

HOLOTHURIA (BOHADSCHIA) INERMIS, sp. nov.

A species distinguished by the absence of spicules and calcareous ring.

Body elongated, tapering somewhat at either end; suckers very thick in trivium, scattered and much rarer in bivium; three indistinctly marked trivial rows; about the middle of the trivium the suckers less closely packed than at either end. Anus five-rayed, the sides of the rays with papillæ.

Twenty black tentacles; pharynx quite devoid of œsophageal ring; no calcareous deposits.

Colour dark brown, the suckers and tentacles still darker.

*Hab.* West Indies.

In order to retain the general form of the single complete specimen, I have not made a complete dissection; fortunately, however, there is an anterior end of a second specimen, and by it I have been able to assure myself that the absence of the calcareous ring is not an individual peculiarity.