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Phytography

Fundamental Concept of Plant Anatomy:

The word cell was coined by the English microscopist Robert Hooke. Catherine also one of the plant anatomist defines cell as a protoplast with or without non-living envelope. The cell was consisting of the protoplasmic components and the non-protoplasmic components, the latter intimately connected with the initial activity of the protoplant.

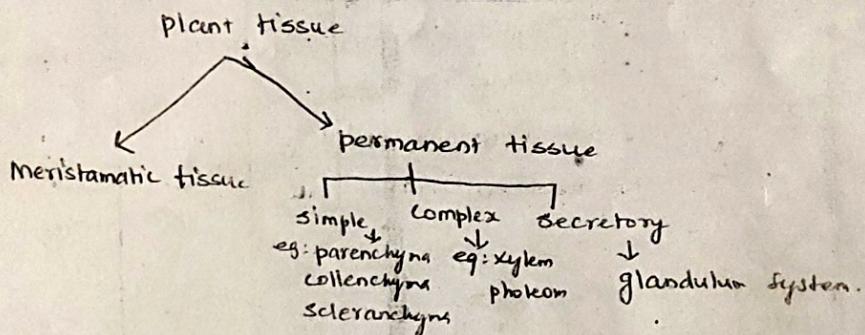
Groups of cell with same form and function is called as tissue. The cell wall, cell membrane, protoplasm as well the middle lamella gives out fine protoplasmic threads called "PLASMODIUM". This helps in conduction and communication of food material and stimuli.

Group of tissues showing common feature and some continuity are called as tissue system. Tissue System are classified as follows:

1. Dermal: Outer protective covering system like epidermis, peridermis.
(Ground or)
2. Fundamental: Ground tissue made up of collenchyma, parenchyma, sclerenchyma.
3. Vascular: cellular structure like xylem and phloem.
(Storage, support)
(Transport)

Tissue and Tissue System:-

Group of cells with the same form and function are called as a tissue.



Difference between meristematic tissue & permanent tissues:

Meristematic Tissue

1. Comprises of young cells with having power to divide and multiply.
2. Cells are present at growing point tips of root, shoot and epidermis.
3. These are closely packed without intercellular spaces.

Permanent tissue

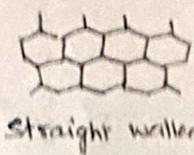
1. They are living or dead having attained their definite form and size.
2. Usually present in ground tissue and make fundamental tissue system.
3. Intercellular spaces are present.

1. DERMAL TISSUE SYSTEM: Eg: Dermis

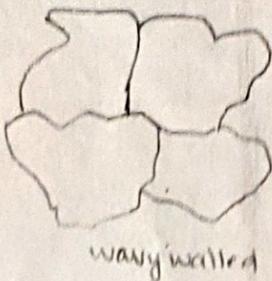
Epidermis is the outermost protective covering. Epidermal cells are often covered on the outside with a thin but thick layer of cuticle which contains a chemical structure called cutin.

- a. Stomata
- b. Trichomes.

Types of Epidermal cells:

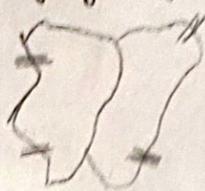


straight walled



wavy walled

slightly wavy walled



with cellular striation



beaded

a. Stomata:

A Stomata is made up of a pair of identical cells called "Guard cells" placed parallel to each other and also form a pair in the centre through which gaseous exchange takes place. The epidermal cells surrounding the Stomata are called "Subsidary cells". The stomata are classified into four types.

a. Ranunculaceous (or) Anamocytic (Irregular type)

The cells surrounding the stomatal pores are irregularly arranged and cannot be differentiated from epidermal cells.

b. Cruciferous (or) Anisocytic (unequal cells)

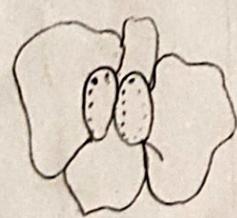
The stomatal pores are surrounded by 3 epidermal cells of which one is smaller than the other two.

c. Rubiaceous (or) paracytic (parallel cells)

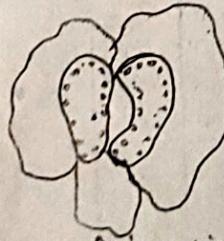
The two subsidiary cells are parallel to that of stomata.

d. Caryophyllaceous (or) Diacytic (cross celled)

The two subsidiary cells are at right angles to that of stomata.



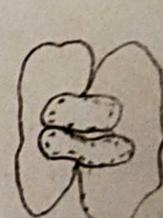
a. Anamocytic
eg: Digitalis



b. Anisocytic
eg: Datura,
vinca



c. paracytic
Eg: Senna
coco



d. Diacytic
vasnka, peppermint.

more species

TRICHOMEs

These are epidermal appendages. A trichome can normally differentiated into a base embedded in the epidermal cells and a tube like projecting bodies.

Normally trichomes are two types, (a) covering (b) glandular. Both the trichomes are unicellular (or) multicellular.

covering trichomes have protective function whereas glandular trichomes are secretion of essential oil and alkaloids.

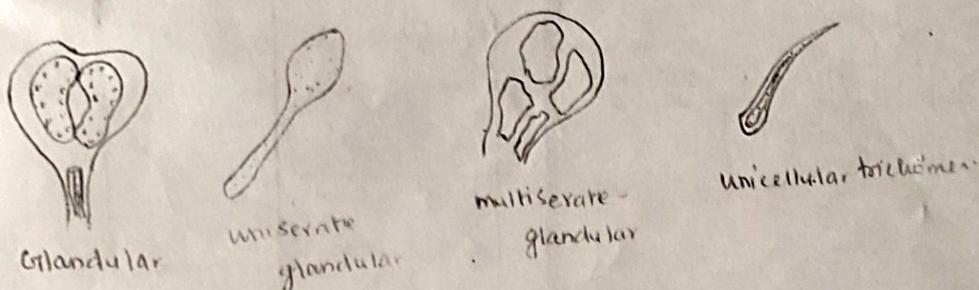
Periderm

The epidermis in matured plants get substituted by periderm which results due to the activity of meristematic tissues called "Phellogen" (or) cork cambium. This newly formed non-living layer of phellogen divide and subdivide to form "phellem" (or) cork on the outside and pheloderm on the inner side. In cork the walls being impregnated with substance called suberin, phellem, phellogen and pheloderm are collectively called periderm. Lenticel are pores identical in function to stomata but occurs in periderm.

Vascular Tissue System:

Phloem is the living tissue conducts food material from leaves to different parts of the plant body, whereas Xylem, a dead tissue conducts water from root to leaves.

Types of Trichomes



Phloem: It consists of phloem parenchyma, sieve tubes and companion cells.

Xylem: Usually consists of xylem parenchyma, trachea, trachides and xylem fibers. Xylem parenchyma helps in storage of wood fibres, mechanical support. Trachea and Trachides in conduction of water.

Tracheids: They are elongated tubes pointed at both ends and frequently cut across with oblique walls with perforation.

Trachea: They are elongated tubes but without perforated walls.

The earliest form of xylem is called protoxylem and later form called as metaxylem. In case of stem, group of protoxylem point to the centre is called "endarch" where as in a root protaxylem group pointed towards the periphery leading to an "exarch" condition.

In dicot leaves root, the protoxylem bundles are varies from 2-6 whereas in monocot root the no. of protoxylem groups are more than 10 as the result in "poly arch".

Xylem and phloem are associated to form a "Vascular bundle".
The vascular bundles are of following types.

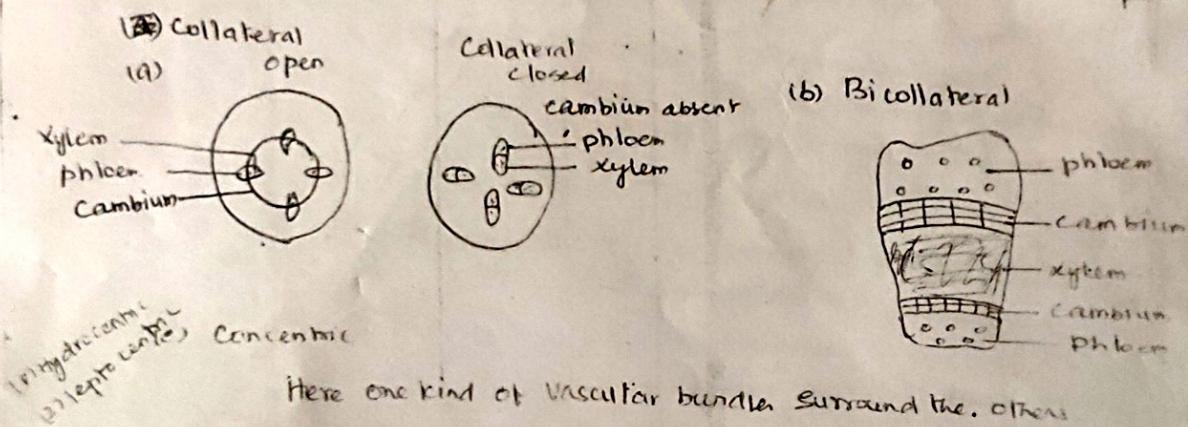
- (a) Collateral (b) Bicollateral (c) Concentric (d) Radial.

(a) Collateral:

This is the most common type of Vascular bundle in the stem and leaves. Here Xylem and Phloem remains side by side arranged on the same radius, phloem on outside. Collateral bundle may be open (or) closed.

(b) Bi collateral:

These are collateral bundles in addition to external phloem, another patch of phloem on the inner side which may be called inner-phloem.

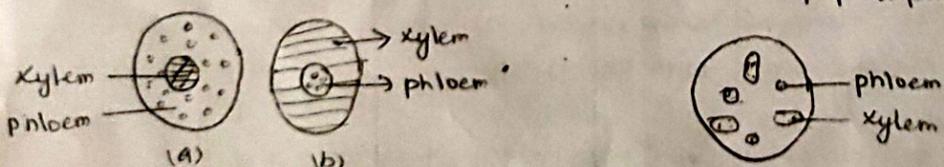


Here one kind of vascular bundle surround the others.

(c) Concentric:

Here Xylem and phloem occurs in separate patches in alternate arrangement. In dicot stem, the vascular bundles are arranged in the form of ring and in monocots the bundles are scattered.

(d) Radial eq: podophyllum root.



(a) Hydrocentric (b) Lepto centric

BIGROUND TISSUES (OR) FUNDAMENTAL TISSUE SYSTEM

1. Parenchyma:

It consist of cells which are living, thin walled with intercellular spaces. These are formed in the cortex of the stem, pith of the stem and mesophyll of leaf.

Function: Storage, photosynthesis etc.

2. Collenchyma:

It also contains living cells. These cells are similar to parenchyma. But the cell wall at the corners are thickened with cellulose. This occurs in the cortical region of the stem, petiole, base and midrib.

Function: Mechanical strength.

3. Sclerenchyma:

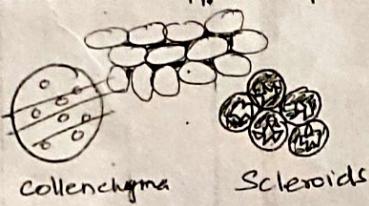
It is a dead tissue. The cell walls are thickened with lignin. They occurs in all parts of the plant body where mechanical strength needed. The sclerenchyma occur in the form of irregular cells called stone cells or scleroids.

Sclerenchyma fibres are narrow often elongated with pointed ends. These helps in the identification of crude drugs as well as gives mechanical support to plants.

Types of cells:

of

Parenchyma



crystal fibre

Anatomical and Physiological classification of crude drugs:

According to Haberland tissue system can be categorised into 12 classes.

1. Meristematic tissues

Including primodial meristem, marginal and apical cells.

2. Dermal System

consist of epidermis including its major wall characters and contents.

3. Mechanical System:

consist of fibres, wood fibres, collenchyma - sclerenchyma cells with scleroids.

4. Absorbing System

Include root hairs, the absorbing tissue, aerial roots, and water absorbing hairs or foliage tissues

5. Photo-Synthetic System:

Include chloroplast, chlorophyll containing parenchyma, palisade and spongy cells of leaves.

6. Vascular (conducing) System:

consist of vascular bundles, tracheids, sieve elements, Xylem parenchyma, phloem parenchyma, lactiferous tissue etc.

7. Storage System:

Consist of unwatered tissue, storage tissue of seeds, tubers and leaves

8. Aerating and Ventilating system:-

It is concerned with intercellular system, stomata, lenticels, and premetamorphosis of breathing roots.

9. Secretory and Excretory system:

Includes digestive glands, oil, resin, mucilage, gum, secretory glands.

10. Motor System:

consist of the flying hairs and Hauser, hygroscopic tissue, vital motor tissues etc.

11. Sensory system:

Includes papillae, hairs and bristles, etc.

12. Stimulus Transmitting System:

Consist of the protoplasmic connections, plasmodesmata etc.

ANATOMICAL FEATURES OF CRUDE DRUGS:

The major anatomical features of the leaf drug can be summarised as the following parts;

(a) Lamina portion (b) midrib portion.

(i) Lamina portion includes upper epidermis, mesophyll, parenchymal cells, spongy parenchyma and lower epidermis

(ii) The midrib mainly consist of vascular tissues that **is Xylem and Phloem**

Flower drugs:

The main anatomical features are epidermis, cortex and columnar.

Fructus drug:

The main anatomical features are periderm, **Cortex**, secondary phloem, and the medullary rays.

Roots and Rhizome drugs:

1. The periderm (~~cork~~, cork, phellogen, phelloderm), secondary phloem and medullary rays are the main anatomical feature.

2. In the case of stolons and rhizomes one more feature like pith also present which is absent in the case of roots.

most of the wood drugs are ~~not~~ constituted by secondary xylem and medullary rays.

Fruit drugs

pericarp, testa, endosperm are the important anatomical character.

Seed drug Testa, endosperm, and the embryo are the important anatomical features.

MOUNTING AND STAINING OF DRUGS:

Thinnest possible part of a plant is taken on a slide and mounted in a solution of chloral hydrate on slight warming the section gets cleaned, cover the section carefully with cover slip. Take care that no air bubbles creap in. Glycerin could also be used as a mounting medium as the section in glycerin remains fresh for a long time.

Staining: In order to differentiate the section are to be stained.

This is done by keeping the section for 1-2 minutes with 1:1 mixture of phloroglucinol and conc. HCl. Lignified cells like xylem, sclerenchyma etc. takes up color due to lignification.

Test for starch:

Mount a section on a slide in water. irrigate the section with dilute iodine. Starch turns blue with Iodine.

Test for fixed oil:

Mount a section containing fixed oil in Sudan III. On warming the fixed oil acquires an orange yellow colour.

Test for mucilage:

The mucilage present in vascular tissue turns pink with Ruthenium red solution.

Isolation of leaves or Diagnostic importance-

Introduction to leaf drugs

Leaves are appendages to the stem which shows a great variety of external forms. This fact make it difficult to formulate a definition which may applicable to leaf.

The usual time for the collection of leaves is when the flowers just begin to expand, as the flowering is just arriving at its height. Leaves may be dried carefully so as to retain their fresh green colour and to prevent the decomposition of the active ingredient. The important factor here is to use a temp. as low as possible and to carry out the operation as rapidly as possible.

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Histology:

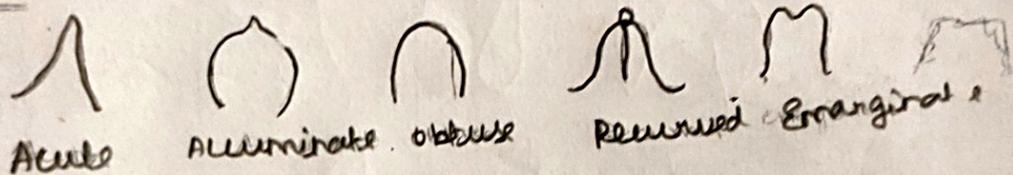
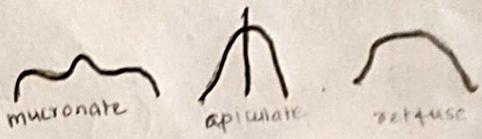
The epidermis is continuous with that of stem. It consists of the single layer of cell but becomes many layered. The outer wall of epidermal cells are called as trichomes.

They may be absent in case of grasses leaves. There are mainly

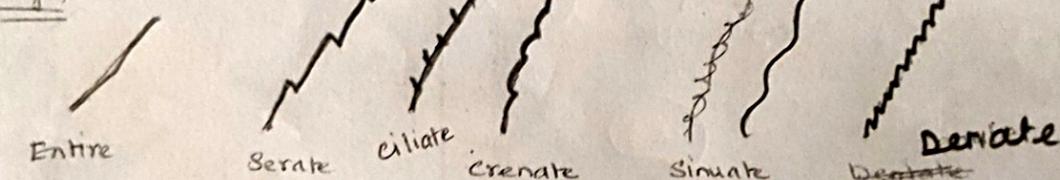
classified into two types (i) covering (ii) glandular (globose
(length / width of trichomes fibres)

Stomata is another type of epidermal pore. Possessing great diagnostic value. Stomatal index is the average no of stomata present in 1 Sq. mm of the leaf surface. The ratio has been shown to have a constant, diagnostic character for a particular species.

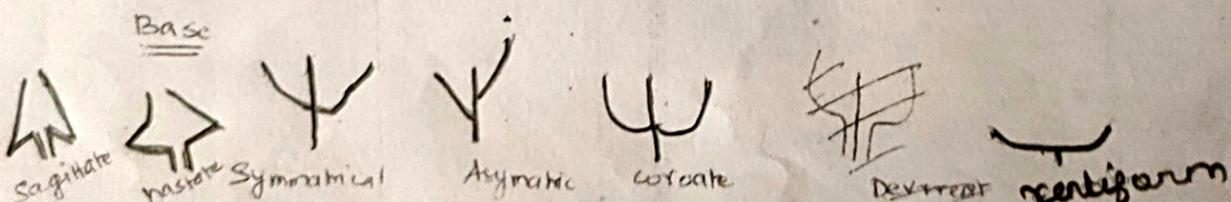
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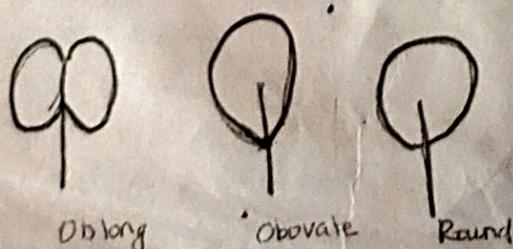
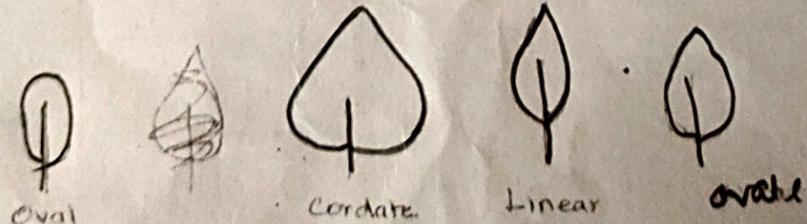
Margin:



Base:



Shape:



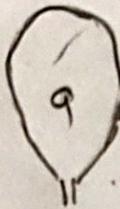
Mesophyl of a leaf is the whole of the parenchymatous ground tissue between the two epidermis. Palisade cells of mesophyll bear a definite reaction to the epidermal cells. The small areas of the green leaves obtained by the vein ^{an} clefts are termed as islet numbers.



1. Acicular
2. Elliptical
3. Oval
4. Oblong
5. Round



6. Linear
7. Lanceolate
8. Ovate



9. Obovate

10. Subulate

11. spatulate

12. diamond shaped

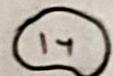
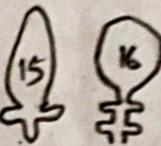
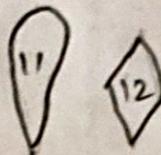
13. Cuneate

14. Corate

15. auriculate

16. lyrate

17. reniform



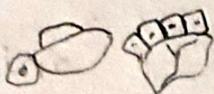
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Plant parts and their common anatomical features:

- 1) Root/Rhizome: Epidermis, cortex, endodermis, pericycle, vascular bundle and pith.
- 2) Stem: Epidermis, hypodermis, cortex, endodermis, pericycle, pith
- 3) Bark: Cork (phellem), cork cambium (phellogen), phelloderm, cortex, pith, stone cells, phloem, medullary rays, crystals etc.
- 4) Wood: Medullary rays, xylem vessels, xylem fibre, callose, crystals, trachea
- 5) Leaf: Upper epidermis, lower epidermis, stomata, trichomes, vascular bundle, palisade cells, spongy parenchyma, starch grains, oil canals, crystals
- 6) Seed: Epiderm, endosperm, embryo cell, oil glands, aleurone grains etc.
- 7) Fruit: pericarp (outermost covering) epicarp (outer layer) mesocarp (middle portion) endocarp (inner portion)
- 8) Flower: Epidermis, parenchyma, anthers, pollen grains, calyx, corolla, androecium, gynoecium

cell inclusion

Types of starch grain:



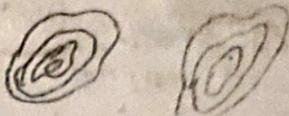
Corn (*Zea mays*) Gramineae
Round polyhedral



Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*)

Gramineae

Lenticular (or Oval in shape)



Potato

Solanum tuberosum / Irish

Irregularly shaped and
sub-spherical



Rice (*Oryza sativa*)
Gramineae
Polyhedral

Calcium Crystals:

- diagnostic value / helps in detection of adulterants

two types (a) calcium carbonate (b) calcium oxalate

(a) Cal. carbonate: Rare and generally associated w/ cell wall. They are also called as cytoliths.

(b) cal. Oxalate: Very common, present in almost each part of plant.

(i) Microcysts: Amorphous mass in cell, they are minute and present in large no in single cells, is called an idioblast

(ii) Prism: They are large, single or small groups and well developed

(iii) Cluster: group of numerous prism. The crystals are projecting, pointed, acute angled, and more or less spherical

(iv) Acicular (or) Raphides: They are needle like, slender, long pointed @ the ends. They may be single (or) in bundles.