Spilophorella candida Gerlach, 1951
(Fig. 82)

Description. Body length 1.0–1.2 mm. Maximum diameter 35–62 μm (a = 20–32). Similar to *Spilophorella paradoxa* except: the lateral rows of large dots do not extend throughout the length of the body but are replaced by rows of smaller elongate markings (Fig. 82F); cephalic setae 12 μm (0.8 h.d.); the spinneret is much shorter (Fig. 82I); the anterior section of oesophageal bulb only slightly shorter than posterior section (Fig. 82C).

Distribution. Exe estuary, South West England (as *S. paradoxa* in Warwick, 1971); Firth of Clyde, West Scotland (intertidal sand).

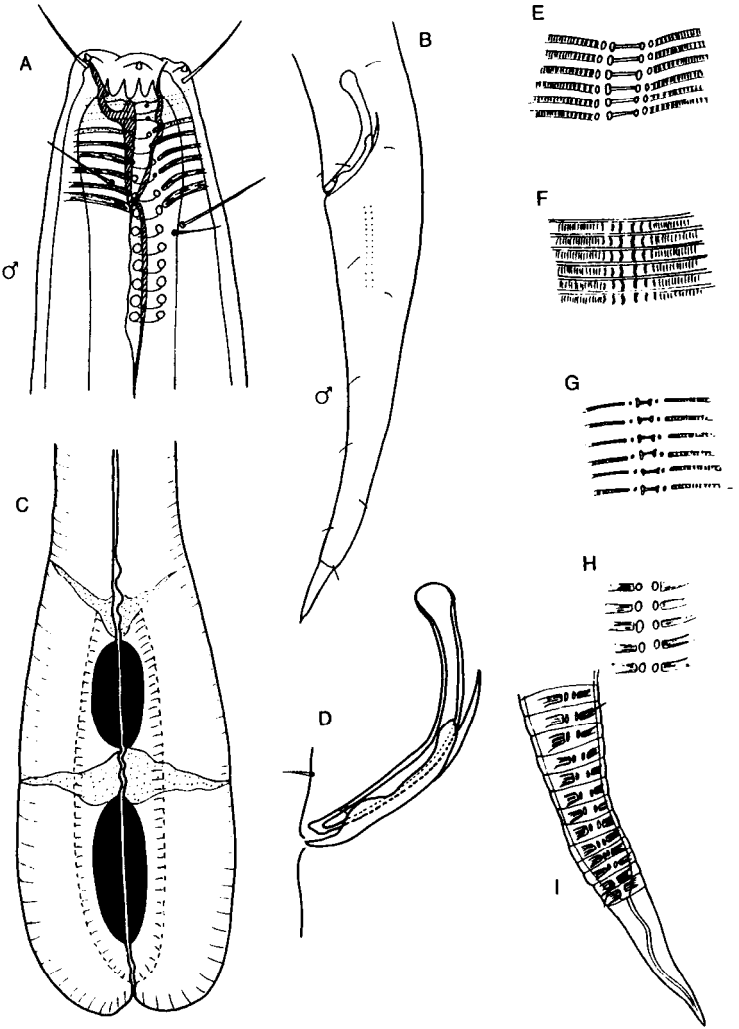

Fig. 82. *Spilophorella candida*. A, Male head; B, Male tail; C, Oesophageal bulb; D, Spicules and gubernaculum; E-H, Lateral cuticle pattern in mid-oesophagus (E), base of oesophagus (F), cloacal region (G), mid-tail (H); I, Tail tip. Original.