Astrophyton costosum, Seba (Pl. XXXV. figs. 17-25).

Astrophyton costosum, Seba (non Linck), vol. iii. p. 16, pl. ix. fig. 1, 1758; Lym., Ill. Cat. Mus. Comp. Zool., No. i. p. 192; Proc. Bost. Soc. Nat. Hist., vol. xix. pl. iv.

Euryale muricatum, Lmk., Hist. Anim. sans Vert., vol. ii. p. 538, 1816.

Astrophyton muricatum, Agas, Mém. Soc. Scien. Nat. Neuchatel, vol. i. p. 12; Müll. & Tr., Syst. Ast., p. 122; Ltk., Addit. ad Hist., part. 2, p. 156.

Bahia; 7 to 20 fathoms.

Astrophyton exiguum, Agas. (Pl. XLVII. fig. 1).

Astrophyton exiguum, Agas., Mém. Soc. Scien. Nat. Neuchatel, vol. i. p. 12, 1835; Mull. and Tr., Syst. Ast., p. 125, 1842.

Euryale exiguum, Lmk., Hist. Anim. sans Vert., vol. ii. p. 539.

In my notebook of 1861, I see "Euryale exiguum, Lamk., original of Peron and Lesueur, 1803; young." This prosaic line is poetical for me. It takes me back to the Jardin des Plantes as it was twenty years ago; and I can see the laboratories of the "Mollusques et Zoophytes," where I studied under the kindly direction of old Valenciennes. He has gone, and so has his successor, Deshayes, and their place is now worthily held by Professor Perrier, who was a very young man when first I knew him. But still that poor little broken Astrophyton exiguum lies on its shelf, the survivor of professors and of emperors.¹

It was with a real emotion that, in unpacking the Challenger collection, I drew from a large jar two fine specimens. I felt like a scholar who had found a duplicate of the Codex Argenteus. After more than two generations the unique treasure of the Jardin des Plantes has at last other representatives. To celebrate its rediscovery I could not do less than give a figure of the animal.

Station 190 (young).—September 12, 1874; lat. 8° 56′ S., long. 136° 5′ E.; 49 fathoms; mud. Station 212.—January 30, 1875; lat. 6° 55′ N., long. 122° 15′ E.; 10 to 20 fathoms; sand.

Species of Astrophyton not herein described.

Astrophyton spinosum, Lym., Ill. Cat. Mus. Comp. Zool., No. viii. part 2, p. 29, figs. 44, 46, 1875.

Panama.

Astrophyton nudum, Lym., Ill. Cat. Mus. Comp. Zool., No. iii. part 10, p. 251, pl. vi. figs. 4, 5, 1874.

Philippines.

¹ Ill. Cat. Mus. Comp. Zool., No. viii. part 2, pl. iv. fig. 48, 1875.