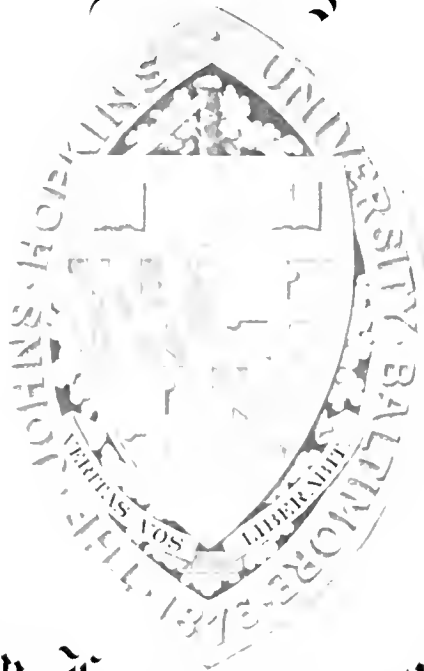


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STRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE THYROID GLAND
IN PETERMIZON.

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The following work was done on the following species. The first species was *P. pinnatus*, a small lamprey, at the adult condition, reaches a length of about six inches only. This first lot of material was obtained by Dr. F. W. S. Gage at Naples. It included stages from the fertilized egg to the swimming larva in which the gills were colourably visible and in which the mouth was separated from the nostrils only by a thin partition of cells. This lot of material was killed fourteen days after fertilisation.

The second lot of material was obtained at Ithaca, N. Y., and probably chiefly consists of both *L. dorsalis*, Wilder (Lake lamprey) and *L. bicoloris* (Brook lamprey), as both species are known to spawn in the same nest and it is impossible to tell to which species the larvae belong. Part of this lot of material was sent me through the courtesy of Prof. S. W. Gage of Cornell; the rest I myself obtained from one of the "nests" in a stream at Ithaca, New York.

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Development of the thyroid gland in Petromyzon.

The thyroid gland, in Petromyzon, as in other vertebrates, is situated in the ventral wall of the pharynx, and is called the pharyngeal thyroid gland. It consists of two glandular bodies connecting the two sides of the pharynx.

The first thyroid gland, the first found, in ~~P. fluviatilis~~, is about 10 days old, that is to say, it is in the early stage of development.

The structure of the thyroid gland is seen in Fig. 1. The thyroid gland is a pair of gill-slits, which are not broken through, and are separated by a round mass at the posterior end. In the figure, the anterior end of the thyroid gland is forming the anterior part of the pharynx. The stomodaeum is seen as a series of shallow transverse ridges in the anterior part of the neck of the fish.

The thyroid gland, at the anterior end, is broad and deep, so that, with its thick walls, it is half as large, in cross section, as the part of the pharynx from which it is de-

nived. Its lateral walls are, throughout its length, very thick, and are composed of a single row of greatly elongated cells, each cell with a large nucleus near its centre. The ventral wall is a single layer of cells composed of shorter, even cubical cells.

At the anterior end of the thyroid gland, it is found to become gradually narrower and deeper until it becomes shallow until it finally disappears.

At the posterior end of the thyroid gland, older stage, no definite structure is observed. Through the middle of the thyroid gland, a thin, white appearance as an evaginated part of the gut (pharynx). The thick lateral walls of the thyroid gland are shown in this section, and the thin, white structure in this figure is the pharynx. The pharynx is, while posterior to this point, a thin, white structure and gradually becomes more and more evaginated as it passes.

The pharynx, at its anterior end, is a groove, relatively shallow, and opening along its entire length into the gut.

(100x mag.) On the anterior end the thyroid begins to be stratified from the pharynx by the growth of two horizontal partitions, one roofing over the anterior end, the other roofing over the posterior end, of the thyroid groove.

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It will be interesting to compare the Potromyzon thy-roid at this stage with the thyroid, at a corresponding stage, in Amblystoma (Figs. 8 a and 8 b). A section through the

Fig. 13. ^{of} Peromyscus thyroid (Fig. 13.) shows it
 closed, while, prior to it, it is still an open
 (Fig. 12.). In the latter, on the other hand, the open
 end of the duct is directed towards the dorsal, the closing
 end towards the ventral, i.e. the opposite direction.

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 lateral wall is shorter than the length of a longitudinal
 section of the duct. The walls of the gland
 (Fig. 14.) are all more ^{marked}

marked in the same direction.
 The dorsal wall of the duct is directed towards the anterior end of the thyroid
 gland, while the ventral wall is directed towards the posterior end. A section would show
 the dorsal wall of the duct and ventral walls
 (Fig. 15.). The duct is embedded in a wax re-
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 the duct are taken from the anterior end of the gland
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 tion extends to the anterior end of the gland. The thyroid is here not so closely pressed against

The pharynx is like the case in previous sections, being separated from the wall of the pharynx by a collection of mesoderm cells. The dorsal wall of the pharynx is crescentic in cross section, and is attached to the wall of the body by the thickening of the lateral wall of the pharynx.

The dorsal wall of the pharynx is not for about 2/5 of its length, but is attached to the wall of the body, so that its opening is not a complete circle, but is a slit extending only 1/5 of the length of the pharynx.

The dorsal wall of the pharynx is attached to this opening (Fig. 10.) The dorsal wall of the pharynx is the anterior end, and is attached to the wall of the body by the thickening of the lateral wall of the pharynx, a circular cavity of the pharynx (Fig. 11.) is produced, by the growth and invagination of the pharynx, is a narrow vertical slit with lateral walls of the pharynx, being the cavity, in cross section, composed of a layer of a few cells of the pharynx. The dorsal wall of this cavity (Fig. 11.) is comparatively thin, being composed of a single layer of short columnar cells, and is what Dohrn calls the "beckhaute". The ventral wall is also comparatively thin, and is the same as the extreme anterior end of the unpaired cavity, a slight upward projection (Fig. 11, m.l.) which would seem to be the first indication of the medial longitudinal partition that will later divide the gland into two lateral parts. According to Dohrn, this me-

dial lamella is formed as far back as the opening of the gland, before the lateral invagination takes place, but in my material this is certainly not the case, as is shown in Fig. 2 b.

The lateral invaginations extend posteriorly to a point a little behind the anterior edge of the slit-like opening into the pharynx, Fig. 2 a being from a section that cut through the extreme posterior part of the invagination in the right side but was too far posterior to cut part of the left side, either because the section was somewhat oblique or because the right invagination had proceeded further than the left.

It is well to get a clear idea of these lateral invaginations in the simple condition represented in Fig. 2 b, as the more complicated later stages will thus be more easily understood. If the lateral walls straightened out, thus obliterating the lateral invaginations, the thyroid would be reduced to a more or less cylindrical body, as it was in Fig. 1 b, though with a much larger cavity. The lateral walls of the lateral walls are divided by the invagination into two groups, which become more and more distinct as development proceeds. In Fig. 2 b one of these groups, on each side, lies between the invagination and the perpendicular part of the cavity of the gland; the other group lies between the invagination and the dorsal, horizontal part of the cavity. (Compare Fig. 3 e.) The cavity of the thyroid between this point and the posterior edge of the opening into the pharynx is simply a deep and narrow groove, slightly

into two distinct lateral parts, from the anterior end about half way to the opening into the pharynx. Fig. 4 a is a section through the gland in the same position, showing the invagination of the roof and floor walls. The once simple tube is now a tube with a double floor of its walls. The roof is now divided into two "lateral invaginations" (L.I.), produced in the direction of a dorso-median direction, as seen in the same plane as seen in Fig. 3 b. The floor is now divided into a roof and floor of the floor (F.I.) and a floor of the floor (F.F.), thus separating the floor into two halves. At a later stage a fold of the floor wall is seen between these halves so forming a meso-floer wall. At this stage the meso-floer wall is composed of a single layer of cuboidal cells, and contains a few cilia on its surface. It is at this time also that the "Pseudo-brachialrinia" or "Pseudo-brachialrinia" appears in the floor of the pharynx, extending from the distance from the opening of the gland (Fig. 4 b, c, d). At this stage no cilia could be seen, and the rows of cilia which it was at later stages of development. The cilia of the gland, in the region represented in Fig. 4 b, will within, in cross section, its resemblance to the lateral T. This section is anterior to the duct, but posterior to the median lamella represented in Fig. 4 a. The other changes noticed at this stage are :- the closing of the

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(v.), and the circulation of the blood through the branchial apparatus can be seen easily under a low power. The thyroid, which can be seen throughout the length of the animal, shows very distinct cell structure. The dorsal wall of the pharynx is shown by a dotted line, and the broad dotted lines show the position of the dorsal and ventral branches of the blood vessel over the mouth. The dorsal branch of the blood vessel (d.), no attempt has been made to show the position of the dorsal branch of the larva.

A cross-section of the pharynx of this age shows the thyroid gland (thy.) and the dorsal branch of the blood vessel against the ventral wall of the pharynx.

The structure of the pharynx is shown in the level of the dorsal branch of the blood vessel. Fig. 5 b is a cross-section of the pharynx anterior to the thyroid. It shows the dorsal branch of the blood vessel (d.), body wall (b.w.), and the structure of the pharynx (phar.) in cross-section. The dorsal branch of the blood vessel, passes through the ciliated groove of the pharynx. The anteriorly-directed, ventral branch (v.v.), runs dorsolateralward and dorsolateralward to run posteriorly in the dorsal branch of the blood vessel (to the left). On the left of the dorsal branch of the blood vessel the grooves are distinct as a dorsal (d.d.g.) and ventral (v.v.g.) groove. These grooves are lined with cells which are much higher and more columnar than the cells of the rest of the pharyngeal wall, so that they are easily followed, by sections, throughout their course.

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opening into the pharynx, are continued on the floor of the pharynx as a single, shallow, shallow groove. (Figs. 6 j-k), which usually does not extend far beyond itself as a groove, but continues as a ridge of thickened epithelium. The floor of the pharynx may be laid open, and the arrangement of grooves may be seen clearly. The pharynx is plainly with a lobe, pharyngeal lobe, extending from the dorsal side, and the arrangement of grooves may be made out.

Microscopic examination of the pharynx showed the presence of a single row of cilia. The arrangement could be followed in the pharynx, and the grooves is quite distinct. The pharynx is described in an interesting book "Anatomy of the Pharynx" by J. H. H. On page 133 it is stated: "The pharynx is a muscular sac in front of the gill-arches, and is bounded by the first gill-arches), and then proceeds to the pharynx, and the dorsal middle line of the pharynx is the dorsal middle line of the oesophagus. The pharynx is a muscular sac, and uniting together, forms a single row of cilia. The groove to the posterior lip of the pharynx is the pharynx."

The arrangement of the cilia and grooves then is briefly as follows:- On the floor of the pharynx, beginning at or near the opening of the oesophagus, is a ridge of epithelium on which no cilia could be made out. This ridge,

after extending forwards for a very short distance, becomes changed gradually into a shallow, median, ciliated groove that continues anteriorly to the base of the thyroid. Just anterior to the thyroid the median groove splits into two shallow, lateral grooves, which extend along the floor of the pharynx, and reach the anterior end of the esophagus on each side to the level of the thyroid. The lateral grooves then converge at the posterior end of the thyroid gland, anterior to the front end of the thyroid, and continue as a shallow, median, ciliated, lateral groove, which extends along the floor of the esophagus, of which it forms the dorsal wall.

The lateral groove is similar to that seen in previous stages, but the median groove is much wider. The cover cells (Figs. 3 e-f, m.l.) are present until they now form a row of cells along the dorsal wall (Figs. 5 f-m, g.l.) have almost disappeared, and the cells now lie near one end. The lateral groove is much wider than the median lamella (Figs. 3 e-f, m.l.) and extends much farther back as the diet. From the anterior end of the lateral groove (Figs. 4 i-k, m.l.) the lamella is slightly wider than the floor of the gland but can readily be distinguished from the floor when being swollen for a considerable distance posteriorly (Figs. 5 i-k, m.l.). The lateral groove in this is very deep and important in determining the structure of the organ. Near the anterior end (Fig. 5 e, i.v.) it has not changed greatly from the condition

in which it was at the late stage, but as we pass to sections farther back we find that the invagination forms a considerable cavity in which the cells are crowded (Figs. 5 f-h, i.v.), and generally the cells are arranged in a single row, as seen to the distal end. At the proximal end there is a dorsal and two lateral divisions of the cells. This is the proximal part of the invagination (Fig. 5 i, mes.).

The cells in the invagination are the cells that have taken place of the cells of the lateral invagination. The first among the changes are the changes in the arrangement of these cells into two groups, dorsal and ventral, the dorsal cells proper. The dorsal cells are arranged in a single row (Fig. 5 e). As can be seen in the dorsal view of the invagination (Fig. 5 e) the dorsal cells appear to have separated from the ventral cells, which are somewhat oval and are arranged in a single row. The dorsal cells, by the lateral invagination, are arranged in a single row of this oval mass of cells. The dorsal cells are arranged in a single row (m.l.), is seen in the dorsal view of the invagination (Fig. 5 e) apparently having been separated from the ventral cells (v.f.l.). The nuclei in the dorsal cells are arranged in a single columnar cells (Fig. 5 f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z) with a single row of nuclei in the gland cells proper (Fig. 5 f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z). A considerable space is formed between the ciliated cells and the gland cells, which becomes connected with the lateral invagination (Figs. 5 f-h, i.v.) by the separation, in the centre (at the end of the line n.g.l., Fig. 5e)

of sections had to be studied before any conclusion could be reached as to the minute structure of the cell groups. The pointed ends of the cells and distinct openings (a.) of the cell groups, which are usually seen in cross-section, are usually observed in longitudinal sections. In practically every instance, however, the cell groups are seen in cross-section. The opening of the cell group (the cell group) is usually seen to be a small space or cleft between the cells of the cell group by the presence of a distinct line. There was no secretion from the cell groups. The fact could be explained if the secretion was carried over, as the secretion is usually seen in Fig. 8 1 (a) and is usually seen in the cell group magnified 100 times, and is usually seen to be covered over by a membrane-like layer. The line from which the cells arise, the cell group, may be followed in the longitudinal sections, and the appearance of the cells in each section, it is difficult to see the cells on the outer side of the cell group, in the longitudinal sections of holes in the membrane, they are usually seen in the secretion, and too minute to be seen, even under a magnification of 1200 diameters.

In Fig. 8 1 may be seen, just under the basement mem-

base, a number of triangular condensations of the cell substance on each side of the ocellus. These inverted cones were seen in a number of sections. They appeared to be stained in just the same manner as the ocellus and their presence suggested a function.

The glandular cells of the salivary gland may be considered of two types, the large and two small cylinders. The large cylinders extend along the whole length of the pharynx. The small cylinders (Fig. 10) are scattered throughout and can scarcely be recognized. The large cylinders will acquire lateral processes as they extend. The larger cylinders (Fig. 11) are scattered throughout the cylinder or cylinder. The small cylinders are mentioned above (Fig. 10). The secretion of the gland is secreted into the pharynx and thence, through the pharynx, into the pharynx.

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They are deep and so narrow that there could seem to be but little room for ciliary action. The cells lining the grooves are located on the outer wall of the pharynx, which is the only place where they are known to be the only, and the only, place where they are found.

The cells are situated on the outer wall of the pharynx, one side only; of the other side the cells are situated on the inner wall, three fourths of the distance from the pharynx to the gill cells (d.l.) and the other side of the pharynx is the other. The gill cells are situated on the inner wall of the pharynx from a distance of about one fourth of the distance from the pharynx. The gill cells are situated on the inner wall of the pharynx, and are exactly the same as the cells that has been described in the gill cells (d.l.) and the other ends to the pharynx. The gill cells are situated on the inner wall of the pharynx (i.v.). Several gill cells are situated on the inner wall of the pharynx, the angular muscle of the pharynx is situated on the inner wall, lying close to the pharynx, the gill cells are situated on the inner wall before reaching the pharynx. The gill cells are situated on the inner wall, the groove separates the gill cells from the pharynx, in cross section on the inner wall, the gill cells of the T turn upward so that they are situated on the inner wall (d.l., p.) until they are closely pressed against the inner wall of the T. The way in which this curious groove opens, finally, into the thyroid is interesting. A short distance back of the point represented

of the medial part (Fig. 2 h, l) of the ciliated layer with the adjacent side (l') of the deep, ciliated groove (v.c.g.). Reference line 2 covers the lateral part (2) of the cover layer joined to the medial (2') of the ciliated groove (g.). Reference line 3 indicates the lateral part (3) of the ciliated layer joined to the lateral (3') of the ciliated groove (g.). The lateral part (l') of the ciliated layer is the union of the medial and lateral parts (m.l.) of the two parts of the ciliated layer joined to the complete partition all the way across the lateral part of the groove.

The lateral part (l') of the ciliated layer (Fig. 2 h) is the medial portion (1) of the ciliated layer joined to the lateral (1') of the opposite side, above the lateral part (l') of the ciliated groove (g.). Part (3) of this layer is joined to the lateral (3') of the cover layer. The lateral part (l') of the ciliated layer (l.v.) apparently completely separates the lateral part of the medial part of the gland, where the lateral part (l') of the mesoblast cells are found to be separated into lateral (l.v.) parts. This is shown also in Fig. 2 n, which is a longitudinal section of the entire gland. A section of this gland (Fig. 2 m) has the lateral invagination (l.v.) which, on the left, separates the lateral from the central portion of the gland, but of course if the section were cut nearer to the dorsal surface of the gland, the lateral portion would be seen to be joined to the central portion anterior to the duct (to the left of m.l.), as has been seen in

Figs. 6 e-h. Fig. 6 m shows the extent to which the gland is completely divided by the partition (m.l.), and also the position of the larva in relation to the ciliated groove (v.c.g., 3-5). The cilia are called lateral cilia. In all the sections posterior to the larva, as seen in Fig. 6 n, there are three distinct ciliated chambers. The lateral ciliated chamber (l.c.h.), occupying the lateral half of the gland, is shown also in cross section, and is partially divided by the median lamella (m.l.) which lies in the middle of the lateral wall. Into each half of the lateral ciliated chamber, one end of the large and one of the small ciliated grooves extend, each leading cells. The smaller ciliated groove, as seen in Fig. 6 o, at this stage is still in a rudimentary condition.

The lateral ciliated chamber (l.c.h.) is crescentic in cross section, the lower part of the crescent being formed by the ciliated cells. The upper part of the crescent covers cells. Into the lateral ciliated chamber a large and a small group of gland cells. Dorsal to the gland are two large blood vessels (art.) and close above these the floor of the gut, with the ventral ciliated groove (v.c.g.), now more pronounced in depth. Fig. 6 k is of a section near the posterior end of the gland, passing through the upcurved portion. The reference line m.c.h. begins in the cavity of this upcurved part, which is cut through at the point where it is continuous with the central ciliated chamber of the gland. A section just anterior to this

would show this upper space as a separate cavity. Dohrn says this marked head at the posterior end, as well as the less marked one at the anterior end, is caused by the growth of the gland being an outgrowth from the epidermis in which it is enclosed.

The lateral edge of the gland has no point represented in Figs. 5 k and 5 l. The oral-ventral partition (m.l.) is still present, but is not shown in the drawings. Exactly at m.l. in Fig. 5 a, the dorsal edge (d.v.) and dorsal ridge (d.r.) are shown in Figs. 5 g and 5 k. The blood vessels are shown in Figs. 5 b, 5 c, 5 d, 5 e, 5 f, 5 h, 5 i, 5 j, 5 l, with large, nucleated leucocytes. The dorsal edge of the gland (Figs. 5 k and 5 l), and the dorsal ridge (Fig. 5 k) are arranged in the arrangement of the gland cells in the preceding figures, and are recognized no longer. The lateral edge of the gland is a nearly circular cavity, and the whole gland is surrounded by a thin membrane extending out gradually, preparation after preparation. The ridges mentioned in the description of the epidermal cells are present. The ciliated dorsal ridge is very prominent and is fully developed in its folds. The oral-ventral partition is well marked at the end of most of the pharyngeal cells in the drawings, as in most of the preceding figures.

In the following and last stage of development (Figs. 5 a-k), the gland has apparently reached its greatest complexity,

In a ventral view, the coil of the posterior end of the gland was not, of course, shown, but at each end is seen a median groove that alone, with regard to the rhabdite envelope; these grooves are separated from each other by the two parts of the gland, and the distance between the distal ends of their length is half the length of the gland as a whole. The numerous branches of the rhabdite envelope in all patches are seen in this diagram, but the rhabdite envelope of the anterior wall of the gland is not shown in this diagram as shown.

The diagram shows the relative size of the gland, so that the relative size of the rhabdite envelope were out, and also to show the relative size of the gland in size and position of the rhabdite envelope. The rhabdite envelope is reconstructed and drawn by serial dissection of the rhabdite envelope, more or less accurately. As it is not possible to draw the rhabdite envelope a little nearer the posterior end of the gland, the rhabdite envelope of the gland, though if the rhabdite envelope of the gland were straightened out, the distal end of the rhabdite envelope would be at the anterior end.

In comparing Fig. 1 and 2, it will be noticed that the rhabdite envelope of the gland is not a nearly circular body, but is a body that is not apparently not having any part of the rhabdite envelope. Fig. 1 represents the actual relative longitudinal and vertical dimensions of the gland. The actual increase in size of the gland may be appreciated by noting that, though all the sections were drawn with a camera,

those represented in Figs. 1 b-1 are enlarged 240 diameters, while those in Figs. 1 a-1 are magnified only 90 times.

The anterior portion of the anterior end of the gland, passing through the point of the Fig. 1 a, is represented in Fig. 1 b. The cells are of a uniform size, between cells and rows of cells, and are of the preceding stage (Fig. 1 c). The cells are arranged in pairs of cell-groups (Fig. 1 d), which are very small and uniserially arranged. The cells are arranged in pairs, which is exactly bilateral. In the case of the pairs of cells, the groups of cells are arranged in pairs, the cells being near the anterior end of the pair. The cells are arranged in pairs, as in Figs. 3 e and k, and the cells are arranged in pairs of cell-groups into pairs of cell-groups. The cells are arranged in pairs for convenience of the cells, and are arranged in pairs and "lateral" pairs of cell-groups. The cells are arranged in pairs, never reach the side of the gland, and are arranged in pairs.

The cellular portion of the gland is since the preceding stage, the cells are arranged in pairs, as well as actually, more elongated than the cells of the cellular layer, while the cells are arranged in pairs, and are nearly filled with their contents. The cells of the longer cells are small and circular in outline, and at certain places seem to be more or less regularly arranged near one end or other of

the cells, while at other places there is no apparent regularity in their arrangement. In Fig. 40, the secretory cells with large nuclei are seen on either side of the slit-like openings (o.) into the cavity of leaf cells. The cellular processes (v.c.g.), on the other hand, in a certain degree, are still some distance apart on the floor of the cavity, and are not noticeably changed from their condition in the leaf cells. They are separated by one large and one small cell in the floor of the pharynx, which serve, as indicated by their shape, as support in outline, probably corresponding to the large and small cells. They are very deep and as a rule bear a small oval cell on their cilia.

The connective tissue part (m.t.) of the thyroid, spoken of in connection with the general appearance of the thyroid is seen, in the present case, as a thin, irregular, around the gland, and as being composed of a number of fine elastic lamellae (m.l.). It also forms a thin covering over the surface of the large artery like Echinococcus. Part of the connective tissue (Spritzlocherartige) (c.v.), the tissue, and of each enclosed space (i.v.), formed by what is called "lateral invagination", is more or less completely filled by a cell of elastic tissue with small oval nuclei. This elastic tissue also fills the space between the floor of the pharynx and the thyroid. Numerous small blood vessels are found imbedded in it, both in that which fills the lateral invagination and in that which lies between the gland and the pharynx. This tissue is represented only in

Figs. 5 a-c, 12 b, but the fibrous tissue is shown in all the figures of 12 b-c.

The gland is situated at a short distance anterior to the pharynx (Fig. 12 b), and about corresponds to the position of the ciliated groove in the pharynx (Fig. 12 c) which is apparently the same as the ciliated groove which is described in the literature (2.) In the pharynx of cell-rod animals there are several adjacent groups of ciliated cells, the ciliated groove (Fig. 12 b), at its dorso-medial end (Fig. 12 c) (Fig. 12 d), its cells have a large, rounded, round nuclei and a large oval body. The openings (c.) of the ciliated groove, a group of cells, lying in the anterior ciliated groove, that is, the ciliated groove in the anterior part of the pharynx (Fig. 12 b-i) is discussed in the literature. The ciliated groove is increased in length and width, and compressed. The shrinkage of the connective tissue (c.t.) surrounding the gland. There is considerable space at this point between the pharynx and the

Fig. 1d which necessitates the very deep, elliptical groove shown in Fig. 1d and the next figure. The median (m.l.) are very large in the median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) and connective tissue membrane (m.c.m.) (Fig. 1d). The sections is re-duced to a very thin layer (Fig. 1d) which is difficult to distinguish from the surrounding tissue. This is closely related to

the median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) and the opening of the median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) into the duct, a median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) of columnar cells, which is very thin and is spoken of as the median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) and the long cells are the median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.)

The median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) is now entirely covered by the median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) and the pocket (p.) is the median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) and the duct, as before except that the median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) at the posterior end of the median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) is taking no part in the median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) for some distance.

The median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) at this point has ceased to be a median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) and from this point, a median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) projecting upwards into the median elliptical chamber (m.e.c.) and covered by the cover cells (d.l.) (Decklamelle) of the two median pairs of cell-

ridge. At the anterior end of the ridge, the dorsal edge of this ridge is at the same level as the lateral edge.

The appearance of the lateral end of the coil and the dorsal edge of the ridge is similar. The dorsal edge of the ridge through the posterior end of the coil is similar to the lateral edge from a certain point of view (Fig. 3 j) except in the anterior end of the ridge. The dorsal edge of the ridge (Fig. 3 k) is long and narrow and the anterior part of the dorsal part is made up of the same structure as the lateral ciliated cells. The dorsal edge of the ridge in the preceding section is similar to the dorsal edge of the gland in the anterior part of the ridge. In the posterior part it was similar to the dorsal edge of the ridge. In this condition the dorsal edge of the ridge is similar to the dorsal edge of the gland. The dorsal edge of the ridge is similar to the dorsal edge of the gland and the dorsal edge of the ridge is similar to the dorsal edge of the gland. The reticulated tissue is similar to the reticulated tissue of the gland.

The dorsal edge of the ridge (Fig. 3 h) all pass through the cells. The dorsal edge of the ridge is similar to the points indicated by the dorsal edge of the ridge (Fig. 3 k). The apparent complexity of these cells will be made plain by comparing them with the diagrammatic lateral view of the gland (Fig. 3 k). In all four sections, what we have called the lateral pairs of cell-groups (l.c.g.) remain the same and may be

end of the gland. It will be noticed in Fig. 2 and in the other sections, including the middle section of the gland, that the cells of the inner whorl (m.c.g'') extend only a short distance. The great majority of the undifferentiated part of the coil also in the anterior part of the gland is in the posterior-ventral part of the gland. The cells of the inner whorl found in this end of the gland are completely cleared out by complete degeneration. The median ciliated cells of the inner whorl (m.c.g'') are in the middle of the coil, as seen in Fig. 3. In the dorsal position, the cells of the inner whorl are in a restricted chamber of the coil. The middle of the coil is divided by the median septum (m.s.g.) into two parts (m.c.g'). It is a large part of the coil. In the middle of the coil (m.c.g''), the median ciliated m.c.g''', which is the innermost whorl, is in the pressure of the middle of the coil. It is clear that the gland is, in fact, a large part of the coil. In other forward.

Fig. 3. Section through the gland at the point where the posterior ciliated whorl (m.c.g'') is dorsalward to pass anteriorly as the innermost whorl (m.c.g''') of the coil.

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the younger larval stages was enormously large, proportionally,

(Figs. 4 a and b). Each half of the gland is a thin walled oval sac, about 200 μ long and 100 μ wide in cross section, in the serosa, and the epithelial cells on the wall are of a short columnar type, with nuclei which are somewhat irregularly arranged. Each cell has a small, oval nucleus which project into the oval lumen of the gland.

The duct is a thin, clear, cylindrical tube, a short distance back of the anterior end of the gland. It is directed forward, gradually approaching the gland, and finally, but never making contact with it, passes through a small papilla. Little or no secretion is seen in the gland. The posterior end of the duct is situated a short distance back of a distance from the anterior end of the gland as shown.

Figure 5 shows a section through the ventral part of the gland, showing the duct. The large basilar cells (b.c.) are seen between the body wall (b.w.) and the duct (d.). Embedded in this wall is the duct (d.) which is lined (l.g.) whose walls are composed of the same type of cells as has been mentioned.

Figure 6 is a section through the gland under greater magnification. The end of the duct is shown, the section passing through it just anterior to the opening of the duct (d.) into the gland. This figure shows that the cells in the wall of the gland are formed by invaginations, of irregular form and at

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Fig. 4a. Lateral view of the anterior end of a 3mm. larva, to show the relative size of the thyroid gland, and its position

in relation to the cell apices, etc. (Draw from the living animal, etc. - Fig. 5 b).

Fig. 5 a. Section through the head of a *Polysiphonia* (Fig. 5 a) showing the point where the cell apices are situated. From the dorsal side of the cell apices the section cuts on each side. The section cuts through the cell apices (Fig. 5 a) (Mag. 340 diam.)

Fig. 5 b. Section through the head of a *Polysiphonia* showing the distance posteriorly from the cell apices to the pharynx, etc. (Mag. 340 diam.)

Fig. 5 c. Section through the head of a *Polysiphonia* showing the ciliated layer of the pharynx, etc. (Mag. 340 diam.)

Fig. 5 d. Section through the head of a *Polysiphonia* showing the anterior end of the pharynx, etc. (Mag. 340 diam.)

and two lateral parts. The median lobe is no longer a complete lobe, but is still called a lobe on its dorsal edge. (Mag. 200 diam.)

Fig. 5a. Transverse section posterior to Fig. 4a. Metanoe posteriorly is separated from the anterior lobe. The lateral groove is still present. (Mag. 200 diam.)

Fig. 5b. Transverse section posterior to Fig. 5a. The anterior lobe is now separated from the posterior lobe. Shows the now enlarged anterior lobe and the opening of the gland, and the anterior dorsal lobe of the pharynx. (Mag. 200 diam.)

Fig. 5c. Transverse section posterior to the extreme posterior end of the duct. (Mag. 200 diam.)

Fig. 5d. Transverse section posterior to the thyroid, anterior to the anterior lobe. Shows the relative position of the anterior lobe. (Mag. 200 diam.)

Fig. 5e. Transverse section posterior to the anterior end of the anterior lobe. ~~Shows the~~ All four groups of lobes are now separated. The anterior lobe has increased greatly in size. The posterior lobe is also larger. Figs. 5a-e were magnified 200 times, and all the other Figs. 5a-e were magnified only 100 times. This size is about the same as to Fig. 5a of the preceding star.

Fig. 5b. Transverse section posterior to Fig. 5a and just anterior to the opening of the duct. Corresponds to Fig. 5h of the preceding star. (Mag. 90 diam.)

Fig. 10. Transverse section through the duct of the gland, showing the duct and the stage. The lateral part of the duct is enlarged then in the presence of the stage.

Fig. 11. Transverse section through the gland, posterior to the stage. The duct is enlarged in the stage. (Mag. 100x.)

Fig. 12. Transverse section through the coiled duct of the gland, showing the duct and the stage. (Mag. 100x.)

Fig. 13. Transverse section through the thyroid gland, showing the duct and the stage. The duct is enlarged in the stage. The pseudobranchial duct is enlarged in the stage. The large vessel is enlarged in the stage. (Mag. 100x.)

Fig. 14. Transverse section through the duct of the gland. Petro-graph, transverse, showing the duct and the stage. (Mag. 100x.)

Fig. 15. Longitudinal section through the thyroid gland, showing the duct and the stage. The duct is enlarged in the stage. The dotted lines indicate the planes through which the sections (Figs. 6 & 1) pass.

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Note:- While carrying on the present investigation, I have put together all the literature on the subject until I obtained, I think, a nearly complete bibliography of the Cyclostomes. This bibliography will probably appear shortly.

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