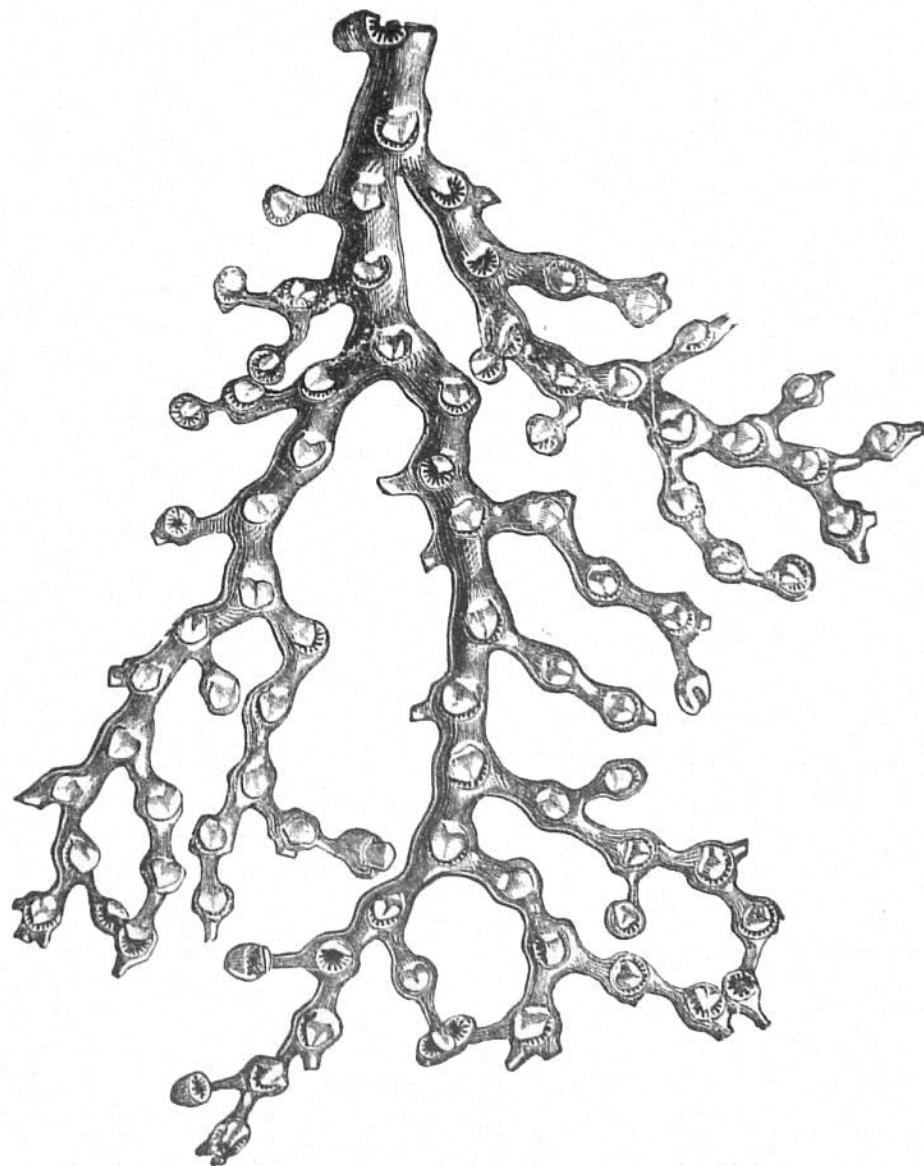


abundant material obtained by the *Challenger*, Mr. Moseley entered specimens little doubt that this and our specimens belong to the same species, again identical with *C. pudica* of Milne-Edwards. The specimens vary greatly in size and in the amount of development of the characteristic opercular fold. The specimen figured is the largest and most fully developed which we obtained.

Fig. 65.—*Cryptothella pudica*, Milne-Edwards. Twice the natural size. (No. 24.)



Laminae of coral tissue produced from the margin of each calicle on one side projects in front of the mouth of the calicle, and forms a kind of shield or operculum. M. de Pourtales has described a series of specimens of *Cryptothella* obtained in 270 fathoms water off Bahia, under the name of *C. Pierrei*; but after an examination of M. de Pourtales' specimens and of the more abundant material obtained by the *Challenger*, Mr. Moseley entered