No further definition of *Chladocrinus* was ever given by Prof. L. Agassiz; and it is not surprising therefore that the genus has never been accepted by naturalists. The remaining type which is supposed to be generically distinct from *Pentacrinus*, is the *Cainocrinus* of Forbes.¹ It has recently been revived by de Loriol;² but since it was based on a misconception, and its only distinctive character depends upon a feature which is very variable among the recent species, viz., the presence or absence of a closed ring of basals, I see no good in retaining it (see pp. 281–283). Practically, therefore, owing to the well marked characters of *Extracrinus* and our want of knowledge of *Balanocrinus*, a definition of *Pentacrinus* for the study of recent forms need only emphasise those points in which it differs from *Metacrinus*. I have, however, referred to one or two characters in which the genus differs from *Extracrinus*.

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