

ess and several basilar dendrites. A single axone descends into the white substance.
The layer of polymorphous cells contains also a few pyramidal cells, but a large proportion of cells in this layer

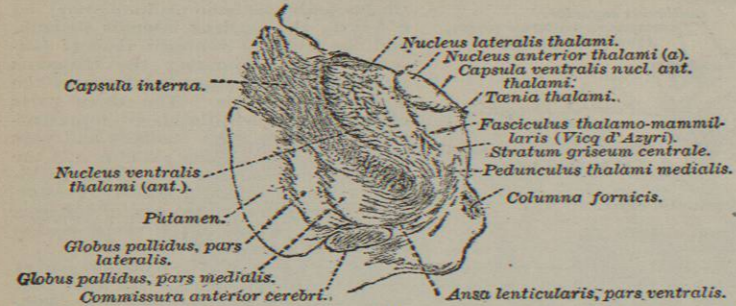


FIG. 967.—Frontal Section through a Normal Human Brain at Level of Anterior Part of Thalamus. (After C. von Monakow, *Arch. f. Psychiat.*, Berlin, Bd. xxvii., 1895, Taf. IV., Fig. 33.) (Taken from "The Nervous System and Its Constituent Neurons," New York, 1900.)

are dendroxones (Golgi cells of type II.), and the so-called Martinotti cells which have ascending axones.

The cortex in the region of the sense centres has a peculiar stamp for each particular sense centre. The structure of the occipital cortex near the calcarine fissure may be cited as an example. A section is shown in Fig. 969. The enormous complexity of the various layers is obvious.

The cortex varies much in appearance, too, in different animals, as will be seen by comparing a section through the human cortex with one from that of the dog and of the mole (*vide supra*).

A schematic section of the cerebellar cortex is shown in Fig. 970. The structures seen in ordinary hæmatoxylin and eosin preparations are illustrated in Fig. 971.

Resumé of Conduction Paths in the Brain.—The principal conduction paths in the brain are made up of several sets of superimposed neurones or neurone systems. The conduction paths may be divided into the centripetal or sensory, the centrifugal or motor, and the associative.

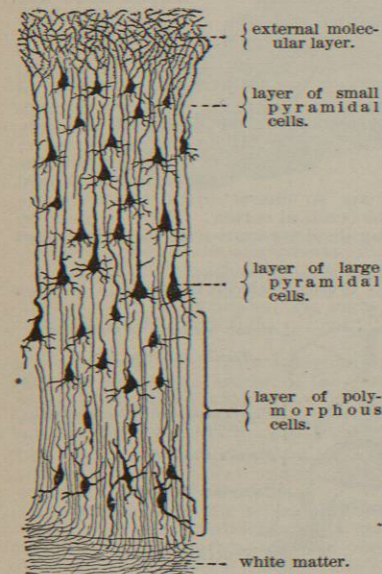


FIG. 968.—Golgi Preparation of the Cerebellar Cortex. (After Böhm u. von Davidoff, "Lehrbuch der Histologie," S. 282, Fig. 201.)

several roundabout conduction paths. Just which impulses are carried by these various portions of this centripetal conduction path is not known. The most direct conduction path consists in all probability of three sets of superimposed neurones or neurone systems: (1) The peripheral sensory neurones (including the ganglion cells, and their prolongations, of the ganglia on the dorsal roots of the spinal nerves, and the ganglia on the sensory cerebral

nerves). (2) A set of neurones extending from the nuclei of termination of the peripheral sensory nerves to the ventro-lateral region of the thalamus (including the nuclei of Goll and Burdach in the medulla and the fibres of the medial lemniscus).

(3) A set of neurones, the cell bodies of which are situated in the ventro-lateral part of the thalamus and the axones of which reach to the somæsthetic area of the cerebral cortex, that is, to the central gyri, the feet of the frontal gyri, and the gyrus fornicatus.

The less direct portions of this conduction path concern mainly the portion of the conduction path situated between the peripheral sensory neurone systems and the neurone system extending from the diencephalon to the somæsthetic area of the cortex. Roundabout routes are made through the cerebellum by way of Gowers' tract and the direct cerebellar tract to the cerebellum, and by way of the brachium conjunctivum from the cerebellum to the red nucleus. From the red nucleus a neurone system extends higher up, probably to the cortex, possibly indirectly, by way of a new neurone whose cell body is situated in the hypothalamus. The conduction path just described is diagrammatically illustrated in Fig. 972.

The peripheral sensory neurones of the path concerned in bodily sensation have their cell bodies situated in ganglia. These cell bodies give off an axis-cylinder process which bifurcates T-shaped to form two fibres. One of these fibres runs to the periphery, the other into the central nervous system. That going to the periphery is the stronger, the central fibre being of smaller calibre. The bundle of medullated central fibres from a given ganglion forms the dorsal root of one spinal nerve. The peripheral fibres are connected in their distal parts frequently with special kinds of terminal sensory apparatus; sometimes they end free in among the cells of the tissues at the periphery. The central fibres entering the spinal cord un-

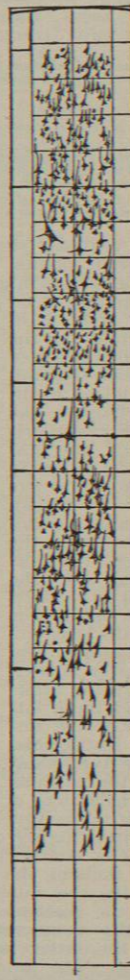


FIG. 969.—Section through the Cortex of the Gyrus Occipitalis Superior. (After C. Hammarberg, "Studior over Idiotiens Klinik och Patologi, etc.," Upsala, 1893, Taf. II., Fig. 4.)

dergo Y-shaped division with formation of a long ascending limb and a short descending limb. On their way they give off collaterals which run in to end in the gray substance, and the main fibres themselves ultimately

of the sensory neurones of the second order chiefly terminate, a new neurone system (sensory neurones of the third order) begins. The perikaryons of this neurone system are situated in the ventro-lateral nuclei of the thalamus.



FIG. 970.—Schematic Diagram of the Cerebellar Cortex. (After Böhm u. von Davidoff, "Lehrbuch der Histologie des Menschen," S. 279.) A, Ordinary nuclear staining (the layer of Purkinje cells is omitted); B, section vertical to the surface of a convolution; C, longitudinal section through a convolution. B and C by the chrome-silver method. 1, Stellate cell; 2, molecular layer; 3, granular layer; 4, medullary layer; 5, axone of a Purkinje cell; 6, moss fibre; 7, cell of granular layer; 8, axone of cell of granular layer; 9, climbing fibre; 10, telodendrion of collateral of climbing fibre; 11, axone of cell of granular layer; 12, large stellate cell; 13, stellate cell.

terminate by running in to end in the gray matter of the central nervous system. The longest fibres from the dorsal roots reach the medulla oblongata and terminate in the nucleus funiculi gracilis of Goll or the nucleus funiculi cuneati of Burdach. The shorter fibres of the dorsal roots end in the gray matter of the central system near the point of entrance. The collaterals and terminals of the sensory fibres end in the spinal cord, chiefly about the cell bodies of neurones in the dorsal horns and in the middle zone of the gray matter. The axones of these cells carry impulses farther cerebralward. A certain number of collaterals, the so-called reflex collaterals, end about the cell bodies of the lower motor neurones in the ventral horns. Another group of collaterals crosses through the posterior commissure to end about the cell bodies of neurones in the gray matter of the opposite side of the cord. An important group of collaterals ends in among the cell bodies of the nucleus dorsalis (Clarke's column).

The sensory neurones of the second order of the conduction path now under discussion include the cell bodies of the nucleus funiculi gracilis and the nucleus funiculi cuneati and their axis-cylinder processes. The medullated axones from the perikaryons in these nuclei go as internal arcuate fibres to the middle line of the medulla oblongata where they cross over, decussating with similar fibres from the opposite side, to form the decussatio lemniscorum. On crossing, these medullated axones turn and run cerebralward, first in the stratum interolivare lemnisci, higher up forming the lemniscus medialis. These fibres in the lemniscus medialis are joined by medullated axones from the sensory nuclei of termination of the cerebral nerves. The fibres of the lemniscus medialis pass through the pons and enter the cerebral peduncle lying in its tegmental portion. They pass through the hypothalamus and end chiefly in the ventro-lateral region of the thalamus. Not all the fibres, however, of the lemniscus medialis reach this diencephalic termination. Many end in the pons and midbrain. From the ventro-lateral region of the thalamus, where the axones

The medullated axones of these neurones pass through the internal capsule in the posterior part of its occipital subdivision and extend to the gyri of the cerebral cortex in the regions previously designated under the term somæsthetic area. According to the period of medul-

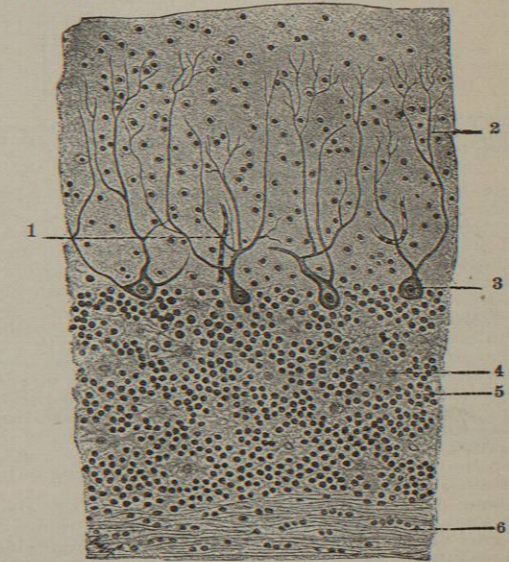


FIG. 971.—A Section through the Cerebellar Cortex Stained with Hæmatoxylin and Eosin. (After Böhm u. von Davidoff, "Lehrbuch der Histologie des Menschen," S. 278, Fig. 197.) 1, Blood-vessel; 2, dendrite; 3, Purkinje cell; 4, large stellate cell; 5, cell of granular layer; 6, layer of nerve fibres.

