TABLE I

Sl. No.	Amino acid used	Molecular formula of the derivative with the azide	m.p. °C	R_f Value mm
1.	Glycine	$C_9H_8NO_4Br$	198	0·69
2.	Glutamic acid	$C_{12}H_{12}O_6NBr$	180	0·95
3.	Asparagine	$C_{11}H_{11}O_5N_2Br$	169	0·72
4.	Lysine	$C_{20}H_{21}O_6N_2Br_2$	169	0·58
5.	Glutamine	$C_{12}H_{13}O_5N_2Br$	165	0·92
6.	Leucine	$C_{13}H_{16}NO_4Br$	158	0·97
7.	Isoleucine	$C_{13}H_{15}NO_4Br$	158	0·84
8.	Methionine	$C_{12}H_{14}NO_4SBr$	150	0·76
9.	Cysteine	$C_{10}H_{10}NO_4SBr$	138	0·89
10.	Valine	$C_{12}H_{14}NO_4Br$	135	0·71
11.	Alanine	$C_{10}H_{10}NO_4Br$	115	0·76

The present reagent is advantageous as compared to other reagents mentioned in the Literature.

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A NOVEL ARRANGEMENT OF VASCULAR TISSUE IN SOME ORCHIDS

THE authors in their studies on the root tubers of some orchids of medicinal importance, *viz.*, *Habenaria* genus encountered a characteristic novel arrangement of vascular tissue hitherto unreported in the literature.

The thick distal regions of the tubers of *H. edgeworthii* Hook. f. and *H. marginata* Colebr. showed a typical condition with 8–19 steles in former (Fig. 1) and 6–9 in the latter, arranged in a ring and each stele

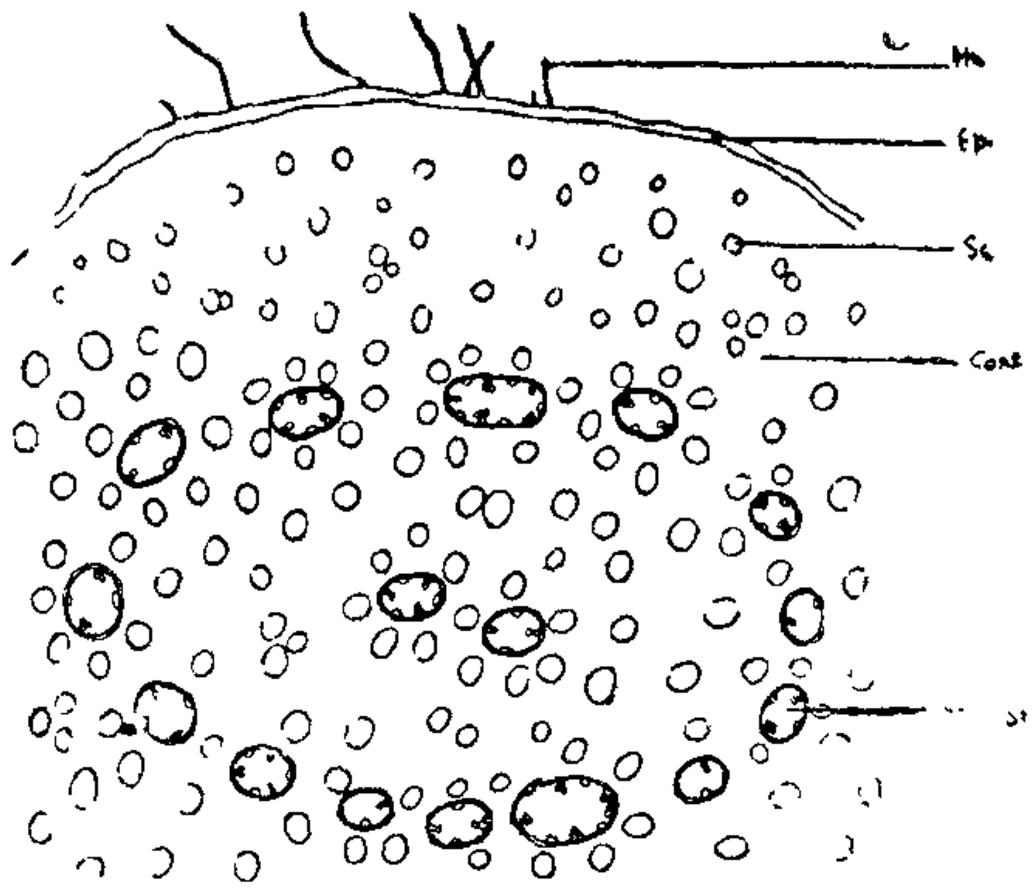

FIG. 1. A t.s. through distal portion of root tuber (diagrammatic), × 25. (*Epi.*, Epiblema; *Cort.*, Cortex; *Hr.*, Hair; *Sc.*, Secretion canal; *Ste.*, Stele).

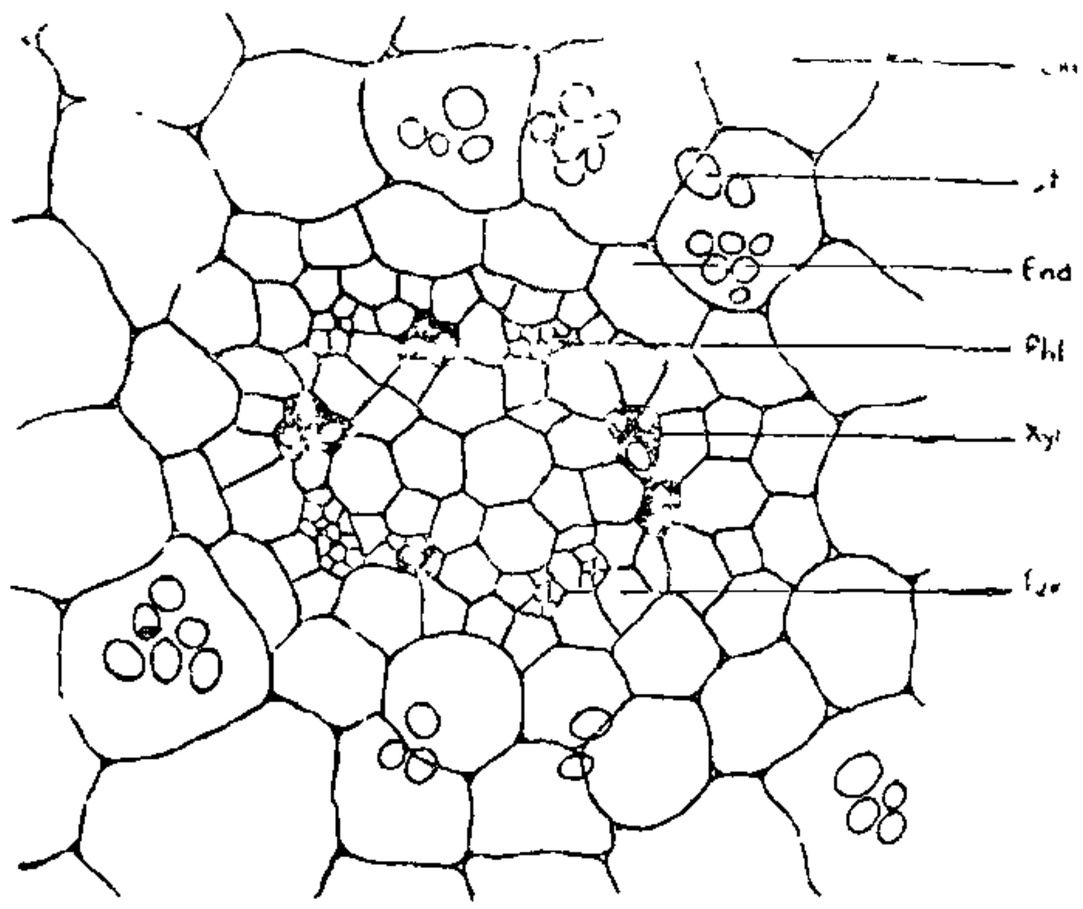

FIG. 2. Details of a portion of Fig. 1 showing tetrarch condition, × 270. (*Cort.*, Cortex; *End.*, Endodermis; *Per.*, Peridycle; *Phl.*, Phloem; *St.*, Starch grain; *Xyl.*, Xylem).

in itself presents a clear mono- to pentarch condition (Fig. 2). Further in addition to the steles arranged in a ring, 1–8 steles each with mono- to triarch condition in *H. edgeworthii* and a single stele with mono- to diarch condition in *H. marginata* are found distributed within the parenchyma in the central region of the tuber. However, in the slender proximal region a normal stelar structure common to monocots was observed.

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