57.



Fig 56.

Fig 59.

L.S. ovule from unopened flower, showing result of first division of megaspore nucleus.  $\times 150$

f. funicle; pf. papillae on innerside of funicle; ov. ovary wall; oi. outer layer of outer integument; oi<sub>2</sub>. inner layer of same; ii. outer layer of inner integument ii<sub>2</sub>. inner layer of same; n. nucellus e. embryosac; tm. swollen top of inner integument which alone forms micropyle.

Fig 60.

Same as fig 59 ~~enlarged~~.  $\times 700$

m. micropyle; n. nucellus;  
e. embryosac; en. first two  
nuclei of first division of  
megaspore nucleus; i<sub>111</sub>  
i<sub>12</sub> outer and inner layers of  
inner integument.

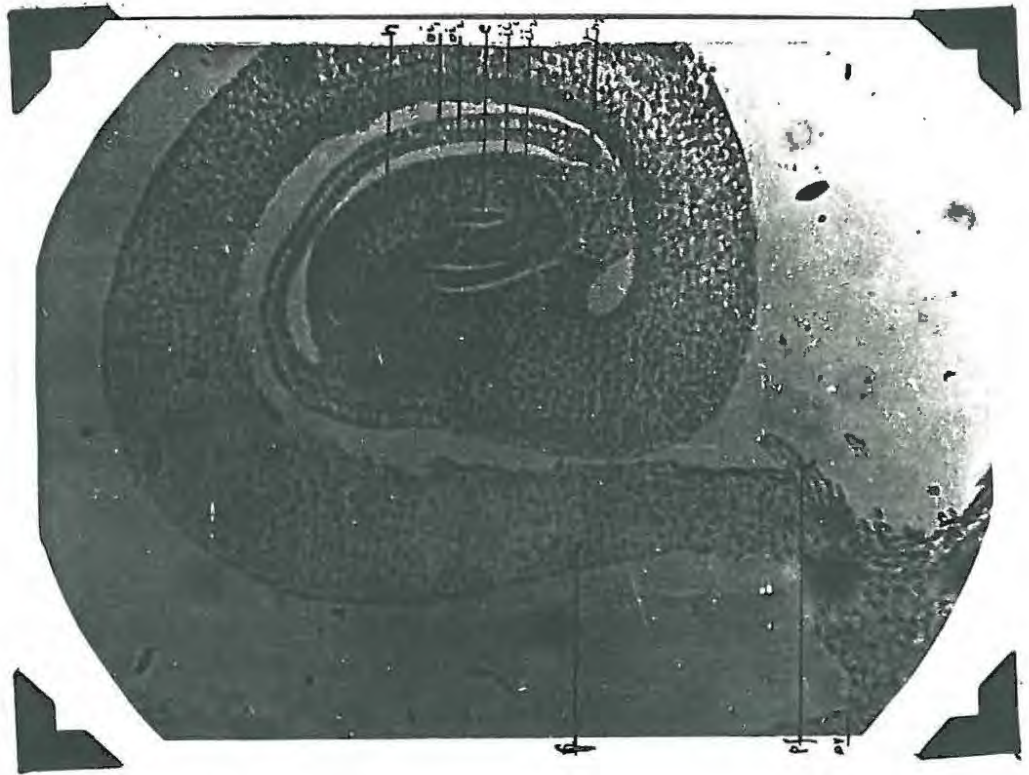


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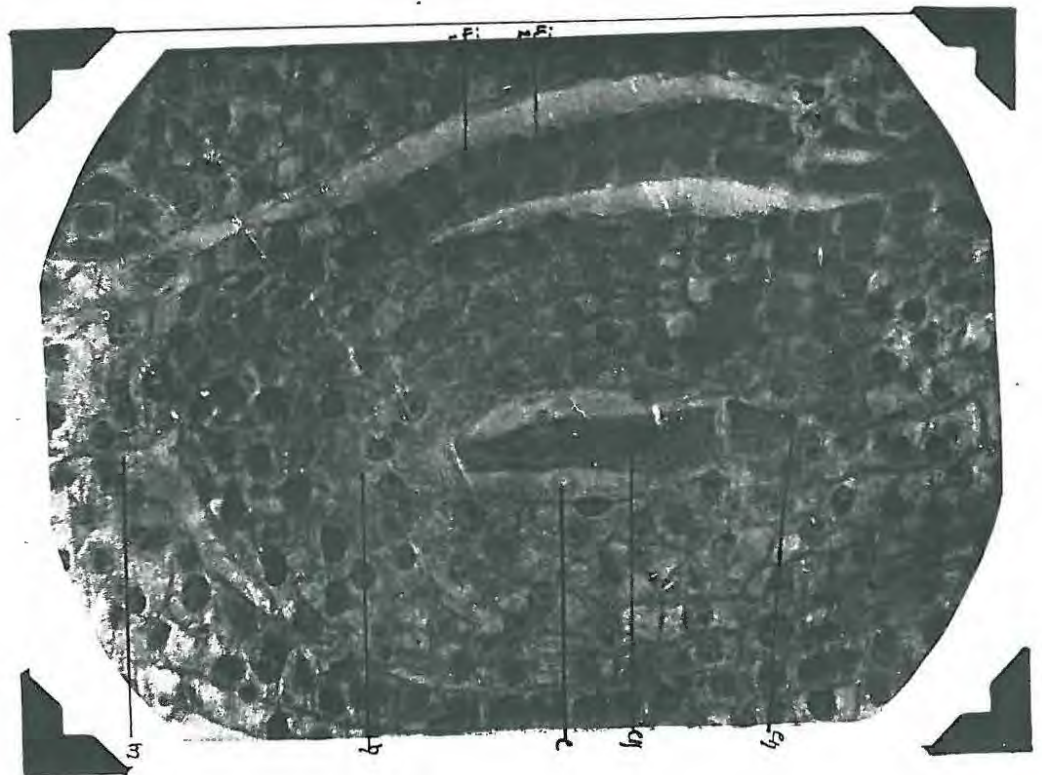


Fig 60.

Fig 61.

L.S. ovule from open flower showing probable fertilization. X 150

f. funicle;  $oi_1$   $oi_2$  outer and inner layer of outer integument;  
 $ii_1$   $ii_2$  outer and inner layers of inner integument;  
m. micropyle region;  
e. embryo sac with fusing nuclei

Fig 62.

Same as fig 61 ~~enlarged~~ showing probably fertilization. X 700

mn. pollen nucleus?  
en. egg nucleus?  
pn. two polar?  
b. starch grains from pollen tube?

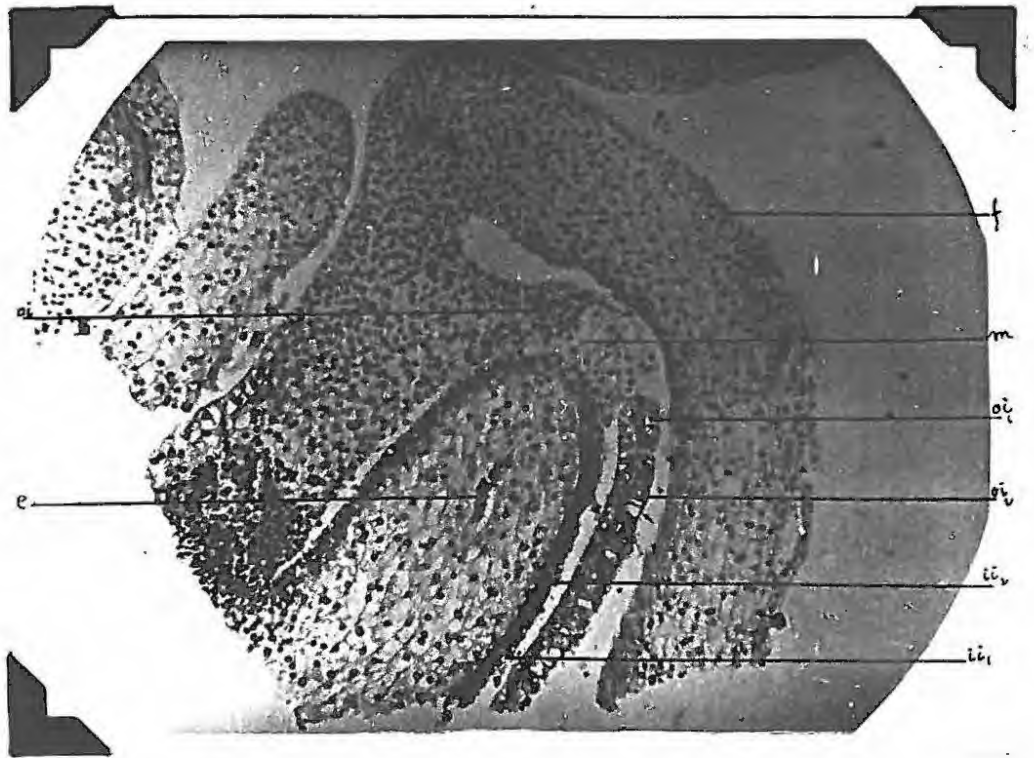


Fig 61.



Fig 62.

Fig 63.

L.S. ovule from open flower, top of  
nucellus. X700

n. nucellus;  
pe. possibly ends of two pollen tubes;  
de. remains of disintegrated egg nucleus.

Fig 64.

L.S. ovule from very young fruit,  
showing growth of nucellus. X150

f. funicle;  
o<sub>1</sub>o<sub>2</sub> outer and inner layers of  
outer integument;  
bm. cavity below micropyle;  
p. possible remains of pollen tubes;  
n. nucellus;  
e. remains of embryo sac being obliterated by  
increase in nucellus.

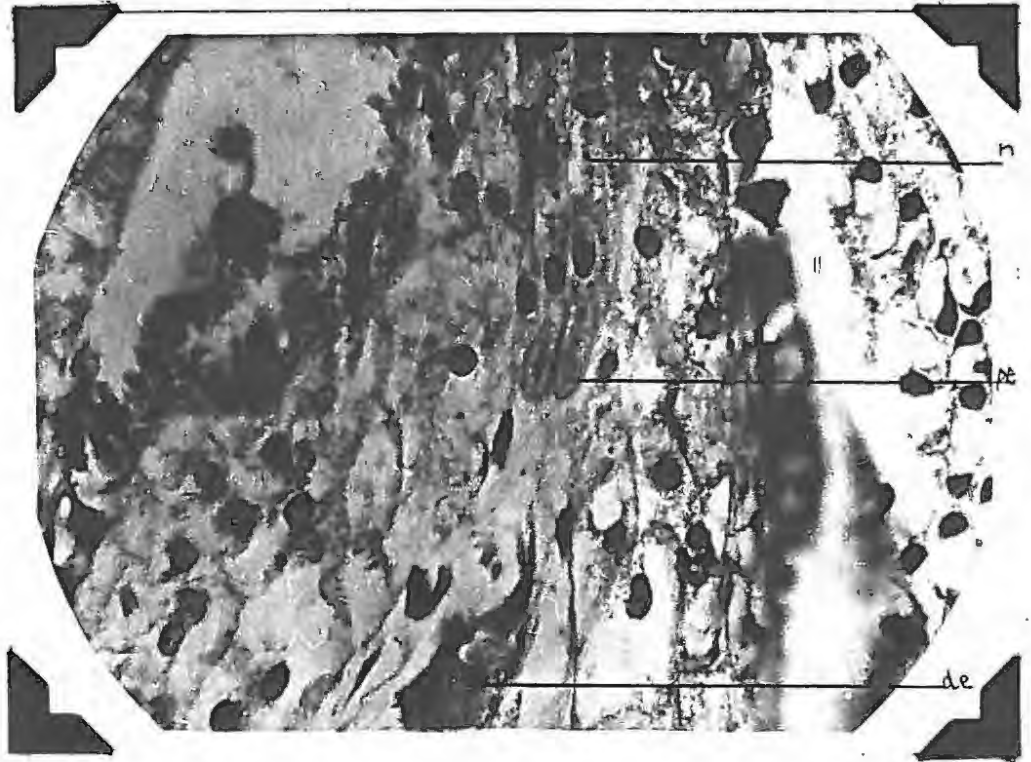


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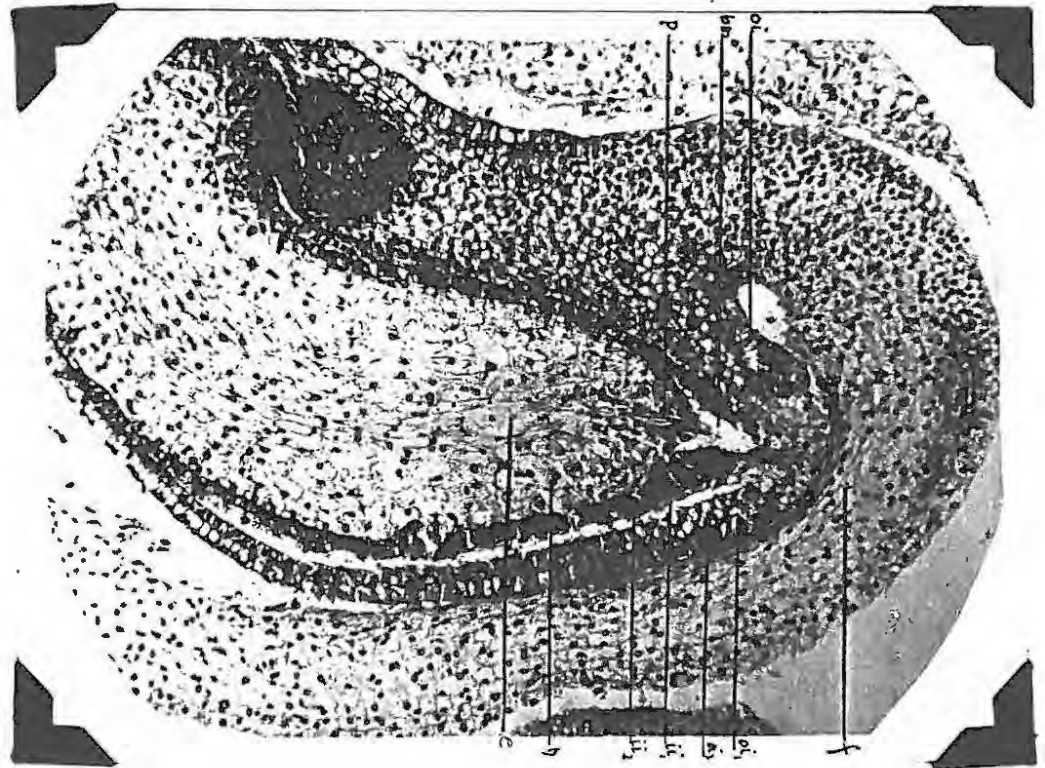


Fig 64.

Fig 65. Diagrams of 3 stages from ovule to embryo

1. Ovule from unopened flower.
2. Ovule from very young fruit.
3. Fully developed embryo of germinable seed (Papillae on outside removed).

ov. ovary wall; f. funicle  
vb. vascular supply to ovule;  
pp. papillae on outside of funicle.  
oi. outer integument;  
oi. outer layer of outer integument.  
ii. inner integument.  
ii. inner layer of inner integument  
e . **embryosac**;  
n . nucellus;  
p. possible remains of pollen tubes.  
r. radicle of embryo;  
gp. growing point of embryo;  
c. cotyledons.  
m. micropyle.

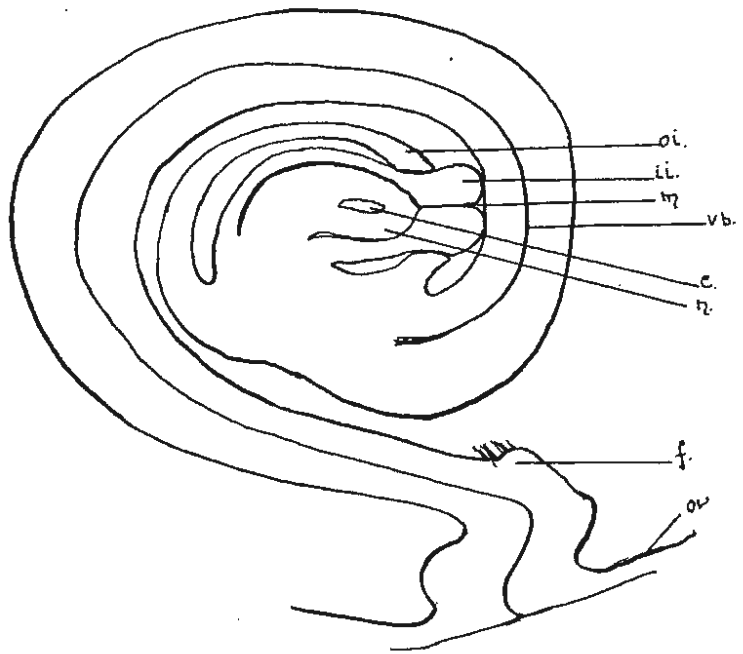
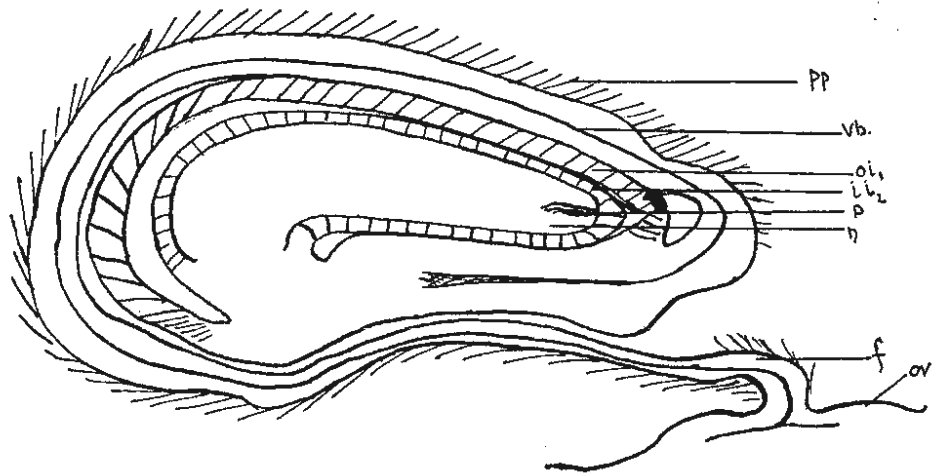
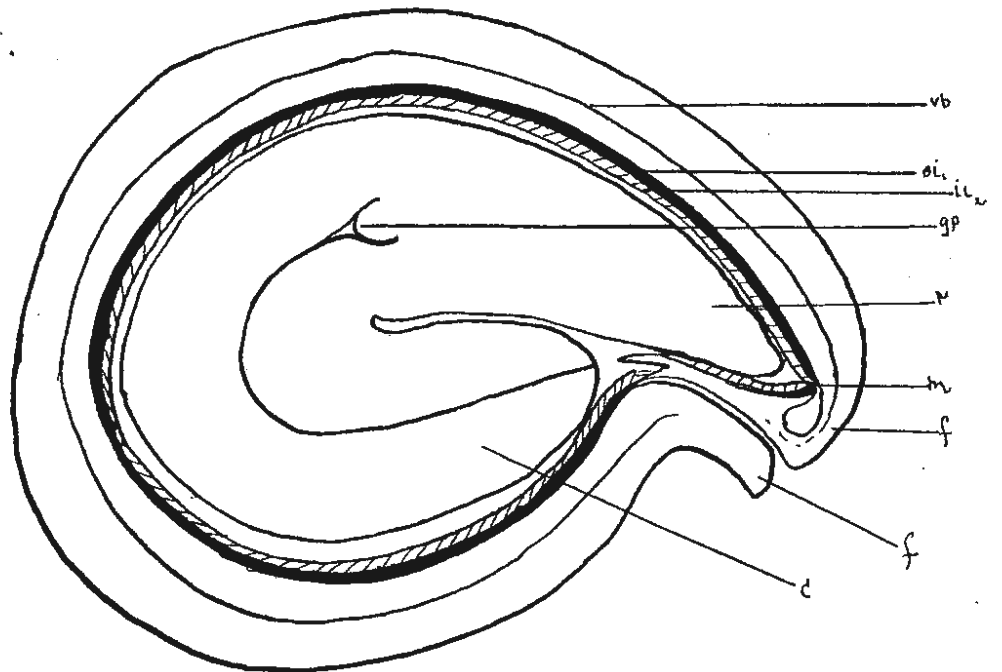


Fig 65.(i).



(ii)



(iii)

Fig 66.

L.S. of germinable seed. x30

- f. hard stony funicle;
- ii. inner integument.
- oi. remains of outer integument.
- ub. remains vascular supply to developing ovule.
- en. small portion of endosperm;
- gp. growing point of
- r. radicle
- c. cotyledon.

Cells of embryo contain numerous protein grains.

**N.B.** Top of funicle lost in sectioning.

Fig 67.

L.S. of top of funicle enclosing embryo x50

- f. hard stony loop of funicle over micropyle
- m. micropyle;
- oi. outer integument remains.



Fig 66.

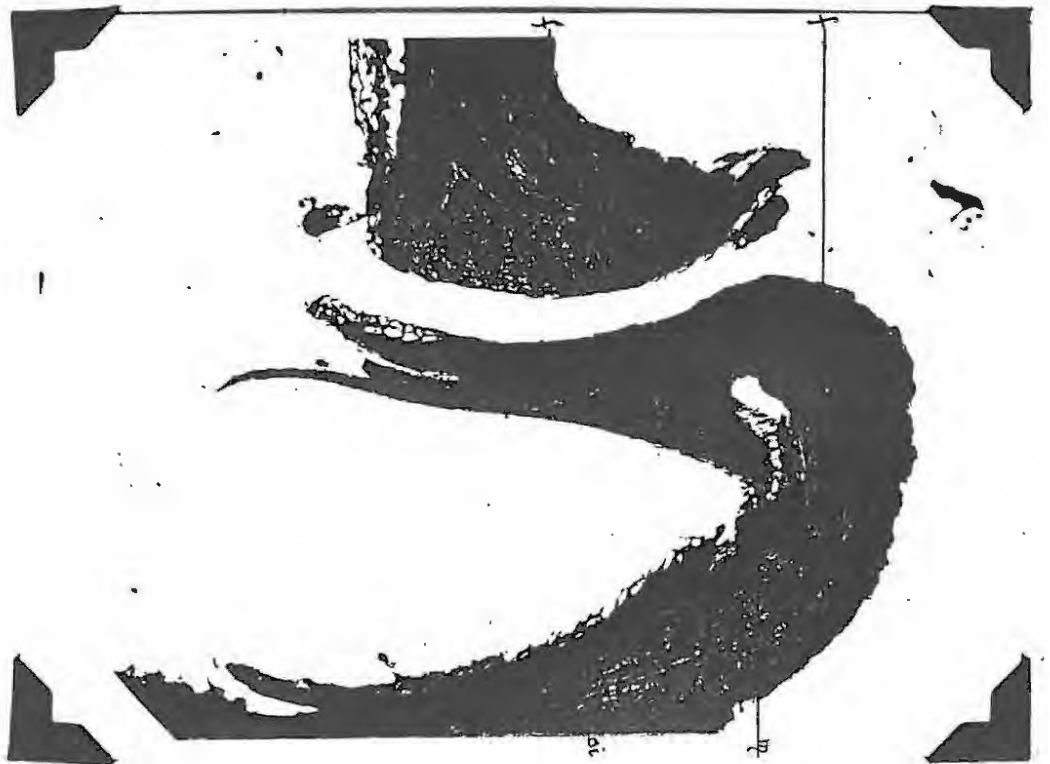


Fig 67.

Fig 68a.

Germinable seed surround by mass of mucilage  
cells and hairs. X12

Fig 69.

Germinable seed with pulpy mass removed. X12

~~Fig 69.~~

~~Seed with hard seed coat but no embryo.~~

Fig 70

This papery seed. X12



Fig 68.



Fig 69.



Fig 71. Germinating seed after 4 days with two embryos.

c. cotyledon;  
h. hypocotyl;  
a. adventitious roots from base of  
hypocotyl;  
r. radicle.

Fig 72. Germinating seed with single embryo.

Fig 73. Seed with two seedlings.  
rh. root hairs.

Fig 74. Seedling.  
j. first joint.  
th. thorns;  
or. areole.

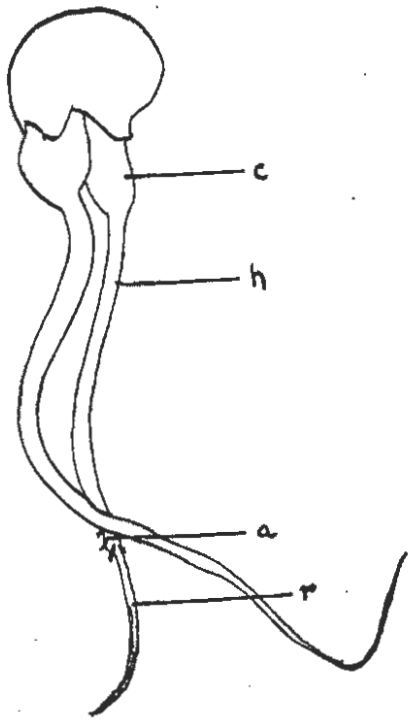


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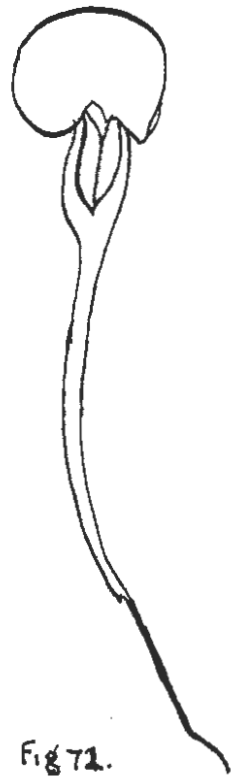


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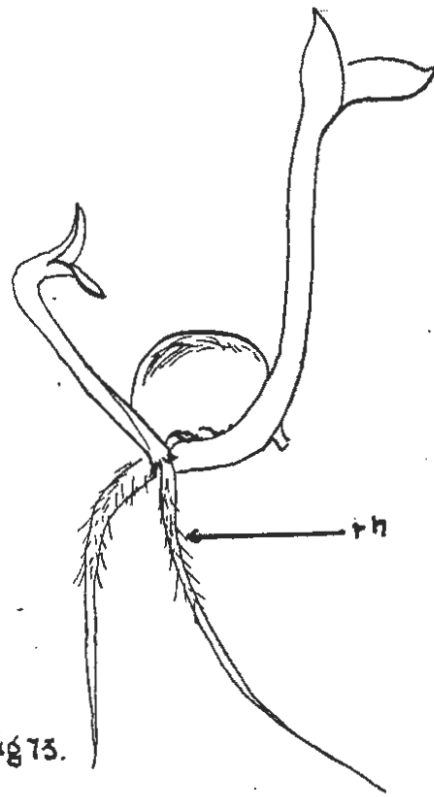


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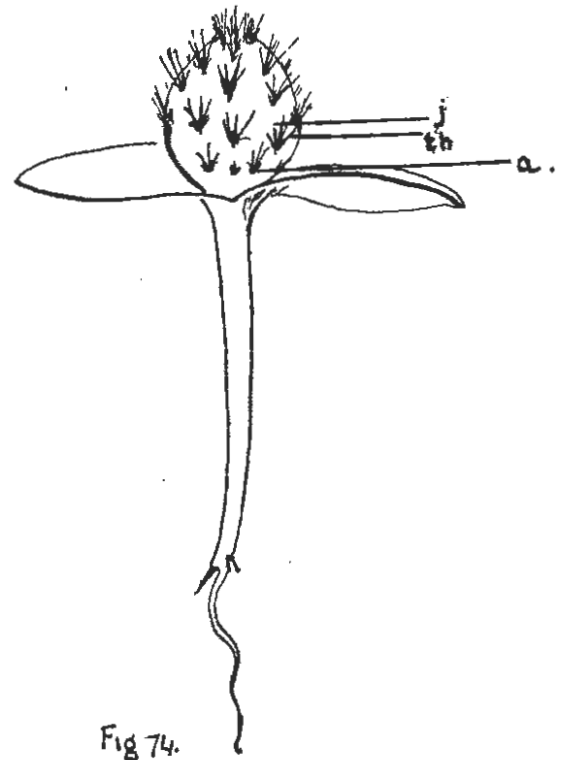


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