

fishes. The fauna seemed, however, to be of the ordinary character, such as we found in shallow water everywhere round the Islands. As the weather did not look by any means promising, we weighed anchor as soon as the boats returned, and proceeded on our course to the north-west.

On the 24th we sounded and dredged in 2650 fathoms, 43 miles in a north-westerly direction from Gibbs's Hill Light-

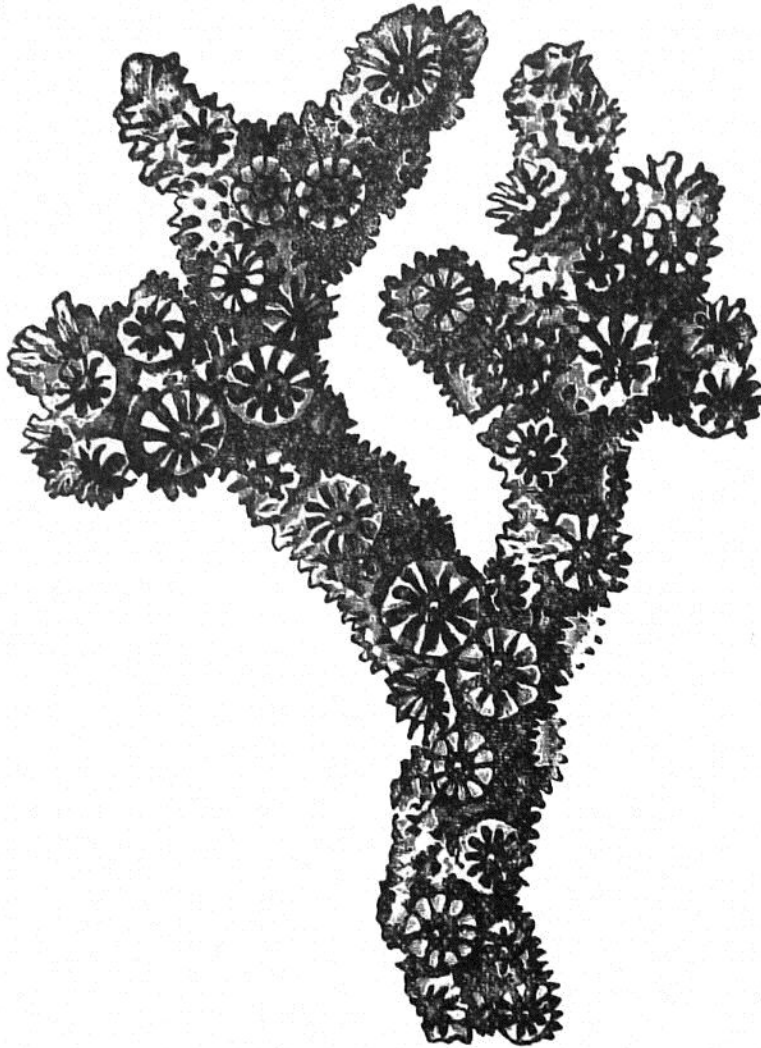


FIG. 88.—*Madracis asperula*.

house; the dredge brought up a little gray calcareous mud still evidently chiefly derived from the Bermudas reef; with *Globigerinæ*, *Orbulinæ*, some larger foraminifera, some otolites of fishes, and some shells of *Clio* and *Diacria*. It was evident, from the mud in the dredge-bag containing many more foraminifera than some which had been caught in bulk on the tangle-bar, that a large quantity of fine débris had been washed