

Genus 7. *Embolus*, Selenka, 1867.

Retractor muscles absent. Calcareous ring absent. Tentacles fifteen. Deposits—brownish-red ellipses of concentric structure.

*Embolus pauper*, Selenka, 1867 ; Pourtalès, 1869.

*Habitat*.—(?) Cape Palmas (Selenka).

The genus and species seem to be uncertain. Pourtalès says : " One of the specimens sent from the Cambridge Museum to Mr. Selenka had received by some accident the label of 'Cape Palmas (?)' and on this one he has based his new genus *Embolus*. I am perfectly satisfied that the *Embolus pauper*, Selenka, is the same thing as *Molpadia oolitica*. The figures he gives of the œsophageal ring of *Molpadia oolitica* and of a calcareous grain of *Embolus pauper* are both taken from specimens of *Molpadia oolitica*. The absence of the œsophageal ring in the specimen he examined is accidental, as is also the absence of the tail-like prolongation of the anal extremity of the body." Thus, this genus and species must probably be omitted.

In general, the distinguishing characters of the genera of this family are mostly of slight importance, and further investigation will probably result in a diminution in the number of genera as well as of species.