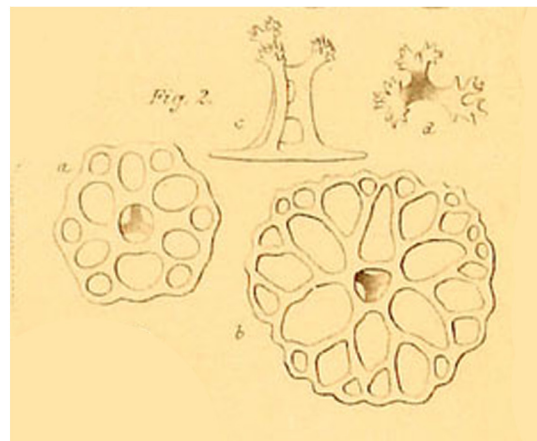


Holothuria murrayi, var. *parva*, nov. (Pl. IX. fig. 2; Pl. XVI. figs. 4, 5).

Habitat.—Station 219, March 10, 1875; lat. $1^{\circ} 54'$ S., long. $146^{\circ} 39' 40''$ E.; depth, 150 fathoms; coral mud; one individual.

There is good reason for referring this form to a new species, but considering that it presents in several respects great similarities to *Holothuria murrayi*, and that I have had at my disposal only a single specimen, I prefer for the present to regard it as a variety of this species. Length, 72 mm. Body fusiform, about 23 mm. broad at the middle. Pedicels numerous, cylindrical, about 2.5 mm. long, scattered over the dorsal surface and the sides of the body. The pedicels of the ventral surface are very minute and scarcely visible to the naked eye. Colour yellowish-white. Deposits—tables with a spire composed of three arms with spinous apices and a single transverse beam (Pl. IX. fig. 2, *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*). Pedicels apparently without transverse supporting rods but with well-developed terminal plates. Mouth turned downwards; anus terminal. A single Polian vesicle. The figures will give the best idea of the external appearance of the animal and of the shape of the deposits.

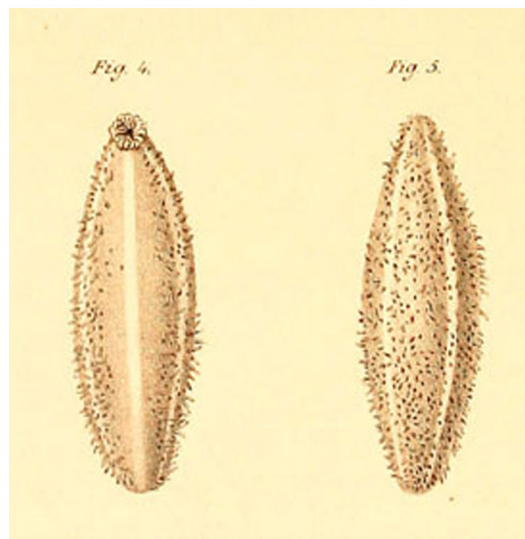
PLATE IX.



2, HOLOTHURIA MURRAYI var. PARVA, n.

Fig. 2. *Holothuria murrayi*, var. *parva*, nov. *a*, disk of the common form of tables, seen from the under surface; *b*, disk of the rare tables, seen from the under surface; *c*, side view of a table; *d*, end of the spire of the tables.

PLATE XVI.



4-5 HOLOTHURIA MURRAYI var. PARVA, n

Fig. 4. *Holothuria murrayi*, var. *parva* nov. (Station 219). Ventral view, natural size.

Fig. 5. *Holothuria murrayi*, var. *parva* nov. (Station 219). Dorsal view, natural size.