1. S. Parasitifera, n. sp. (Plate XIII. figs. 201–203.)

Female, length $\frac{1}{10}$ ", breadth $\frac{1}{333}$ ".

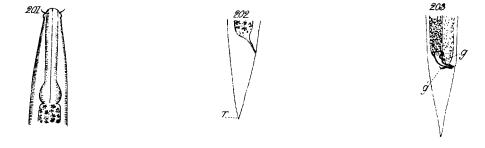
External Characters.—Body opaque white, tapering anteriorly and also gradually to a point posteriorly. Head rounded, provided with a circlet of 4–6 short setæ. Integument with faint transverse striæ $\frac{1}{20000}$ apart; small lateral hemispherical prominences close to anterior extremity.

Esophagus about $\frac{1}{17}$ th of total length; terminal swelling nearly globular. Intestine rather narrow, moderately well covered with rather large particles having a tessellate arrangement. Anus $\frac{1}{200}$ " from posterior extremity. Vulva near middle of body.

Male, about same size as female. Anus about $\frac{1}{200}$ from posterior extremity. Spicules rather short, curved, $\frac{1}{455}$ in length; accessory pieces short, horizontal; proximal extremity curved and pointed.

Hab. Amongst sand and small stones from tide-pools, Falmouth.

Body often more or less covered with minute tufts of hair-like algæ, whilst to the posterior extremities of two specimens I have seen groups of *Vorticella* attached.



- 201. Spira parasitifera, n. sp.; anterior extremity of female.202. Posterior extremity of female.
- 203. Posterior extremity of male.