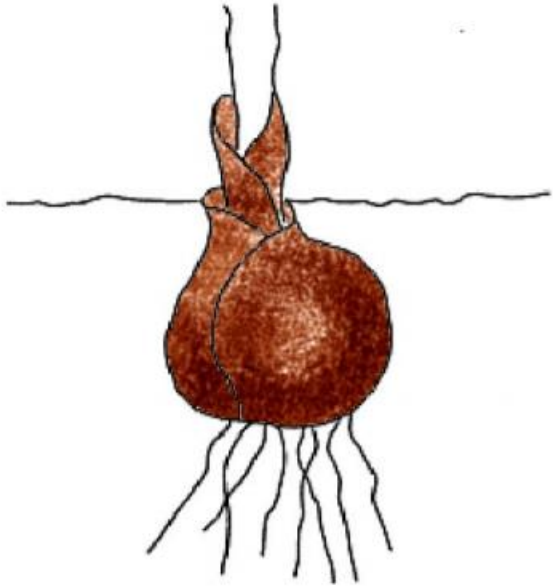




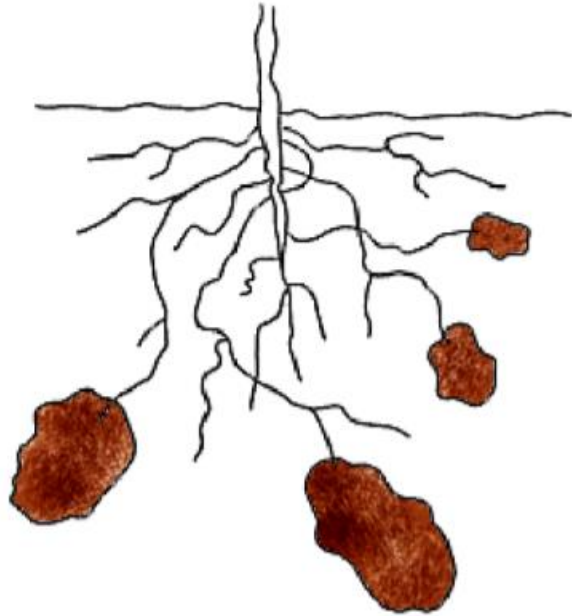
# TYPES OF SUBTERRANEAN STEMS



A ***bulb*** is a short, thickened stem with a large number of crowded, overlapping fleshy leaves.

(Tulip, Onion)

Latin: *bulbus* – a bulb

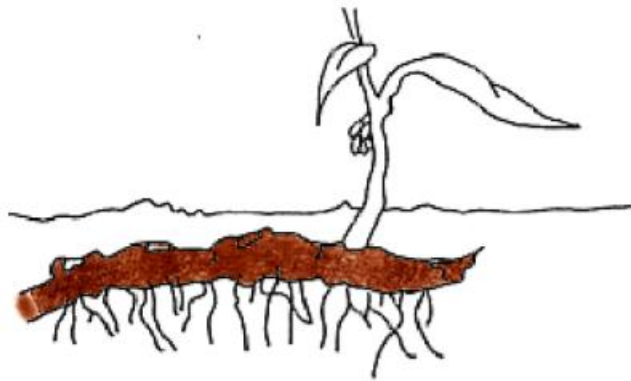


A ***corm*** is a short, fleshy, bulb-like stem surrounded by a few thin membranes or scale leaves and bearing buds at the summit.

(Crocus, Gladiolus)

Greek:

*kormos* – trunk of a tree shorn of branches

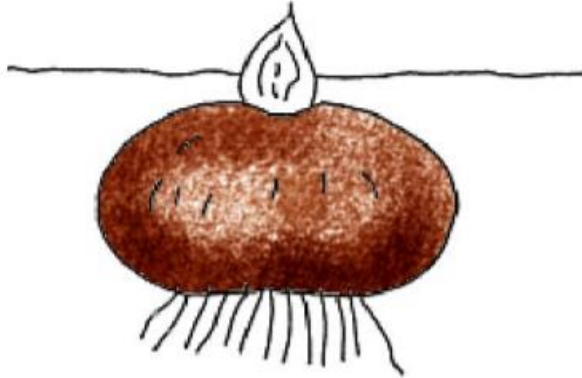


A ***rhizome*** is an underground, root-like stem, which sends leafy shoots from the upper surface and produces roots from the lower side.

(Solomon's Seal, Iris)

Greek:

*rizoma* – a mass of roots



A **tuber** is a short, fleshy, underground stems bearing very small scale leaves at the axil of which are situated the buds: the 'eyes' in the potato.

(Potatoes)