

PACIFIC: Three species between the parallels of 40° (?) N. and 30° S.

*Fromia japonica*, from Japan. *Fromia balansæ* and *Fromia milleporella*, from New Caledonia, the latter extending into the Eastern Archipelago and Indian Ocean.

β. *Bathymetrical range*: All the known species are probably confined to shallow water.

γ. *Nature of the Sea-bottom*: Recorded in few cases. *Fromia milleporella* on Coral reefs.

*Chorological Synopsis of the Species herein mentioned.*

	Ocean.	Range in Fathoms.	Nature of the Sea-bottom.
<i>Fromia milleporella</i>	{ Indian, Eastern Archipelago, and Pacific. }	Shallow water.	Coral reefs.

1. *Fromia milleporella* (Lamarck), Gray.

*Asterias milleporella*, Lamarck, 1816, Hist. nat. anim. s. vert., t. ii. p. 564.

*Linckia milleporella*, Müller and Troschel, 1840 (April), Monatsber. d. k. preuss. Akad. d. Wiss. Berlin, p. 103.

*Fromia milleporella*, Gray, 1840 (December), Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., vol. vi. p. 286.

*Scytaster pistorius*, Müller and Troschel, 1842, System der Asteriden, p. 35.

*Scytaster milleporellus*, Michelin, 1845, Faune de l'Île Maurice, Mag. de Zool., p. 22.

*Linckia (Scytaster) milleporella*, v. Martens, 1866, Archiv f. Naturgesch., Jahrg. xxxii., Bd. i. p. 69.

*Linckia pistoria*, v. Martens, 1869, v. d. Decken's Reisen in Ost-Africa, Zool., p. 130.

*Locality*.—Kandavu, Fiji Islands. On the reefs.

*Remarks*.—These examples, which are rather small, are short in the ray, and noticeable for having a number of the abactinal plates near the end of the ray convex and sub-tubercular, and bearing two or three granules larger and more prominent than the rest.

Genus *Ophidiaster*, Agassiz.

*Ophidiaster*, Agassiz, Prod. Monogr. d. Radiaires, Mém. Soc. Sci. Nat. Neuchâtel, 1835, t. i., p. 191.

*Dactylosaster*, Gray, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., 1840, vol. vi. p. 283.

*Tamaria*, Gray, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., 1840, vol. vi. p. 283.

† *Cistina*, Gray, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., 1840, vol. vi. p. 283.

*Hacelia* (subgen.), Gray, Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist., 1840, vol. vi. p. 284.

*Linckia (pars)*, v. Martens, Archiv f. Naturgesch., 1865, Jahrg. xxxi., Bd. i. p. 351.

This genus, as limited by Perrier, is a well-defined group, distributed over a wide area. *Ophidiaster* occurs chiefly in tropical seas, and does not extend beyond the warm temperate regions; it is a shallow water form, usually frequenting the Littoral zone.