

oblongata. The sensory V. nucleus effects secondary connections with the motor cranial nuclei and with the higher centres via the lateral fillet of the same and the opposite side.

The three main branches of the trigeminus (which give the nerve its name) arise directly from the Gasserian ganglion. For the details of their distribution, see the

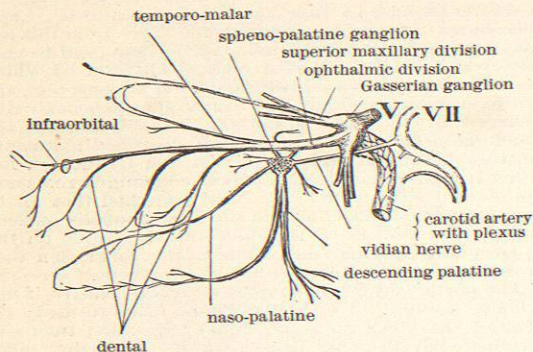


Fig. 1562.—Plan of the Maxillary Division of the Trigeminus as seen from the Left Side. (Altered from Young.)

figures. (1) The ophthalmic nerve is wholly sensory (Fig. 1561). It communicates with the sympathetic, III., IV., VI., and VII., nerves. Its first branch is a recurrent meningeal twig for the tentorium, after which it divides into nasal, frontal, and lachrymal branches. The nasal nerve furnishes the long root of the ciliary ganglion (a ganglion of the sympathetic system), the long ciliary nerves, twigs for the conjunctiva, lining of the nasal fossa, and skin of the tip of the nose. The frontal nerve supplies the conjunctiva and skin of the upper eyelid and the forehead. The lachrymal branch innervates the lachrymal gland, conjunctiva, and adjacent skin. (2) The maxillary nerve (Fig. 1562) is also wholly sensory, supplying the skin of the side of the face (cheek, temple, lower eyelid, nose, and upper lip), the mucous lining of the nose and upper part of the pharynx and the teeth of the upper jaw, and communicating with the sympathetic sphenopalatine ganglion. (3) The mandibular nerve (inferior maxillary) receives the remainder of the general cutaneous fibres and all of the motor fibres of the trigeminal roots. The motor fibres supply the following muscles: temporal, masseter, external and internal pterygoid, tensor palati, tensor tympani, mylohyoid, and the anterior belly of the digastric. The sensory fibres supply the skin of the lower jaw, side of the head, external ear, external auditory meatus, teeth of the lower jaw, tongue (general sensation only), mucous lining of the mouth and other parts adjacent. It communicates with the facialis and with the otic and submaxillary ganglia of the sympathetic system. The lingual branch is joined by the chorda tympani from the geniculate ganglion of the facial nerve, and there has been much discussion regarding the exact courses of the fibres of these two nerves. The weight of evidence is clearly in favor of relegating the gustatory fibres all to the chorda and excluding this component from the trigeminus entirely.

Summary of the Nerves of the Branchiomeric Type.—These nerves typically comprise the following branches, viz.: (1) dorsal general cutaneous branches for the outer skin; (2) sensory pharyngeal branches for the mucosa of the roof of the pharynx, of communis nature; (3) a pre-trematic branch for the gill on the anterior side of the corresponding gill cleft and its contained sensory organs, wholly sensory (communis); (4) a post-trematic branch for the gill on the posterior side of the cleft and its contained sense organs, together with the branchial musculature of that segment (communis and visceromotor).

With the loss of the gills in higher vertebrates, this relation is obscured, the vagus preserving the dorsal cutaneous branch and the IX. and X. retaining the communis and motor roots with great modifications in their peripheral relations. The VII. pair is more nearly typical, having lost the cutaneous component, reduced the communis, and enlarged the motor. The V. pair is the most highly modified of all, having lost the communis element and enormously exaggerated the cutaneous, the motor remaining typical. In all vertebrates except the very lowest the centres within the oblongata for these systems are not repeated in serial metameric order for the successive pairs of nerves, as tends to be the case in the spinal nerves, but each system has been concentrated centrally and unified by the coalescence of all of the terminal nuclei into a single centre, independently of the roots by which these fibres may reach the periphery. This is more obvious in the case of the sensory fibres than the motor, whose nuclei of origin are for the most part distinct. Thus, the communis fibres (visceral and gustatory) enter the brain by the X., IX., and VII., roots, but all terminate in a single nucleus associated with the fasciculus solitarius. This admits of the unification of their cortical and other secondary connections. This applies also in the case of the fishes, where the taste buds are much more widely distributed in the pharyngeal cavity and even over extensive areas of the outer skin. In the same way the general cutaneous fibres, whether they enter by the V., the IX., or the X. root, all terminate in the gray matter associated with the spinal V. tract, the substantia gelatinosa, and the chief sensory nucleus of the trigeminus. The primary connections of the branchiomeric nerves of man are shown in the accompanying diagram (Fig. 1564).

THE EYE-MUSCLE NERVES.—These nerves (including the III., IV., and VI. pairs in all vertebrates) are commonly regarded as arising from a cephalic continuation of the ventral horns. The evidence for this is chiefly embryological. The muscles innervated are derived from the somites of the head, and are the only cranial muscles of the adult known to be so derived, save those which have migrated forward from the hypoglossus

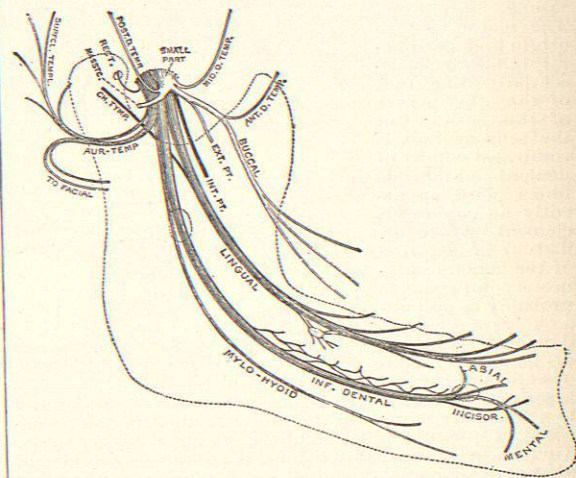


Fig. 1563.—Plan of the Mandibular Nerve. (After Thane, from Quain's "Anatomy.")

region. Their nuclei of origin lie in the floor of the ventricle and far removed from other somatic motor nuclei.

VI. Abducens.—This is the simplest of the eye-muscle nerves. Its nucleus lies in the floor of the fourth ventricle, enclosed by the genu of the facialis, and its fibres pass out on the ventral surface of the brain just behind

the pons. It pursues a direct course to the m. rectus externus, receiving minute filaments from the carotid plexus of the sympathetic and from the ophthalmic branch of the trigeminus. The connections of its nucleus are: (1) by collaterals from the sensory cranial

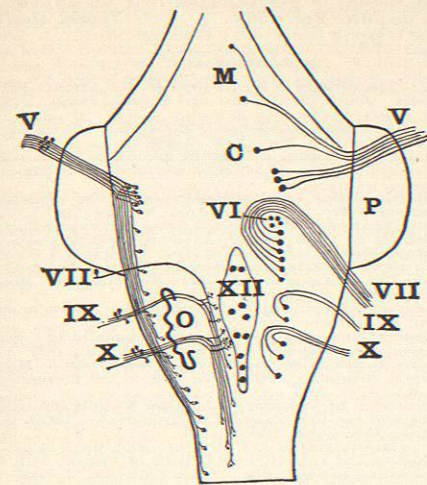


Fig. 1564.—A Diagram of the Primary Connections of the Nerves of the Branchiomeric Type of Man (Including the Nuclei of Origin of the VI. and XII. Nerves). (Combined from Obersteiner and other sources.) The motor roots are entered on the right side of the figure, the sensory roots on the left. The diagram shows the serial arrangement of the motor nuclei and the unification of the sensory fibres in connection with the fasciculus solitarius (VII., IX., and X. nerves) and the spinal V. tract (V., IX., and X. nerves). Compare Fig. 1553 and also the arrangement in the fish, Fig. 1555. C, the locus coeruleus; M, the mesencephalic nucleus of the trigeminus; O, the olive; P, the pons Varolii.

nerve roots (especially the trigeminus), (2) from the cerebral motor paths, (3) from the superior olive, (4) from the fasciculus longitudinalis, connecting with the pregeminum, or superior member of the corpora quadrigemina.

IV. Trochlearis.—The nucleus of the IV. nerve lies in the floor of the aqueduct just caudad of that of the III. nerve. The fibres curve outward, dorsally and backward to emerge from the brain above the aqueduct and behind the postgeminum, there to decussate completely in the valve of Vieussens, thence to run forward to supply the superior oblique muscle. It is joined by filaments from the sympathetic and from the ophthalmic branch of the trigeminus.

III. Oculomotorius.—The fibres of the third nerve arise chiefly from a collection of nuclei in the floor of the aqueduct under the pregeminum. They pass directly ventrally in about twelve bundles which emerge on the inner face of the crus cerebri near the median line and distribute to four of the six extrinsic muscles of the eyeball, to the levator palpebrae and through the ciliary ganglion to the intrinsic muscles of accommodation. This nerve receives a twig from the cavernous plexus of the sympathetic and another from the ophthalmic branch of the trigeminus. The details of its peripheral courses may be gathered from the accompanying figures and their descriptions (Figs. 1565 and 1561).

The Nuclei and Central Connections of the Eye-Muscle Nerves.—The nuclei of the III. and IV. nerves comprise a very complex aggregate of cells lying in the floor of the aqueduct from the region of the upper (cephalic) end of the postgeminum to the III. ventricle. The lowest cluster gives rise to the IV. nerve. Regarding the details of the disposition of the fibres from the other clusters, there is still great diversity of opinion. Aside from the principal oculomotor nucleus (which Perlia subdivides into four nuclei), there is an unpaired median

nucleus of large cells which seems to be related to the intrinsic muscles of the eyeball. Laterally of this there is on each side a nucleus of small cells, the nucleus of Edinger-Westphal; farther cephalad and near the median line, the "antero-median" nucleus; and laterally and dorsally of this the nucleus of Darkschewitsch. The three last mentioned probably (and quite certainly in the case of the nucleus of Darkschewitsch) have nothing to do with the oculomotor nerves.

Some of the oculomotor root fibres have a crossed origin, though most of them are direct. Van Gehuchten has recently studied this question by the degeneration method of Nissl, confirming and adding to the data of former investigators. The crossed fibres of the third nerve in the rabbit arise from the dorsal part of the nucleus. The nerves for the m. rectus superior (and perhaps for the m. levator palpebrae) are mainly of crossed origin, while a very few fibres for the mm. obliquus inferior and rectus internus are also crossed. Though the fibres of the IV. nerve all appear to cross in the valvula, yet a very few cells of the nucleus of the same side are affected by the process of chromatolysis (in the rabbit). No fibres of the VI. nerve have a crossed origin.

The eye muscles are provided with the usual muscular sensory organs (muscle spindles and tendon organs), and these have been shown by Sherrington to be supplied by sensory fibres which come out with the so-called motor roots of their nerves, and not to be derived from the anastomosing twigs from the trigeminus. Their internal connections are unknown.

The great clinical importance of oculomotor symptoms has been a stimulus for much research upon the secondary connections of the oculomotor nuclei. Nevertheless, our knowledge of these connections is still very incomplete. Certain cells in the pregeminum which are related to the termini of the optic nerve in this region appear to send their neurites into the fasciculus longitudinalis medialis, and thus put the terminal nuclei of the optic nerve into relation with the nuclei of the eye-muscle nerves, for it is well known that all of these nuclei are related to this fasciculus. Kölliker, Darkschewitsch, and others have described other connections between the opticus and the oculomotorius. The fasciculus longitudinalis medialis, according to Kölliker, also

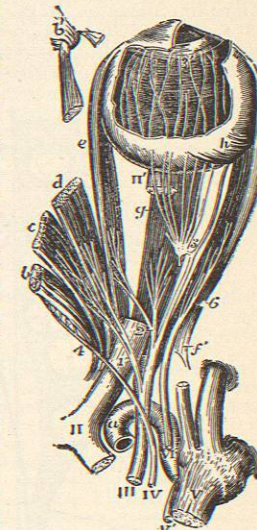


Fig. 1565.—View from Above of the Motor Nerves of the Eyeball and Its Muscles. (From Quain's "Anatomy.")

a, Upper part of the internal carotid artery emerging from the cavernous sinus; b, superior oblique muscle; b', its anterior part passing through the pulley; c, levator palpebrae superioris; d, superior rectus; e, internal rectus; f, external rectus; f', its upper tendon turned down; g, inferior rectus; h, insertion of inferior oblique muscle; II, optic commissure; II', part of the optic nerve entering the eyeball; III, common oculomotor; IV, trochlearis; V, large root of the trigeminus; V', small, or motor root; VI, abducens; 1, upper division of III. nerve, giving twigs to the levator palpebrae and superior rectus; 2, branches of the lower division supplying the internal and inferior recti muscles; 3, the long branch of the same nerve, proceeding forward to the inferior oblique muscle, and close to the number 3 the short root of the ciliary ganglion; this ganglion is also shown receiving from behind its long root, which has been cut short, and giving forward some of its ciliary nerves which pierce the sclerotic coat; 3', marks the termination of some of these nerves in the ciliary muscle and iris, after having passed between the sclerotic and choroid coats; 4, the trochlear nerve entering the upper surface of the superior oblique muscle; 5, the abducens nerve passing into the external rectus.

