

original elements b<sub>1</sub> and c<sub>1</sub> are present together in m<sub>1</sub>, definitely showing the homologies (fig. 5B—97.11.7.60). Style b<sub>1</sub> is shown in m<sub>2</sub> of this specimen and also in a second specimen (fig. 5C—0.7.11.79). In a third specimen it is seen in all three molars. A fourth shows exactly the condition described in the specimen of *M. opossum* in which the intermediate elements are absent in all three molars.

**M. crassicaudata.** Two specimens show the conditions represented in fig. 5E, F (85.11.26.11, 79.5.1.13), which are easily referable to the general type in *M. opossum*. The cingulum is greatly reduced in m<sub>3</sub> in this species.

#### Chironectes

**C. minimus.** One specimen shows the approximation and extra development of styles b and c, and style c<sub>2</sub> is evident in m<sub>1</sub> and m<sub>2</sub>, so that the type corresponds with that of *Metachirus*. Intermediate styles are absent in this specimen (fig. 6A—849.a), but in a second young specimen they are indicated in m<sub>2</sub> (fig. 6B—849.f).

#### Didelphys

**D. marsupialis azarac.** The predominance of styles b and c is indicated in two specimens in all three molars, but especially in m<sub>1</sub> and m<sub>2</sub>. In m<sub>2</sub> and m<sub>3</sub> is shown the presence of two styles posterior to c, probably indicating a division of style c<sub>2</sub>. In m<sub>3</sub> the intermediate b<sub>1</sub> is indicated (fig. 6C—84.2.3.25). This element was identified in several specimens. It is sometimes present in the deciduous premolar, which has a molariform pattern.

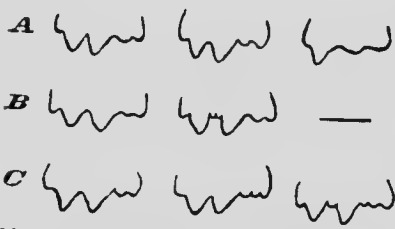


Fig. 6. Stylar Cusps in *Chironectes* and *Didelphys*

#### GENERAL SUMMARY

In comparing the characters of the stylar cusps in an extended series of specimens such as indicated above, three features become apparent. In the first place, as compara-