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Figure 1. The sponge; nat. size.

" 2-20. Spicules--

Figs. 2, 3. Oxeas; × 95.

, 4-13. Various stages in the growth of the desma; × 95 (except fig. 9, which is × 200).

Figs. 14-19. Various forms of the fully grown desma; × 95.

" 20. Two desmas in zygosis; × 200.

- " 21. Part of section through the choanosome, showing the general appearance of the tissue; × 180.
- " 22. Section at right angles to the surface, showing fusiform cells directed at right angles to the external epithelium; × 300.
- " 23. Part of a section through the choanosome; × 360.
- ,, 24. Isolated mesodermal cells; \times 430.
- " 25. Section through the choanosome, showing the general characters of the chamber-system; × 360.
- " 26. Similar to the preceding, but more highly magnified; × 430.
- ,, 27. Longitudinal section through one of the water canals; \times 240.
- ,, 28. Section at right angles to the surface, showing the arrangement of the subdermal cavities; × 34.
- " 29. Part of a similar section taken from the oscular side of the sponge; × 180.