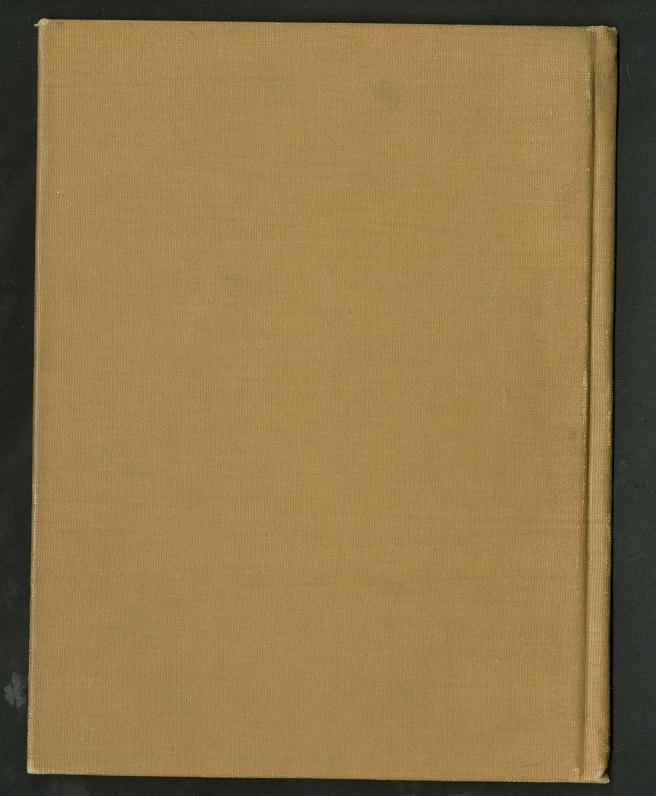




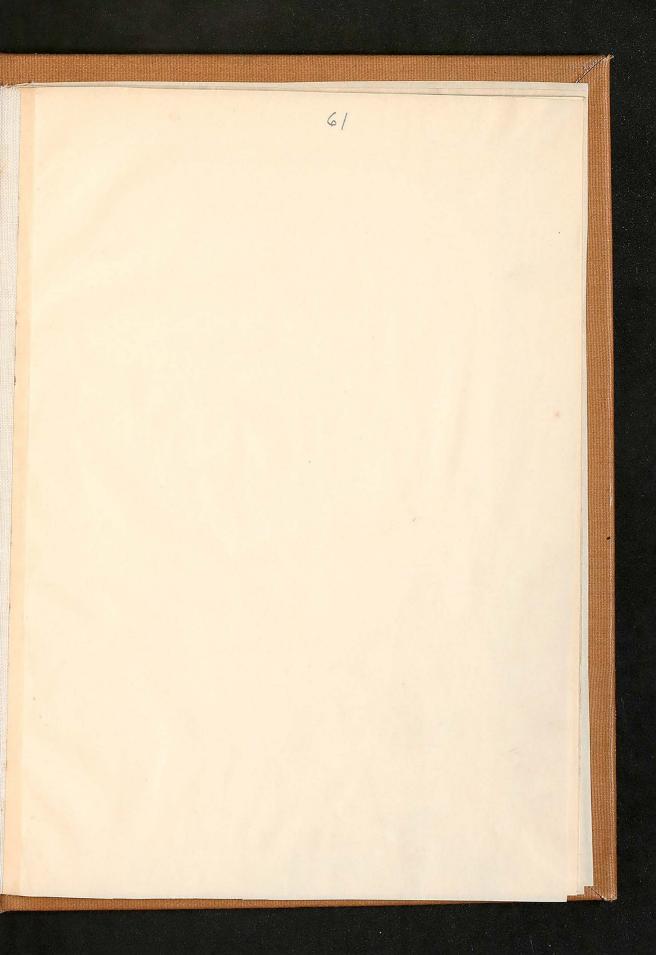
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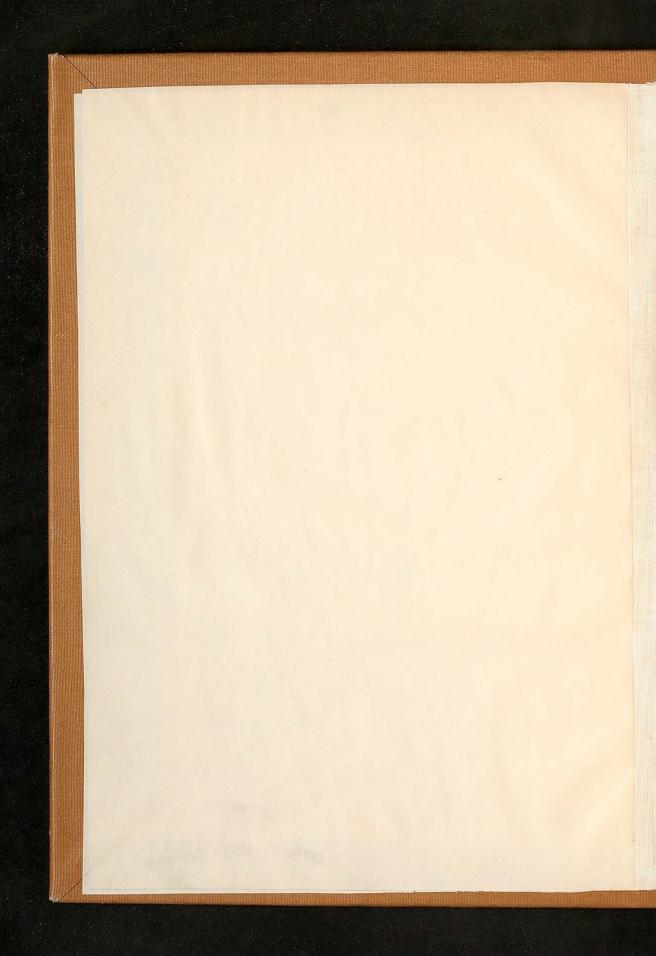
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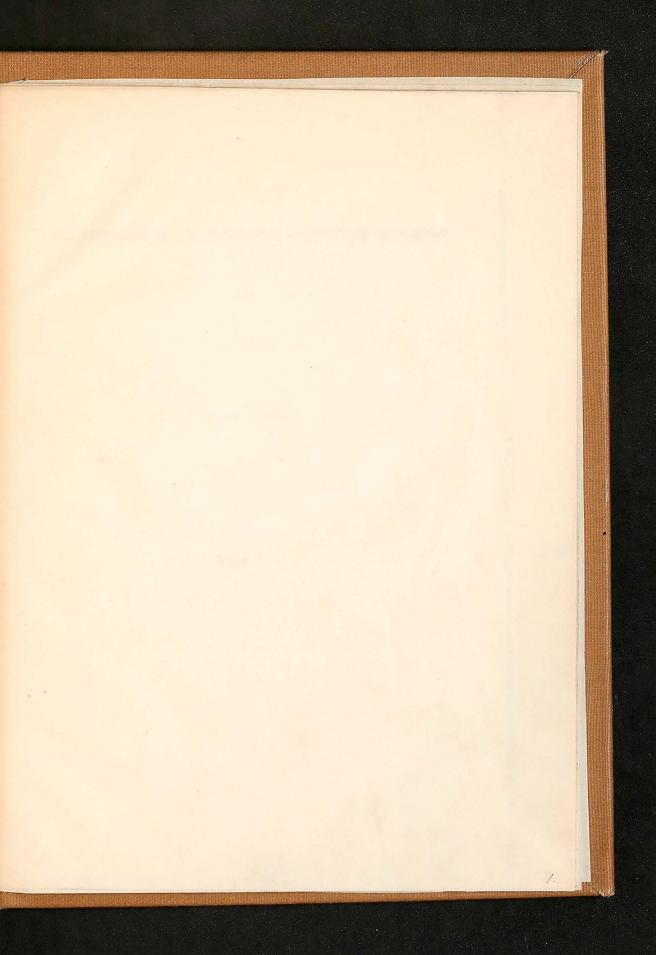
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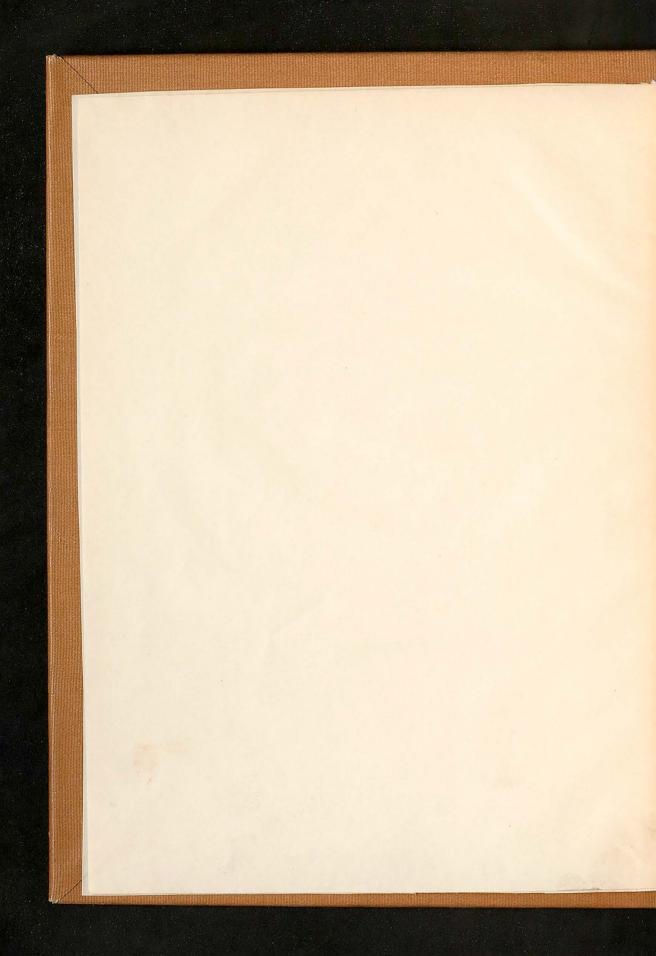












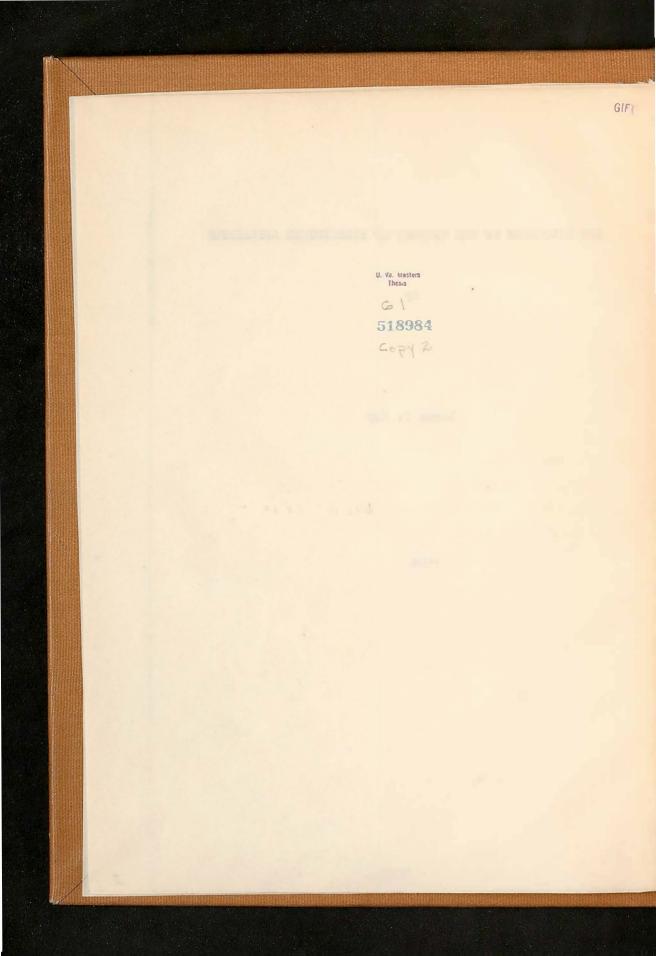
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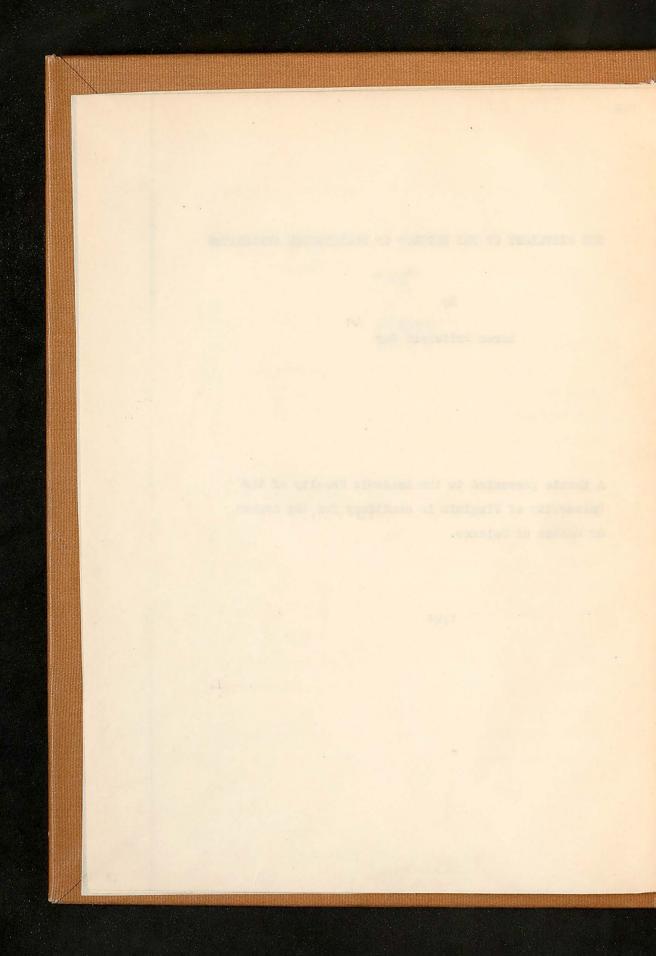
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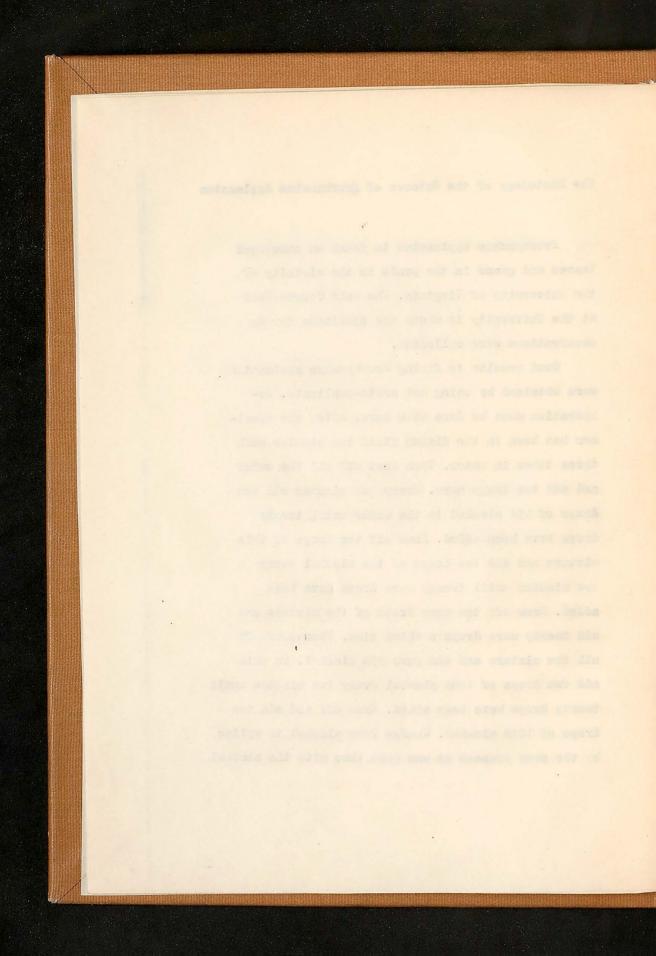
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The Histology of the Enteron of Prorhynchus Applanatus

Fronhynchus applanatas is found on submerged leaves and grass in the ponds in the vicinity of the University of Virginia. The Golf Course Pond at the University is where the specimens for my observations were collected.

Good results in fixing Frorhynchus applanatus were obtained by using hot aceto-sublimate. Dehydration must be done with care. After the specimen has been in the fixing fluid ten minutes wash three times in water. Then draw off all the water and add ten drops more. Every two minutes add two drops of 95% alcohol to the water until twenty drops have been added. Draw off ten drops of this mixture and add two drops of the alcohol every two minutes until twenty more drops have been added. Draw off ten more drops of the mixture and add twenty more drops a third time. Then pour off all the mixture and add pure 95% alcohol. To this add two drops of 100% alcohol every two minutes until twenty drops have been added. Draw off and add ten drops of 100% alcohol. Change from alcohol to xyline by the same process as was gone thru with the alcohol.



Use two changes of paraffin for five minutes each and then embed.

The section should be cut 7μ thick. Stain in iron hematoxylin. Beautiful slides showing the cells in several colors may be made by using Hallory's triple connective tissue stain as follows:

Solution I.

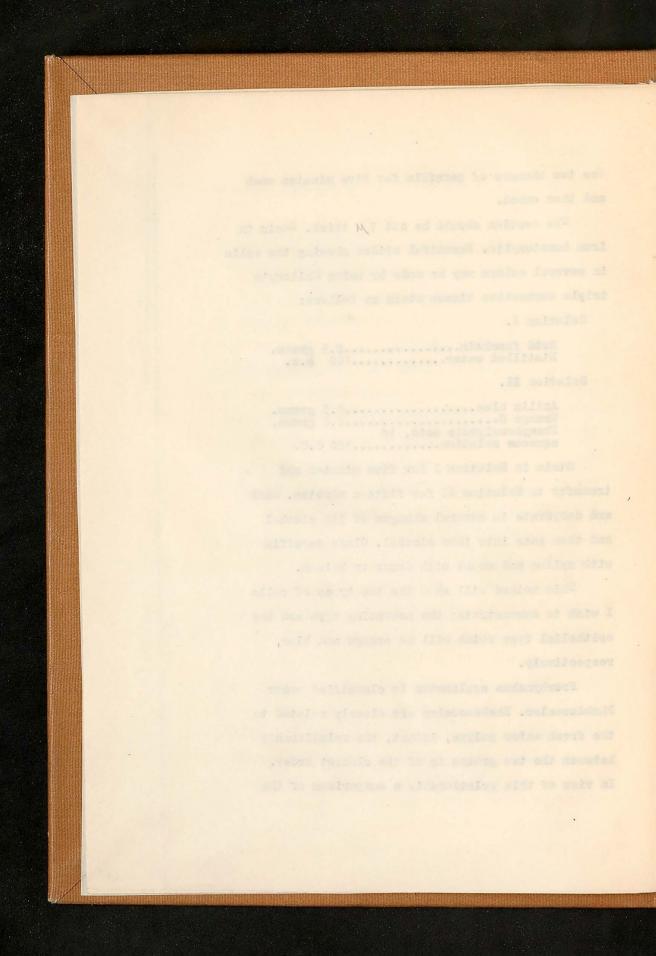
Solution al.

Anilin blue.....0.5 grams. Orange G.....2.0 grams. Phosphomolybdic acid, 19 aqueous solution.....100 C.C.

Stain in Solution I for five minutes and transfer to Solution II for fifteen minutes. Wash and dehydrate in several changes of 95% alcohol and then pass into 100% alcohol. Clear paraffin with xyline and mount with damar or balsam.

This method will show the two types of cells I wish to demonstrate; the secreting type and the epithelial type which will be orange and blue, respectively.

Prorhynchus applanatus is classified under Rhabdocoeles. Rhabdocceles are closely related to the fresh water polyps, infact, the relationship between the two groups is of the closest order. In view of this relationship a comparison of the

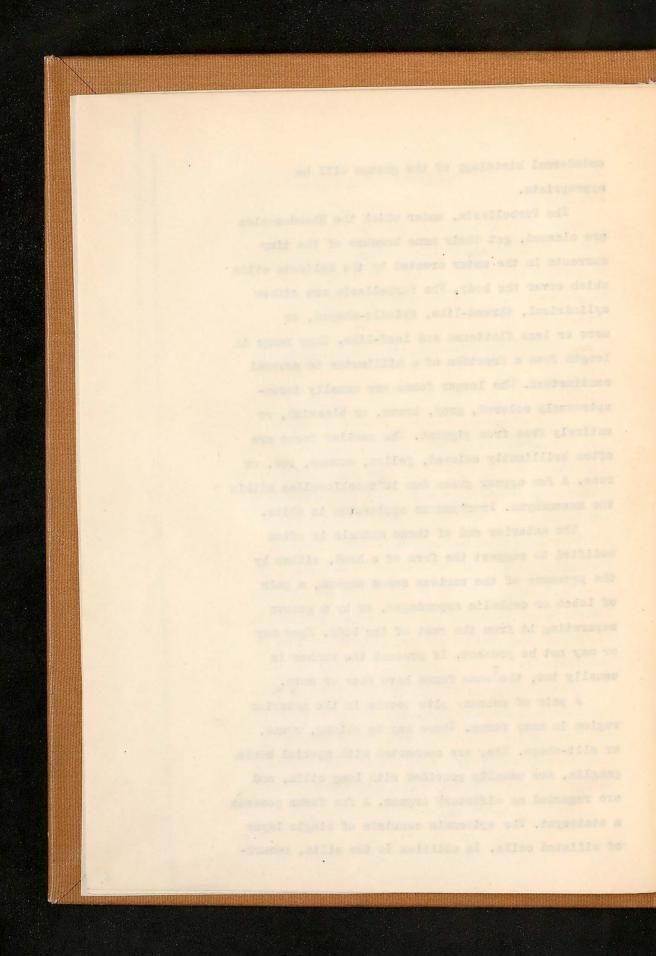


endodermal histology of the groups will be appropriate.

The Turbellaria, under which the Rhabdocoeles are classed, get their name because of the tiny currents in the water created by the delicate cilia which cover the body. The Turbellaria are either cylindrical, thread-like, spindle-shaped, or more or less flattened and leaf-like. They range in length from a fraction of a millimeter to several centimeters. The larger forms are usually inconspicuously colored, gray, brown, or blackish, or entirely free from pignent. The smaller forms are often brilliantly colored, yellow, orange, red, or rose. A few appear green due to zoochlorellae within the mesenchyma. Frorhynchus applanatus is white.

The anterior end of these animals is often modified to suggest the form of a head, either by the presence of the various sense organs, a pair of lobes or cephalic appendages, or by a groove separating it from the rest of the body. Eyes may or may not be present. If present the number is usually two, tho some forms have four or more.

A pair of sensory pits occurs in the anterior region in many forms. These may be oblong, round, or slit-shape. They are connected with special brain ganglia, are usually provided with long cilia, and are regarded as olfactory organs. A few forms possess a statocyst. The epidermis consists of single layer of ciliated cells. In addition to the cilia, remark-



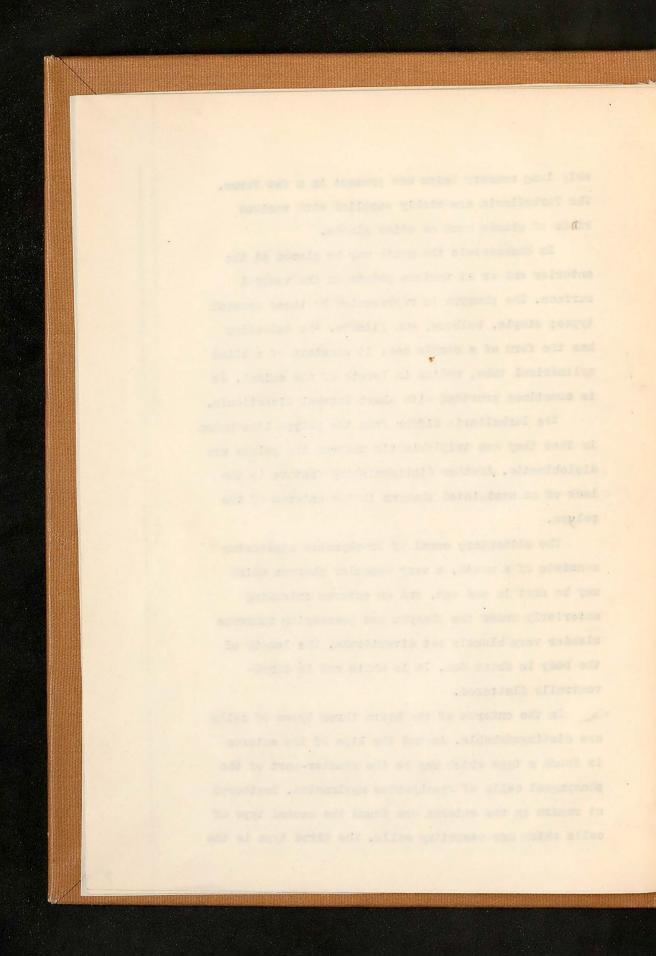
ably long sensory hairs are present in a few forms. The Turbellaria are richly supplied with various kinds of glands such as slime glands.

In Rhabdocoels the mouth may be placed at the anterior end or at various points on the ventral surface. The pharynx is represented by three general types; simple, bulbous, and plicate. The intestine has the form of a simple sac; it consists of a blind cylindrical tube, median in length of the animal. It is sometimes provided with short lateral diverticula.

The Turbellaria differ from the polyps like hydra in that they are triploblastic whereas the polyps are diploblastic. Another distinguishing feature is the lack of an associated pharynx in the enteron of the polyps.

The alimentary canal of Frorhynchus applanatus consists of a mouth, a very muscular pharynx which may be shot in and out, and an enteron extending anteriorly under the pharynx and possessing numerous slender very closely set diverticula. The length of the body is abcut 4mm. It is white and is dorsoventrally flattened.

In the enteron of the hydra three types of cells are distinguishable. Around the lips of the enteron is found a type which may be the counter-part of the pharyngeal cells of Frorhynchus applanatus. Scattered at random in the enteron are found the second type of cells which are secreting cells. The third type is the

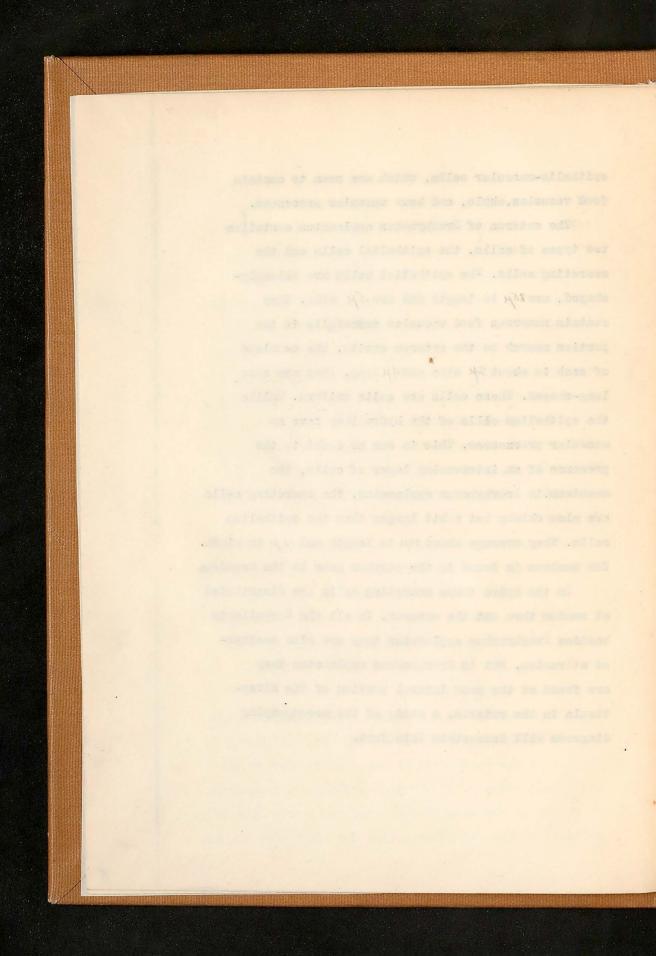


epithelio-muscular cells, which are seen to contain food vacuoles, chyle, and bear muscular processes.

The enteron of Frorhynchus applanatus contains two types of cells, the epithelial cells and the secreting cells. The epithelial cells are oblonglyshaped, are 25μ in length and are 5μ wide. They contain numerous food vacuoles especially in the portion nearer to the enteron cavity. The neucleus of each is about 2μ wide and 4μ long. They are also long-shaped. These cells are quite uniform. Unlike the epithelium cells of the hydra they have no muscular procxesses. This is due no doubt to the presence of an intervening layer of cells, the mesoderm in Prorhynchus applanatus. The secreting cells are also oblong but a bit larger than the epithelium cells. They average about 30μ in length and 12μ in width. The nucleus is found in the portion near to the mesoderm

In the hydra these secreting cells are distributed at random thru out the enteron. In all the ^Turbellaria besides Frorhynchus applanatas they are also scattered atorandom. But in Frorhynchus applanatus they are found at the most lateral portion of the diverticula in the enteron. A study of the accompanying diagrams will demonstate this fact.

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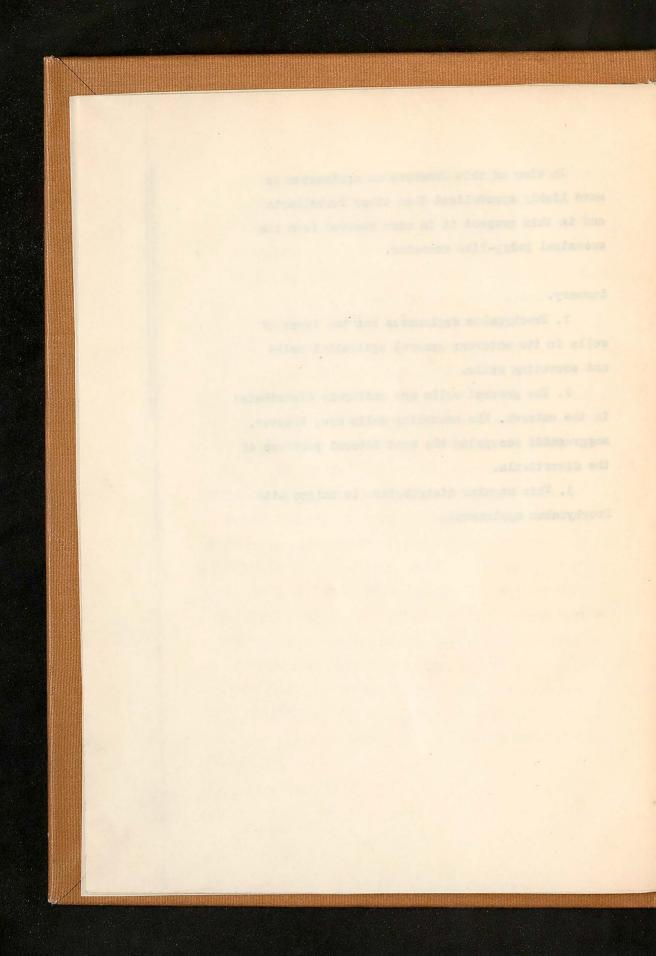
In view of this Frorhynchus applanatus is more highly specialized than other Turbellaria and in this respect it is more removed from the ancestral polyp-like ancestor.

Summary.

1. Prorhynchus applanatus has two types of cells in its enteron: general epithelial cells and secreting cells.

2. The general cells are uniformly distributed in the enteror. The secreting cells are, however, seggregated cccupying the most lateral portions of the diverticula.

3. This regular distribution is unique with Frorhynchus applanatus.



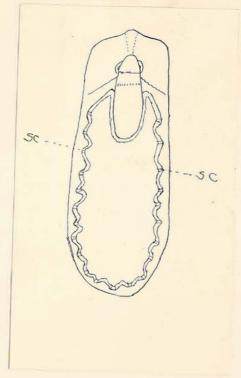
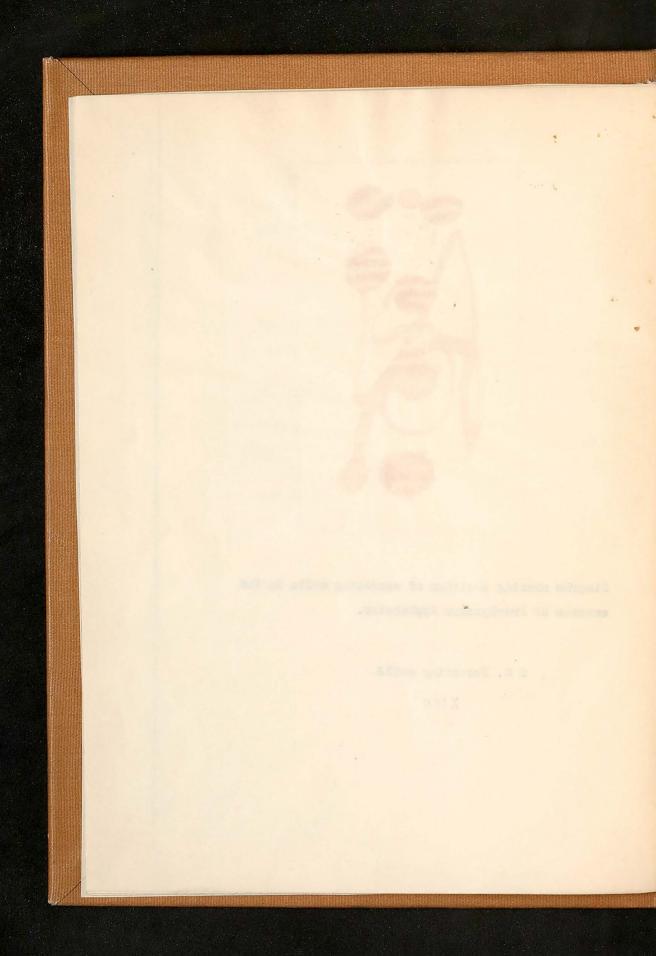


Diagram showing position of secreting cells in the enteron of Prorhynchus Applanatus.

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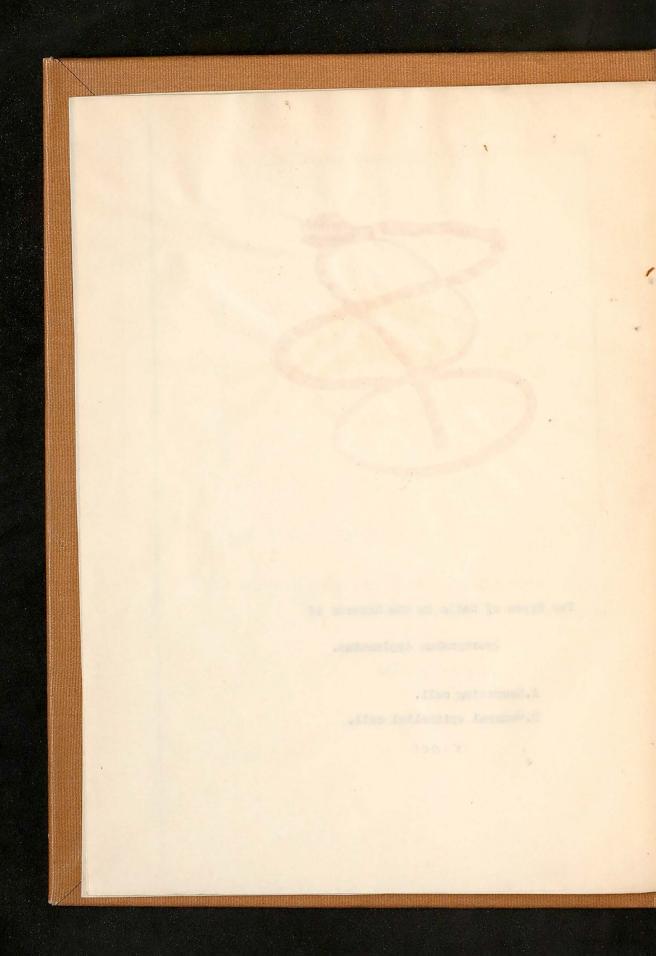
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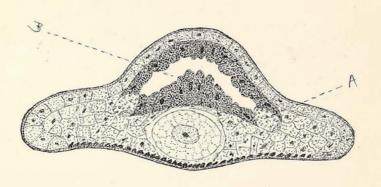
Two Types of Cells in the Enteron of

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A.Secreting cell. B.^General epithelial cell.

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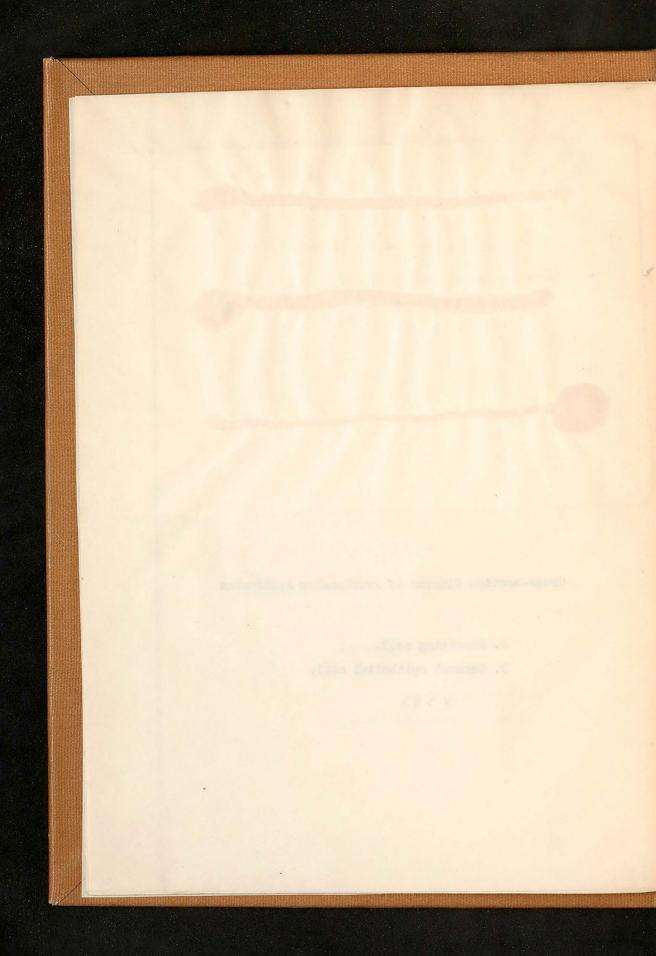
Cross-section Diagram of Frorhynchus Applanatus

A. Secreting cell.

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B. General epithelial cell.

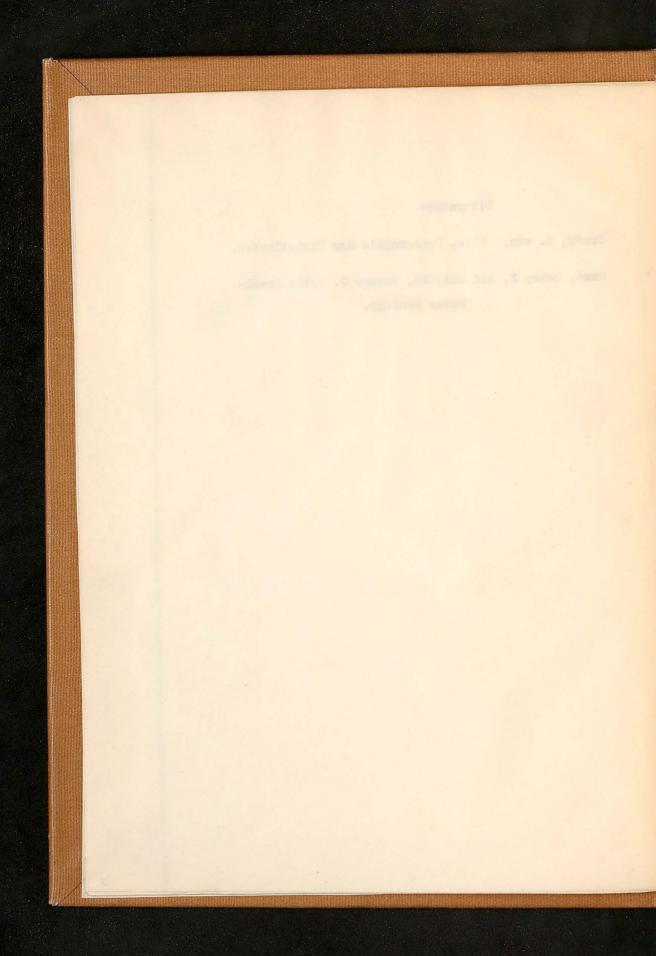
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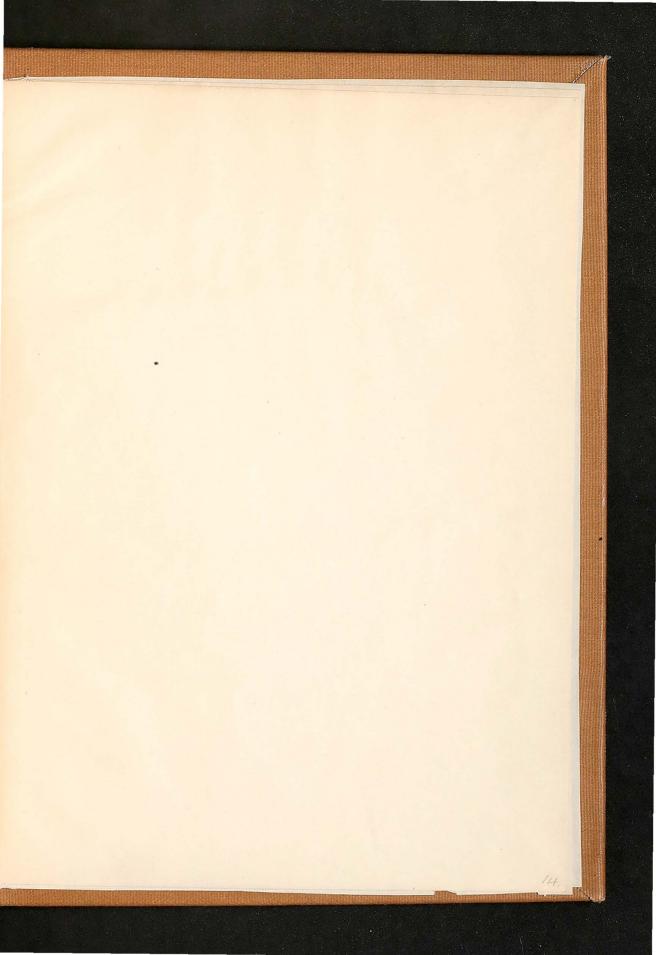


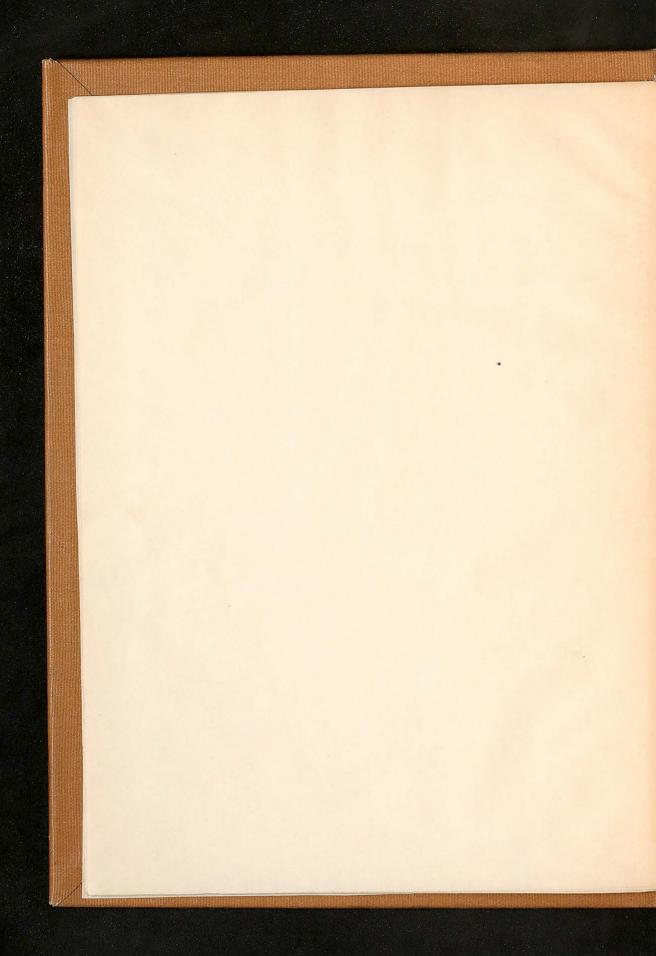
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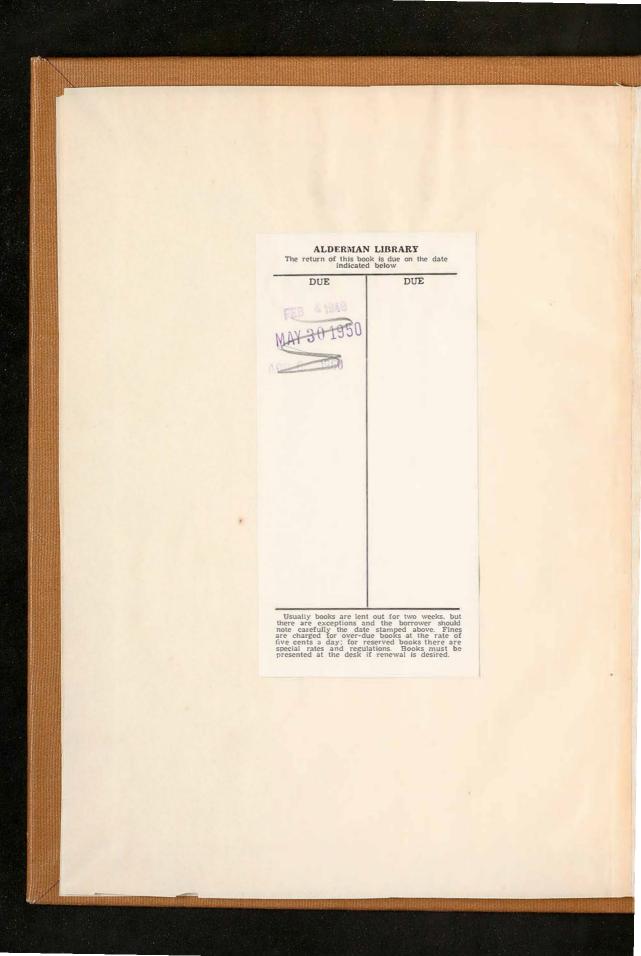
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