

III. Because they have been insufficiently characterised, never again gathered, and the type specimens have not been preserved; they are therefore too doubtful to be introduced into systematic nomenclature:—

1. *Pelagia*, Quoy and Gaimard.¹
2. *Cymodocea*, d'Orbigny.²
3. *Homoderma*, van Beneden.³

Among the genera hitherto described I only admit six and the new genus *Notobranchæa* (these six genera are also those that were accepted by Boas,⁴ before the description of *Notobranchæa*). They are the following:—

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Dexiobranchæa</i>, Boas. 2. <i>Spongiobranchæa</i>, d'Orbigny. 3. <i>Pneumonoderma</i>, Cuvier. | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. <i>Clionopsis</i>, Troschel. 5. <i>Clione</i>, Pallas. 6. <i>Halopsyche</i>, Bronn. |
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These six genera, and the new one *Notobranchæa*, are well known, well characterised and distinct. The following table gives their principal distinctive characters:—

KEY TO THE GENERA.

I. A specialised branchial apparatus.

1. A lateral gill.

A. No posterior gill; *Dexiobranchæa*.

B. A posterior gill.

a. A circular posterior gill, *Spongiobranchæa*.

b. A tetroradiate posterior gill, *Pneumonoderma*.

2. No lateral gill.

A. No buccal appendages *Clionopsis*.

B. Buccal appendages, *Notobranchæa*.

II. No specialised branchial apparatus.

1. Body lengthened, posteriorly pointed, *Clione*.

2. Body ovoid, posteriorly rounded, *Halopsyche*.

How must we subdivide these seven genera of the Gymnosomatous group?

Fischer, who considers the Pteropoda to be a class of the same value as the Gastropoda (although the organisation of the Pteropoda shows, in the clearest manner, that they only form a subdivision of the Euthyneurous Gastropoda), distinguishes among the Gymnosomata two suborders:⁵—Scleroderma, containing only the genus *Halopsyche*, and Malacoderma, embracing all the other genera. But the character on which this subdivision is based is very insufficient, because the teguments of *Halopsyche* are not

¹ Voyage de découvertes de l'Astrolabe, Zoologie, t. ii. p. 192 = *Pteropelagia*, Bronn.

² Voyage dans l'Amérique méridionale, t. v. p. 133 = *Pterocymodocea*, Bronn.

³ Exercices zotomiques, p. 54, pl. iii. figs. 4, 5.

⁴ Vorläufige Mittheilung über einige Gymnosomen Pteropoden, *Zool. Anzeiger*, p. 690, 1885.

⁵ Manuel de Conchyliologie, p. 422.