

in sand patches, *Ophioglypha sarsii*, LÜTKEN. The most abundant asterid was *Asteropecten tenuispinus*, always a marked object from its bright red colour—with here and there an example of *Archaster andromeda* and *Pteraster militaris*. Every haul brought up several specimens of the so-called large



FIG. 25.—*Archaster vexitifer*, WYVILLE THOMSON. One-third the natural size. (No. 76.)

form of *Echinus norvegicus*, here of a pale colour, somewhat conical, and looking suspiciously like small forms of *E. flemingii*.

Along with one or two specimens of *Archaster andromeda*, we took at Station 76 an exceedingly beautiful *Archaster* (Fig. 25), certainly by far the finest species yet dredged in the Northern Seas.

The arms are flattened, somewhat square in section