

systems has been dredged by the U.S.S. 'Blake.' *Flabellum apertum* (fig. 285) is interesting because it was dredged at two very distant localities, viz., off Portugal in 900 fathoms, and off Prince Edward Island in 310 fathoms.



FIG. 285.—*Flabellum apertum*, Moseley; natural size. Off Prince Edward Island, 310 fathoms.

The most abundant of the very few compound Madreporarian corals which inhabit deep waters is *Lophohelia prolifera* (fig. 286). It varies very much in form and mode of growth, and sometimes forms bushes of considerable size. It occurs in the Mediterranean

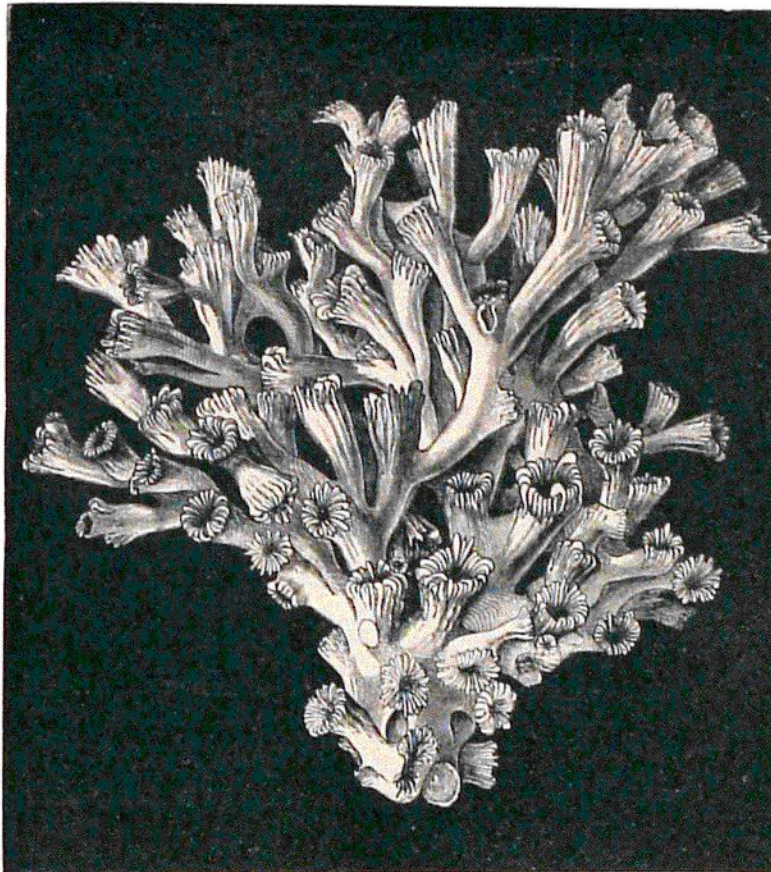


FIG. 286.—*Lophohelia prolifera*, M.-Edw. and Haime; three-fourths the natural size.

with Precious Coral (*Corallium rubrum*), off the English and Norwegian coasts in 100 fathoms or so, and all over the Atlantic, off Tristan da Cunha in the south, off