

other leg of the cock grew as usual. This experiment I have repeated several times in the same manner, with the same effects, which led me to conceive that the spur of a cock would not grow upon a hen, and that they were, therefore, to be considered as distinct animals, having very distinct powers. In order to ascertain this, I took the spurs of hen chickens and placed them on the legs of young cocks. I found that those which took root grew nearly as fast, and to as large a size as the natural spur on the other leg, which appeared to be a contradiction to my other experiments. Upon another examination of my hens, however, I found that the spurs had grown considerably, although they had taken several years to do it; for I found that the same quantity of growth in the spur of a cock, while on the cock, during one year, was as much as that of the cock's spur on the hen in the course of three or four years, or as three or four to one; whereas the growth of the hen's spur on the cock was to that of the proper spur of the hen as two to one."

When a female animal belonging to a dimorphic species assumes male characters, it is truly an example of Atavism, or development of transmitted characters normally latent.

This part of the matter has been dwelt upon at some length for the following important reason. If we regard the epiblast and the structures developed therefrom as representing the chief characters derived from the male parent, it opens up a field of interesting inquiry in clinical medicine and pathology regarding hereditary diseases, and it demonstrates clearly enough that we have little knowledge concerning the germs of organs which may be latent in an animal; therefore Neogenetic Atavism is, at its best, exceedingly questionable. To assume that such a form of Atavism exists, is to believe in the sudden development of new characters: this is totally opposed to the fundamental principles of Evolution.

The question is one of great importance to the pathologist, inasmuch as there is very great probability that many aberrations of organs and tissues are atavistic in their nature.

## 2. On the Systematic Position and Classification of Sponges.

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### I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS.

Our knowledge of the development and structure of Sponges is of such recent date that we have hardly had time to utilize it for systematic purposes till now.

Whilst the anatomical and embryological work of recent authors, particularly of F. E. Schulze and his pupils, has made us acquainted with the structure of Sponges in a satisfactory manner, our knowledge of species, which was formerly practically confined to those from the Mediterranean and the Atlantic, has been greatly extended by the collections made during the voyages of the 'Alert' and 'Challenger' in all parts of the world, and by my own labours in the Australian seas.

I think, therefore, that the time has now arrived to endeavour to establish a classification of Sponges, and to discuss the position which the Sponges, as a group, occupy in the scale of Nature.

In an Appendix to this paper a nearly complete list of publications on Sponges is given. It has been made by interpolating old, new, and omitted papers in D'Arcy Thomson's (1495) list of 551 papers, the references in which have been verified. I must express my thanks to Mrs. v. Lendenfeld and to Mr. A. Dendy for their share in this work, and also to Mr. Ridley for his kindness in allowing us to use his most valuable MS. notes on this subject.

In the section on the systematic position of Sponges, the principal views held on the subject are discussed, and reasons are given for considering the Sponges as the first Phylum of the Grade Cœlentera, which arrangement has been adopted in this paper.

The main classification of the Orders is the result of my own anatomical work, and has been arrived at independently of other authors. It affords me much pleasure to state that this classification is, in the main, similar to that established by Vosmaer (1550), although we have arrived at our results in different ways, and our diagnoses differ accordingly.

To that section of this paper which deals with the arrangement of the Families and Subfamilies, and the enumeration of the principal Genera, Mr. A. Dendy has contributed the portions relating to the Suborders Clavulina and Halichondrina with the exception of the Tethydæ and Chalininæ. The portions relating to the Hexactinellida and Tetractinellida are compiled from the recent papers of Schulze (1369), Sollas (1453), Vosmaer (1550), and Zittel (1639). The remainder is based on my own MS. notes.

## II. NOMENCLATURE OF THE SPICULES.

Various terms for the spicules found in Sponges have been used by different authors. In consequence of this a certain confusion has arisen with regard to the meaning of the terms employed. Vosmaer (1550) made a chivalrous attempt to establish a satisfactory Nomenclature, which, however, has unfortunately not been accepted by recent authors on Sponges except myself, so that it only added to the already existing confusion,

Recently Sollas, Ridley, and Dendy have established a new nomenclature for Monaxonid spicules, which I have agreed to adopt, and which has been used by them and myself. I do not think it perfect, but I am certainly not in a position to replace it by anything better, and therefore adopt and explain it in this paper. Schulze's nomen-

clature of Hexactinellid spicules is here, of course, accepted *en bloc*, and his terms will be defined below. Sollas (1453) has used a number of terms in his preliminary report which I do not understand and which presumably nobody else understands either. It is, therefore, much to be regretted that the greater part of them are unexplained. In consequence of this I will, for the present, abstain from attempting to compile a nomenclature of Tetraxonid spicules pending the publication of Sollas's full report, in which, we may hope, he will explain his new terms.

The spicules of Sponges are, as a rule, of such shape that they appear as more or less modified geometrical figures with definite axes. The axes are always represented by a non-skeletal rod (the so-called axial canal), round which the silica or lime is precipitated in concentric layers. There may be one such axis, or there may be more than one.

Häckel (627) drew attention to this crystalline regularity of sponge-spicules, which has been of great importance in studying the skeletal elements of Sponges.

We can divide the sponge-spicules, as we do the Sponges, into the two groups Calcarea and Silicea, according to their chemical composition. Within each group we distinguish series of forms according to the number and position of the axes. The validity of this classification is proved by the correlation of these different kinds of spicules with other organs in the Sponges.

The following are the different kinds of spicules :—

### I. Group SPICULA CALCAREA.

Composed chiefly of carbonate of lime.

#### 1. *Monaxonia*.

With one straight or curved axis, rod-shaped.

#### 2. *Triaxonia*.

With three distinct axes which may lie in one plane or not. When one of the rays of this tri-act spicule becomes rudimentary, Diaxonia can theoretically be produced. It is, however, advantageous to consider the Diaxon spicules as part of the Triaxonia. The calcareous triaxon spicules have only three rays—triax.

#### 3. *Tetrawonia*.

With four axes and four rays—tetract. The points form the corners of a triangular pyramid. Generally three axes, or rays, are equivalent (tangential), and one (radial) is differentiated, longer or shorter than the others.

### II. Group SPICULA SILICEA.

Composed chiefly of silica.

#### 1. *Anaxonia*.

Without definite axes and with numerous rays—polyact.

To this group belongs one kind of spicule only, namely the stellate and its derivatives.

The following six forms can be distinguished :—

A. *Regularia*.

The rays radiating from one point.

1. *Oxyaster*.

With long, slender, pointed rays (*e. g. Stelletta*). = *st*, Vosmaer.

2. *Euaster*.

With stout, pointed, conic rays (*e. g. Chondrilla*). = *gl. st*, Vosmaer.

3. *Spheraster*.

The rays coalesce to form a solid ball (*e. g. Geodia*). = *gl*, Vosmaer.

B. *Irregularia*.

The centre extends to form a line which may be curved, circular, ring-shaped, or spiral.

4. *Spiraster*.

A stout spiral with thick spines attached (*e. g. Raphyrus*). = *st*<sup>2</sup>, Vosmaer. When spines terminal, *Amphiaster*.

5. *Corona*.

A spined ring (*e. g. Suberocorona*) (?).

6. *Spirula*.

A spiral without spines (*e. g. Spiretta*).

These anaxon spicules never form part of the supporting skeleton, but are invariably flesh-spicules (*Microsclera*).

2. *Monaxonia*.

With one straight or curved axis, sometimes with lamellar outgrowths.

A. *Supporting Spicules* (Megasclera).

1. *Strongylus*.

A cylindrical rod rounded at each end (*e. g. Uruguaga*). = *tr*<sup>2</sup>, Vosmaer.

2. *Oxystrongylus*.

A cylindrical rod abruptly pointed at each end (*e. g. Pachychalina*).

3. *Oxyus*.

A gradually pointed, spindle-shaped spicule (*e. g. Spongilla*). = *ac*, *ac*, and *ac*<sup>2</sup>, Vosmaer. Diact, F. E. Schulze.


4. *Tylothus*.

A cylindrical rod with a knob at each end (*e. g. Crella*). = *tr*<sup>02</sup>, Vosmaer.


5. *Tylostylus*.

A cylindrical rod more or less pointed at one end and knobbed at the other (*e. g. Suberites*). = *tr*<sup>0</sup> *ac*, Vosmaer. Without knob, *Stylus*.

B. *Flesh-Spicules* (Microsclera).6. *Toxius*.

Curved in the centre, the two ends in a straight line, thus  (*e. g. Toxochalina*). =  $\Lambda$ , Vosmaer. When in bundles, *Toxodragmata*.

7. *Signata*.

S-shaped, curved irregularly, not expanded in one plane (*e. g. Geliodes*). = , Vosmaer. When in bundles, *Sigmadragnata*.


8. *Isochelæ*.

Curved spicules with flat expanded ends extending in the surface of a rotation ellipsoid; both ends equal (*e. g. Desmacidonidæ*). =  $anc^2$ , Vosmaer. Anchorates, auctorum.

9. *Anisochelæ*.

Curved spicules with flat expanded ends extending in the surface of a rotation ellipsoid; ends unequal (*e. g. Desmacidonidæ*). =  $anc$ ,  $anc$ , Vosmaer. Anchorates, auctorum.

10. *Diankistra*.

A rod with a hook at each end, divided by a remarkable incision (*e. g. Vomerula*). =  Vosmaer. Bundles of hair-like spicules, *Trichodragmata*.

3. *Triaxonia*.

Spicules with three axes and six rays and their derivatives. (For details compare F. E. Schulze's preliminary report.)

1. *Oxyhexact*.

With six pointed rays, the ends of which form the corners of a double square pyramid. The rays represent the crystalline axes.

2. *Oxypentact*.

One ray rudimentary, representing the axes of a simple square pyramid.

3. *Oxytetract*.

Two rays rudimentary, representing the *edges* of a square pyramid.

4. *Oxydiact*.

Four rays rudimentary, only two rays lying in one straight line remain.

5. *Hexaster*.

A star with six, generally equal rays:—

a. *Oxyhexaster*. Rays pointed.

b. *Discohexaster*. Rays terminated by disks.

c. *Floricome*. Rays terminated by a bunch of curved branches.

d. *Graphiohexaster*. Rays much curved.

*Plumicome*. Rays terminated with a number of plumose branches.

6. *Pinnulæ*.

A star with five or six rays. One of them is particularly highly

developed and branched or covered with disks or scales. The opposite ray smooth or absent. The other four equal (tangential).

7. *Scopulæ*.

Fork- or broom-shaped spicules consisting of a long shaft traversed by an axial rod, to the distal end of which some, generally four, slender anaxial rods are attached.

8. *Amphidisc*.

A rod with an umbrella-shaped disk at each end.

9. *Uncinataæ*.

A rod with recurved hooks throughout its entire length.

10. *Clavulæ*.

A rod pointed at one end and bearing a knob or disk at the other.

4. *Tetragononia*.

With four axes radiating from one point. The ends of the spicules lie in the corners of a square pyramid and their derivatives.

A. *Tetractina*.

With four rays.

B. *Triactina*.

With three rays.

C. *Diactina*.

With two rays.

D. *Monactina*.

With one ray.

For the reasons given above, I shall abstain from describing the Tetragonian spicules in detail. I will, however, mention the terms for spicules employed by Sollas in his preliminary report (1453).

These, alphabetically arranged, are the following:—

Acerate (Monaxon).	Globate (Scleraster).
Acerella (Monaxon?).	Globules (?).
Amphiaster (?).	Hispidating Acerate (Monaxononia).
Amphiastrella (Spirastrella?).	*One-pronged (unicellate) Forks.
*Amphitetrad.	*Porrectate Forks.
*Anchors.	*Pycnaster (?).
Anthaster (?).	*Radical Anchors.
Arculus (?).	Sigmella (?).
*Bifurcated Forks.	*Somal Anchor.
Calthrops (?).	*Somatic Anchor.
*Candelabra.	Spinispirulæ (Spirastrella).
Chinaster (?).	Spirulæ (Spirulæ).
Cylindrical spicules (Monaxononia?).	Stellate (?).
Echinella (?).	*Tetrad.
Ectaster (?).	*Triona.
Erdaster (?).	Trichite Acerates (Monaxononia).
*Forks.	*Trichite Forks.
*Forks with trifurcate arms.	*Trifid Forks.
*Fusiform Acerates (Monaxononia).	*Two-pronged (dicellate) Forks.

The names marked \* presumably apply to Tetragon spicules. The others probably belong to different groups.

These pages will give a key to the terms of spicules used below.

There are, however, a number of other terms which require explanation.

The spicules are divided generally into two distinct groups:—

- (1) Those which together form the supporting skeleton of the sponge: these are called Supporting spicules or Megasclera.
- (2) Those which lie scattered in the ground-substance and which differ from the former in shape: these are called Flesh-spicules or Microsclera (Tension-spicules of Bowerbank).

F. E. Schulze (1369) uses particular terms for spicules according to their position, which have been adopted in this paper so far as the Hexactinellids are concerned.

These are alphabetically the following:—

*Autodermalia.* Spicules on the outer surface with free projecting and with centripetal (immersed) differentiated rays.

*Autogastralia.* Spicules on the gastral surface with free projecting and with centrifugal (immersed) differentiated rays.

*Basalia.* Spicules of the root-tuft.

*Comitalia.* Spicules accompanying the fibres.

*Epidermalia.* Spicules on the outer surface with free projecting differentiated ray only.

*Epigastralia.* Spicules on the gastral surface with free projecting differentiated ray only.

*Hypodermalia.* Spicules of the outer surface with immersed radial ray only.—Pentact.

*Hypogastralia.* Spicules of the gastral surface with immersed radial ray only.—Pentact.

*Marginalia.* Spicules forming a collar round the osculum.

*Parenchymalia.* Spicules in the interior.

*Pleuralia.* Spicules forming a fur.

*Principalia.* Spicules of the main skeleton.

### III. THE SYSTEMATIC POSITION OF SPONGES.

The opinions of different authors on this subject diverge considerably. I shall attempt to reconcile them in the following pages and to prove the correctness of the result at which I have arrived.

Aristotle first pointed out that the Sponges were not plants—a fact which seems clear enough now, but which was doubted and combated by most authors of the dismally ignorant middle ages. This we admit as proved. I agree with Hæckel in dividing the organic world into the three groups—Plants, Protista, and Animals. Among the Protista there are a great majority of forms showing affinities either to animals or to plants, so that it is not unusual to split up the Protista and divide its members among the two other old established groups. For the sake of simplicity I adopt this course here.

The Animal Kingdom, in this wider sense, including the animal Protista, is naturally to be divided into Protozoa and Metazoa, of

which the former consist of similar and equal, undifferentiated, cells, which often remain isolated throughout life, whilst the latter pass through a unicellular stage of short duration only, and consist, when adult, of a number of different cells. There is a vast difference between these two groups: the Protozoa are isocellular, whilst the Metazoa are heterocellular. The Sponges are developed in the same way as all other Metazoa and pass through the same well-known embryonic stages—the Morula, Blastula, &c. They consist, when adult, of a great number of differentiated cells. There are flat epithelial cells all over the outer surface and on the canal-wall; there are collar-cells round the ciliated chambers. There are gland-cells for different purposes, muscular and nervous cells besides ordinary tissue and amœboid cells in the Mesogloea or ground-substance, in which also the ova and spermatozoa are developed. It is therefore quite clear that the Sponges are not Protozoa, but Metazoa, and are, in fact, not similar to Protozoa in any way.

The Metazoa are naturally divided into two Groups or Grades—the Cœlentera, with a simple undivided body-cavity, all the parts of which are in direct connection with one another; and the Cœlomata, which have two distinct and entirely separated body-cavities—a gastral cavity and a cœlom or perigastric cavity. The Sponges certainly have a simple and continuous body-cavity and no trace of a cœlom, so that they must be regarded as Cœlentera.

Long before Hertwig established the cœlom theory, Leuckart had already perceived this important fact, and placed the Sponges among the Cœlentera accordingly.

Although nobody has ever attempted to regard the Sponges as Cœlomata, there has been great opposition, principally among English authors, to Leuckart's opinion. I dismiss the arguments of those who, like James Clark (284–294), Carter (166), and Saville Kent (772), regard the Sponges as Protozoa, on the ground that their idea of Protozoa does not harmonize with the generally adopted meaning of the term, for if it did, they could not, as logical thinkers, count the Sponges among them. Their idea of Protozoa comprises the whole Animal Kingdom, because they draw no distinction between isocellular and heterocellular organisms, and of course all Metazoa are, if this distinction be omitted, colonies of unicellular Protozoa. F. E. Schulze (1361) has taken the unnecessary trouble to refute Saville Kent's (772) statements in detail, and to show that the latter had been guilty not only of levity in the philosophical treatment of his work, but also of recording incorrect observations.

Some very excellent men, particularly Balfour (17), Bütschli (138), and Sollas (1440), are inclined to consider the Sponges as a separate group equal in value to our groups Metazoa and Protozoa. This arrangement was arrived at without regard to the division of the Metazoa into Cœlentera and Cœlomata. They contrast the subkingdom Porifera (Parazoa, Sollas) with the subkingdom Metazoa as a whole. With all respect to the most important opinion of Balfour, I still do not see that there is any justification for the establishment of



a special Subkingdom for the Sponges. They are evidently Metazoa, and no doubt Cœlentera in the sense given above, namely the *Grade Cœlentera* as opposed to the *Grade Cœlomata*.

I think therefore that the Sponges form part of the *Grade Cœlentera*, and I do not believe that any one will raise any objection to this statement.

Now, however, we have to approach a much more difficult task, and that is, to ascertain what position the Sponges occupy within the *Grade Cœlentera*.

In this *Grade* we must place, besides the Sponges, one very well-defined group of animals (the Jellyfish, Hydroids, Corals, and Ctenophora) which is not connected with other animals by any intermediate form. There can be no doubt of the comparatively close affinity of all these, and the sharp distinction between them and the Sponges. In a like manner the Sponges are an exceedingly well circumscribed group, without any transitions in any direction to other animals. The *Grade Cœlentera* comprises, therefore, two well-defined groups:—(1) the *Mesodermalia* (910) or Sponges; and (2) the *Epithelaria* (910) or Nematophora (Lankester), Cnidaria (Claus), Telifera (Marshall), as they are variously termed.

A. In the *Mesodermalia* the archenteron communicates with the outer water by numerous small pores through which the water-current enters; and by one or a few larger pores termed oscula or vents, through which the water is expelled. It consists here of a branching canal-system.

In the *Epithelaria* there is no branching canal-system. The anus and mouth are not distinguished, and the mouth or mouths are equivalent to all the openings of the canal-system of sponges. Only exceptionally two different kinds of pores are met with, as in certain *Actiniæ* with terminally open tentacles; but there is no regular current of water through these pores.

B. The gastrula of the *Mesodermalia* is generally produced by invagination.

The gastrula of the *Epithelaria*, on the other hand, is generally the result of delamination.

C. The *Mesodermalia* have no movable appendages wherewith to catch their prey.

The *Epithelaria* have such appendages.

D. The *Mesodermalia* are not armed with cnidoblasts or their homologues.

The *Epithelaria* are defended by cnidoblasts or their homologues.

Although these differences are important, yet the principal distinction between these two groups, to which I drew attention at the last meeting of the British Association (Meeting 1886), is the following:—

E. The *Mesodermalia* have invariably simple ectodermal and entodermal epithelia, the cells of which are always flat pavement-cells, and never converted into muscular, glandular, sexual, or sensitive elements. The muscular, connective, slime-producing glandular, skeleton-producing glandular, sexual, sensitive, ganglionic and amœ-

boid cells met with in the Sponges are invariably modified cells of the mesogloea. This is particularly striking and important in the case of the muscular and sensitive elements.

The Epithelaria, on the other hand, have a mesogloea the cells of which remain more or less amœboid and are not differentiated to any extent. The muscular, glandular, sexual, sensitive, ganglionic and defensive nettle-cells are produced in the epithelia, they sink below the outer cell-layer with advancing development and lie on the surface of the mesogloea or supporting lamella.

By a process of folding and subsequent coalescing of the fold-margins, bundles of muscular cells may become immersed in the mesogloea, and so form a mesodermal structure, which, however, must be considered a secondary mesoderm, as compared to the primary mesoderm represented by the mesogloea and its cells. But they are invariably produced first from the epithelia and immersed afterwards, and always retain their epithelial character in clothing the walls of tubular cavities in the mesogloea. Single muscular cells are never surrounded on all sides by the mesogloea. Solid bundles of muscular cells do not occur. Exceptionally nettle-cells (*Crambessa*) may be found in the mesogloea, which is also here and there traversed by nerve-fibres (*Cycloneurous Medusa*).

From a common sac-shaped ancestral form with simple ectoderm, simple entoderm, and undifferentiated cells in the intervening mesogloea, representing the type of the Cœlentera, both Mesodermalia and Epithelaria have been developed. In the case of the Mesodermalia the cells of the mesogloea became differentiated, and produced the organs, whilst the epithelia remained simple. In the case of the Epithelaria the cells of the mesogloea remained unchanged and the organs were produced by the epithelia. I regard this as the principal difference dividing the two groups, and have therefore established the term Epithelaria in contradistinction to Mesodermalia (*l. c.*).

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Having thus described the points of distinction, it remains that we should ascertain their phylogenetic value. There are only two alternatives with regard to the value we may attach to the Sponges as a group.

Either we must assume that within the Grade Cœlentera the Phylum Mesodermalia and the Phylum Epithelaria should be distinguished; or we may say that there is only one phylum in the Grade Cœlentera, namely the Phylum Cœlentera, and that this should be divided into the two Subphyla Mesodermalia and Epithelaria. It is evident that it comes much to the same thing. In this matter I adopt F. E. Schulze's opinion (1369), and consider the Sponges a separate phylum.

The result of this critical examination is given in the accompanying tabular view.

If we express this arrangement in the usual manner, we have :—

Kingdom **ANIMALIA.**

Iso-cellular.

1. Subkingdom *PROTOZOA.*

Hetero-cellular.

2. Subkingdom *METAZOA.*

With simple body-cavity.

1. Grade *COELENTERA.*

Gastral and Coelomic cavities distinct.

2. Grade *COELOMATA.*

Organs developed from cells of the Mesogoea.

1. Phylum *MESODERMALIA.*

Organs developed from cells of the Epithelia.

2. Phylum *EPITHELARIA.*

Polypoid with endoblasts.

1. Group *POLYPOMEDUSÆ.*

Without phacellæ.

1. Series *Aphacellæ.*

Only Class.

2. Class *HYDROMEDUSÆ.*

Polypoid.

3. Class *ACTINIARIA.*

With phacellæ.

2. Series *Phacellotæ.*

Medusoid.

4. Class *SCYPHOMEDUSÆ.*

With paddle-rows and without endoblasts.

2. Group *CTENOPHORA.*

Only Class.

5. Class *CTENOPHORA.*

Only Class.

2. Class *SPONGIÆ.*

Kingdom **ANIMALIA.**I. Subkingdom *PROTOZOA.*

Animals which are either unicellular, or, if multicellular, isocellular, without archenteron.

II. Subkingdom *METAZOA.*

Multicellular, heterocellular animals with archenteron.

I. Grade **CŒLENTERA.**

Metazoa with simple body-cavity.

i. Phylum **MESODERMALIA.**

Cœlentera with branching canal-system, and organs developed from cells of the mesoglœa or primary mesoderm. No movable appendages.

1. Class **SPONGIÆ.**

With the characters of the phylum.

ii. Phylum **EPITHELARIA.**

Cœlentera with cœcal canal-system. The organs are developed from cells of the epithelia. With movable appendages.

1. Group **POLYPOMEDUSÆ.**

Polypoid Epithelaria with cnidoblasts.

i. Series *Aphacellæ.*

Polypomedusæ without entodermal phacellæ.

2. Class **HYDROMEDUSÆ.**

Aphacellæ of polypoid and medusoid character. Medusæ cycloneur.

ii. Series *Phacellotæ.*

Polypomedusæ with entodermal phacellæ.

3. Class **ACTINIARIA.**

Polypoid Phacellotæ with funnel and septa.

4. Class **SCYPHOMEDUSÆ.**

Medusoid Phacellotæ developed direct or from a *Scyphostoma* by strobilation. Toponeur.

II. Group **CTENOPHORA.**

Epithelaria with paddle-rows without cnidoblasts. Centreneur.

5. Class **CTENOPHORA.**

With the characters of the group.

II. Grade **CŒLOMATA.**

Metazoa with distinct gastral and cœlomic cavities.

## IV. THE CLASSIFICATION OF SPONGES.

Having thus ascertained the systematic position of the Sponges as a group, we now approach the second part of our work.

Every one will agree that no satisfactory classificatory system of Sponges exists at present. Spongologists are in the habit of approaching this subject with great caution, I may say with diffidence.

It is a remarkable fact that the leading spongologist of the day, my esteemed teacher Prof. F. E. Schulze, in Berlin, has not attempted to work out a classificatory system of Sponges, whilst others have made some desultory efforts in that direction. It is self-evident that the systems established by Bowerbank, O. Schmidt, Gray, and others, which date from a time when virtually nothing was known about Sponges, have now become obsolete. The most successful attempt at establishing a system of Sponges is doubtless that of Vosmaer (1550), who, however, approaches his task with great diffidence; everywhere we meet in his work with "preliminary" classifications. Some geologists, principally Zittel (1635) and Sollas (1455), have classified the Sponges in a rather high-handed manner, establishing subclasses, orders, &c., without regard to details like families and genera. Zittel particularly attached too much importance to the fossil Sponges.

In the groups themselves more satisfactory detail work has recently been done. F. E. Schulze (1369) has worked out the Hexactinellids of the 'Challenger' with results which are as valuable and useful as the material at his disposal was abundant and interesting. Zittel (1626-1629) has in a satisfactory manner dealt with the fossil Sponges belonging to the same group. The Lithistids and Tetractinellids, both fossil and recent, have been carefully investigated by Zittel (1639) and Sollas (1453). I (888) have, with the aid of the works of Hæckel (627-629) and Poléjaeff (1179) at my disposal, established a system of Calcareous Sponges based on my investigations of the rich Australian Sponge-fauna, which appears fairly satisfactory.

The Monactinellids have been carefully studied by Vosmaer (1545), Ridley (1261), and Ridley and Dendy (1265-1266), and I have myself devoted much labour to their investigation, and have made (870) an attempt at classifying them, which, however, was unsuccessful. The Australian Fauna is exceedingly rich in Monactinellids, and my collection, of over 300 species, has enabled me to work out the classification of some of the groups in detail.

No attempt has hitherto been made to classify the Horny Sponges excepting one, contained in a short paper of Vosmaer (1552), establishing five groups, in accordance with the views previously expressed by myself (868), and based on the result of the researches into the structure of horny sponges by F. E. Schulze (1345, 1348, 1349, 1351) and myself (868). The Australian marine fauna is exceedingly rich in horny sponges, so that I have been enabled to work out their relationships in detail.

If we review the Sponges as a whole, we shall be struck with the great fundamental difference between the Calcareous and all

the other Sponges. Grant (526) was the first to point this out, and he accordingly divided the Sponges into Calcarea and Non-Calcarea. Vosmaer (1550) agrees in this point with Grant and uses his terms. I have also (888) adopted the same view. In this paper I intend to alter the term Non-Calcarea, which is misleading, inasmuch as it might be interpreted as meaning that the group so named consisted of very heterogeneous elements, coinciding with each other only in one, and that a negative character. This is not the case. I divide the Classis Spongiæ accordingly into two *Subclasses*, I. Calcarea, and II. Silicea.

The point of distinction between these two Subclasses is, that all the *Calcarea* have a skeleton composed of spicules consisting chiefly of carbonate of lime. All the other Sponges, which I comprise under the heading *Silicea*, either have a skeleton composed of siliceous spicules or have been derived phylogenetically from siliceous Sponges, and have only recently lost their spicules or replaced them with a horny support. O. Schmidt (1305) and also myself (870) were inclined to think that *some of* the siliceous Sponges had descended from horny ones. I have, however, since abandoned this view (901), and consider that the opposite direction of development, which Vosmaer (1558) advocates, is the correct one.

We have accordingly :—

#### Classis SPONGIÆ.

Skeleton composed chiefly of carbonate of lime.

I. Subclassis CALCAREA.

Skeleton originally composed of siliceous spicules.

II. Subclassis SILICEA.

As mentioned above, in the critical introduction to this chapter, I have nothing to add to my system of Calcareous Sponges (888) published some time ago, and I adopt it unchanged in this paper. The Calcarea are a very much smaller group than the Silicea. In this Subclass we only distinguish one Order, the Calcispongiæ (Blainville); whilst the Silicea must be divided into several Orders, and it is here that we meet with the greatest difficulty in ascertaining the true relationship of the different forms. There are no transitions between the two subclasses. In examining the structure of a great number of Sponges belonging to this second group, the subclass Silicea, I found that they can be arranged in three Groups, which will appear as Orders in my system. These are the Hexactinellida, the Chondrospongiæ, and the Cornacuspongiæ. These groups are fairly distinct, and transitional forms connecting them are rare. The Sponges of these Orders are descended from siliceous Sponges, and show the same tendency of development within each group.

In the Hexactinellida we invariably meet with a skeleton composed of triaxial spicules; these are often attached to each other by a siliceous cement which greatly strengthens the structure.

All authors agree that the Hexactinellida form a well-defined group. The remaining Silicea, however, are a very mixed lot, and before Vosmaer, no satisfactory arrangement of them had been arrived

at. The one I propose in this paper, which is similar to that of Vosmaer, is certainly very far from being as perfect as I would like to make it; but I think that at all events it is much more likely to express the relationship of Sponges in a correct manner than any other existing arrangement.

The subclass Silicea minus the order Hexactinellida comprises the Sponges with a skeleton composed of tetraxial spicules (the Tetractinellida and Lithistidæ of Marshall and other authors), the Sponges with monaxial spicules (the Monactinellida of Zittel and other authors), the Sponges with a horny skeleton and without spicules in the supporting skeleton (the Ceraospongiæ or Keratosa of many authors), and, finally, the Sponges without any supporting skeleton at all (the Myxospongiæ of Hæckel).

At first sight all these forms appear connected with each other in every direction by transitional forms to such an extent that it seems hopeless to bring order into this chaotic mass. A careful investigation of many forms shows that *all* the familiar groups Tetractinellida, Lithistidæ, Monactinellida, Ceraospongiæ, and Myxospongiæ run into each other at every point. If one, however, for years endeavours to find some constancy in the varying characters of any chaotic mass of this kind, he at last generally arrives at an idea which seems clear enough when once grasped. And then one only wonders how it was that it had not been conceived a long time ago. So it was also in this case. I found that all these Sponges could be very naturally divided into *two* Orders—the above-mentioned Chondrospongiæ and Cornacuspongiæ, the first of which comprises the Lithistids, Tetractinellida, and portions of the Monactinellida, together with most Myxospongiæ; whilst the second contains all the Ceraospongiæ, and the remainder of the Monactinellids and Myxospongiæ.

We find that the ground-substance, the mesodermal intercellular substance or Mesogloæa, as it is variously termed, is more or less hard and cartilage-like in the Chondrospongiæ, and that in these the spicules remain isolated. The spicules are either tetraxon or tylostyles, less frequently styles. The monaxon spicules are monact, thereby indicating their closer affinity with the tetraxon spicules. The necessary toughness is given to these Sponges not by a cementing of the spicules, but by a hardening of the ground-substance. In some the spicules disappear altogether, as in *Oscarella*, which is an askeletous form of *Plakina*, and in *Chondrosia*, which is an askeletous sponge belonging to the *Tethya* group.

In the Cornacuspongiæ, on the other hand, there is no tendency towards a hardening of the ground-substance discernible. The ground-substance remains soft and gelatinous, and the necessary toughness is given to the sponge by the formation of a substance not found in other Sponges, which cements the spicules together. This substance is chemically and physically comparable to silk or horn, and is known as Spongin.

The spongin may become very voluminous and the spicules scarce and small. They may finally disappear altogether, and then

we have Ceraospongiæ before us. Transitional forms between the Cornacuspongiæ with supporting spicules cemented by spongin, and Cornacuspongiæ without spicules in their fibres (horny sponges), are not unfrequent.

One whole subfamily, the Chalininæ, comprising nearly 300 species, is composed of such transitional forms. The supporting spicules met with in the Cornacuspongiæ are invariably monaxon without a swelling at one end. Besides these more or less rod-shaped supporting spicules, we also find in some of the Sponges belonging to this group so-called flesh-spicules—small, irregular curved or complicated elements scattered throughout the Mesoglæa. These occur associated with spicules in the fibrous supporting skeleton and also in those forms which have no spicules in their horny supporting skeleton. To this group also the genera *Halisarca* and *Bayalus* belong, which have no skeleton at all, and appear as askeletous forms of the Aplysillide type. The term Cornacuspongiæ was established by Vosmaer (1550), and used by him in a very similar sense to that in which it is used here. The group Chondrospongiæ, on the other hand, is in the sense given above a new one; it nearly coincides with Vosmaer's group Spiculispongiæ (1550). In a former paper (889) I had retained the group Myxospongiæ, for the sake of convenience, preliminarily only, and agreeing at the time with Sollas (1440) that it was unnatural. The manner in which I have distributed the members of the Myxospongiæ among other groups is in accordance with the view expressed by F. E. Schulze in a letter.

We have accordingly to divide the subclass Silicea into three groups in the following manner:—

Subclassis *SILICEA*, Lendenfeld.

Mesoglæa soft; supporting skeleton often strengthened with siliceous cement. Spicules triaxon.

2. Ordo *HEXACTINELLIDA*,  
O. Schmidt.

Mesoglæa hard; toughness achieved by the hardening of the ground-substance. Spicules tetraaxon, monaxon, anaxon, or absent; generally corticate.

3. Ordo *CHONDROSPONGIÆ*,  
Lendenfeld.

Mesoglæa soft; supporting skeleton strengthened by spongin cement; or exclusively formed of spongin, with or without foreign bodies. Spicules monaxon, or absent.

4. Ordo *CORNACUSPONGIÆ*,  
Vosmaer.

Expressed in the usual manner, the class Spongiæ would be accordingly divided into *four* Orders in the following manner:—

Classis *SPONGIÆ*, auctorum.

Cœlentera with branching canal-system, without movable appendages; the organs of which are developed from cells of the mesoglæa. With simple epithelia.

I. Subclassis *CALCAREA*, Grant.

Spongiæ with a skeleton composed of spicules which consist chiefly of carbonate of lime.



## 1. Ordo CALCISPONGIÆ, Blainville.

The only Order, with the characters of the Subclassis.

## II. Subclassis SILICEA, Lendenfeld.

Spongiæ with a skeleton composed of siliceous spicules and their descendants with horny aspiculous skeleton and askeletous forms.

## 2. Ordo HEXACTINELLIDA, O. Schmidt.

Silicea with soft mesoglœa. Supporting skeleton often strengthened with siliceous cement. Spicules triaxon.

## 3. Ordo CHONDROSPONGIÆ, Lendenfeld.

Silicea in which the toughness is achieved by the mesoglœa or mesodermal ground-substance becoming cartilaginous, whilst the spicules remain isolated. Spicules tetraxon, monaxon (tylostylus), or absent; generally corticate.

## 4. Ordo CORNACUSPONGIÆ, Vosmaer.

Silicea with soft mesoglœa or mesodermal ground-substance; the supporting skeleton, composed of bundles of monaxonid not tylostyle spicules, is strengthened by spongin, which cements the spicules. These may disappear altogether, and the skeleton is then composed of spongin with or without foreign bodies. The skeleton rarely disappears altogether.

Having thus divided the Class Spongiæ into four Orders, we may proceed to the further division of the Orders into Families.

## I. Ordo CALCISPONGIÆ, Blainville.

This Order has been divided by Hæckel (627-629) into the well-known three families Ascones, Leucones, and Sycones, with seven genera in each. Poléjaeff (1179) has divided the group into two Suborders and replaced Hæckel's genera by the older and wider genera of Grant and others. I (888) have tried to combine Hæckel's and Poléjaeff's classifications, and have added three new families to the existing ones.

I have retained Poléjaeff's terms for the two Suborders, but have altered their meaning. In some Calcareous Sponges the whole of the entoderm consists of collar-cells. There are no entodermal pavement-cells in these forms. These constitute my first Suborder Homocœla. In others the collar-cells are found in the ciliated chambers only, while the central gastral cavity is clothed with entodermal pavement-cells. I combine these forms in the Suborder Heterocœla.

To the Homocœla belong besides Hæckel's Asconidæ, my families Homodermidæ and Leucopsidæ. I acknowledge Hæckel's seven genera of the Asconidæ.

In the Heterocœla, Hæckel's families Leuconidæ and Syconidæ together with Carter's Teichonidæ and my family Sylleibidæ are placed.

## II. Ordo HEXACTINELLIDA, O. Schmidt.

Schulze (1369) divides the living Hexactinellida into the two Suborders Lyssacina and Dictyonina of Zittel. In the first, the spicules remain isolated or coalesce secondarily in an irregular manner; in the second, the main spicules coalesce to begin with in a very regular manner, so as to form a continuous scaffolding. In the first suborder Lyssacina, the families Euplectellidæ, Gray, Asconematidæ, F. E. Schulze, Rossellidæ, F. E. Schulze, and Hyalonematidæ, Gray, are placed. The second suborder, Dictyonina, comprises the families Farreidæ, Gray, Euretidæ, F. E. Schulze, Melittionidæ, Zittel, Coscinoporidæ, Zittel, and Meandrospongidæ, Zittel. To these the fossil families Ventriculitidæ, Staurodermidæ, Callodictyonidæ, Cœloptychidæ, Receptaculitidæ, and Monakidæ must be added.

In the classificatory scheme below, Schulze's diagnoses are translated.

## III. Ordo CHONDROSPONGIÆ, Lendenfeld.

As mentioned above, this Order coincides nearly with Vosmaer's (1550) order Spiculispongiæ. I divide it into the two groups, Tetraxonia and Monaxonia. The former comprises the Sponges with tetraxon spicules, Tetractinellids and Lithistids; and the latter those forms which have monaxon spicules, or which have no spicules at all.

Sollas (1453) divides the Tetraxonia into two groups:—Choristida, Sollas, without lithistid sclerites; and Lithistida, Zittel, with lithistid sclerites. In the first group the families Plakinidæ, Pachastrellidæ, Corticidæ, Tetillidæ, Theneidæ, Stellettidæ, and Geodinæ are distinguished.

Vosmaer (1550) divides the Lithistidæ, in accordance with Zittel (1639) and O. Schmidt (1306, 1322), into the families Rhizomorinidæ, Megamorinidæ, Anomacladinidæ, Tetraccladinidæ.

The Monaxonia comprise the families Suberitidæ, Spirastrellidæ, Tethydæ, and Chondrosidæ. The Clavulina and portion of the Oligosilicina of Vosmaer.

## IV. Ordo CORNACUSPONGIÆ.

I divide the Cornacuspongiæ into the two suborders Halichondrina with, and Ceraospongiæ without, proper spicules in the supporting skeleton.

The Halichondrina comprise the three families Homorhaphidæ, Heterorhaphidæ, and Desmacidonidæ of Ridley and Dendy (1265, 1266).

The Ceraospongiæ are divided by me into two groups—Macrocameræ with large, and Microcameræ with small, ciliated chambers. To the former belong the families Aplysillidæ and Spongelidæ, and to the latter the Spongidæ, Aplysinidæ, and Hircinidæ.

After this general view of the Classification of Sponges, I shall proceed to give a "system" of Sponges down to subfamilies, mentioning the principal genera in each group.

## Classis SPONGIÆ, auctororum.

Cœlenterata with branching canal-system, the organs of which are developed from cells of the mesogloea or primary mesoderm. With simple epithelia, with entodermal collar-cells, and without movable appendages and endoblasts.

## I. Subclassis CALCAREA, Grant.

Sponges with a skeleton composed of calcareous spicules.

## I. Ordo CALCISPONGIÆ, Blainville.

The only order, with the characters of the subclass.

## 1. Subordo HOMOCÆLA, Poléjaeff, emend.

The entodermal epithelium consists exclusively of collar-cells.

## 1. Familia ASCONIDÆ, Hæckel.

Simple sac-shaped gastral cavity with smooth surface.

*Leucosolenia*, Poléjaeff, *Ascetta*, *Ascissa*, *Ascilla*, *Ascaltis*, *Ascortis*, *Asculmis*, *Ascandra*, Hæckel.

## 2. Familia HOMODERMIDÆ, Lendenfeld.

The gastral cavity forms cæcal outgrowths, which resemble the tubes of Syconidæ.

*Ascaltis canariensis*, Hæckel, *Ascaltis lamarekii*, Hæckel, and *Homoderma sycandra*, Lendenfeld.

## 3. Familia LEUCOPSISIDÆ, Lendenfeld.

A colony of Ascon-persons which are imbedded in the thick mesogloea. There are narrow inhalant pores and wider exhalant ones. The latter lead into a pseudogaster.

*Leucopsis*, Lendenfeld, and some species of *Pseudonardorus*-forms.

## II. Subordo HETEROCÆLA, Poléjaeff, emend.

The entodermal epithelium is differentiated into collar-cells, which are found in the walls of the ciliated chambers only, and into flat pavement-cells, which clothe the walls of the exhalant canals and gastral cavity.

## 4. Familia SYCONIDÆ, Hæckel.

With regular, radially disposed cylindrical ciliated chambers, which open direct into the sac-shaped gastral cavity.

1. Subfamilia *Syconinæ*, Lendenfeld.

The unbranched ciliated chambers remain isolated in their distal part.

*Sycon*, Poléjaeff, the subgenera of Hæckel's Syconidæ which terminate with the syllable "aga." I divide this subfamily according to Hæckel's scheme into the seven genera *Sycetta*, *Sycissa*, *Sycilla*, *Sycaltis*, *Sycortis*, *Syculmis*, and *Sycandra*.

2. Subfamilia *Uteinæ*, Lendenfeld.

With simple unbranched ciliated chambers, the distal ends of which are imbedded in a continuous cortex. *Grantessa*, Lendenfeld, *Ute*, Poléjaeff, and *Amphoriscus*, Poléjaeff, and those subgenera of the Syconidæ in Hæckel's system which terminate with the syllable "usa."

3. Subfamilia *Grantinæ*, Lendenfeld.

With branched ciliated chambers.

*Grantia*, *Heteropegma*, and *Anamixilla*, Poléjaeff.

## 5. Familia SYLLEIBIDÆ, Lendenfeld.

With complicated exhalant canals, leading from the cylindrical ciliated chambers into the gastral cavity.

1. Subfamilia *Vosmaerinæ*, Lendenfeld.

The ciliated chambers are radially situated, and form a regularly cylindrical zone. They are connected with the gastral cavity by a network of anastomosing exhalant canals.

*Vosmaeria*, Lendenfeld, and *Leucetta*, Poléjaeff.

2. Subfamilia *Polejnæ*, Lendenfeld.

The ciliated chambers form a much-folded layer. The exhalant canals are wide, and do not anastomose to form a reticulation.

The genera *Polejna*, Lendenfeld, and *Leucilla*, Poléjaeff, constitute this group.

## 6. Familia LEUCONIDÆ, Hæckel.

Heterocæla with ramified canal-system and spherical ciliated chambers.

*Leucetta*, *Leucissa*, *Leucultis*, *Leucortis*, *Leuculmis*, and *Leucandra*, Hæckel, *Leuconia*, anctorum, and *Leuconia* and *Pericharax*, Poléjaeff.

## 7. Familia TEICHONIDÆ, Carter.

Heterocæla without gastral cavity. The inhalant pores are situated on the one, and the exhalant on the other side of the lamellar sponge; with spherical ciliated chambers.

*Teichonella*, Carter, and *Eilhardia*, Poléjaeff.

## II. Subclassis SILICEA, nov.

Sponges with a skeleton composed of siliceous spicules and their derivatives; possessing a horny skeleton or no skeleton at all, but never supported by calcareous spicules.

Comprises the Non-Calcareæ of Grant and other authors.

## I. Ordo HEXACTINELLIDA, O. Schmidt.

Silicea with triaxon spicules and soft mesoglæa. Strengthened by siliceous cement, generally joining the spicules.

## I. Subordo LYSSACINA, Zittel.

The spicules remain isolated or are subsequently cemented together irregularly.

i. Tribus *Hexasterophora*, F. E. Schulze.

Hexaster always found in the mesoglaea; chambers distinct, thimble-shaped.

## 1. Familia EUPLECTELLIDÆ, F. E. Schulze.

Thin-walled tubes or sacs with sword-shaped hexact hypodermalia, the centripetal rays of which are the longest.

1. Subfamilia *Euplectellinæ*, F. E. Schulze.

Tubular, with terminal sieve-plates. The wall regularly perforated. To the centrifugal ray of each hypodermal a floricome is attached.

*Euplectella*, Owen, and *Regadrella*, O. Schmidt.

2. Subfamilia *Holascinæ*, F. E. Schulze.

Tubular, wall without perforations, without superficial florico-  
mes.

*Holascus* and *Malacosaccus* of F. E. Schulze.

3. Subfamilia *Taegerinæ*, F. E. Schulze.

Tubular or sac-shaped, wall irregularly perforated. Principalia partially cemented, forming an irregular network. To the distal ray of each hypodermal sword-shaped hexact a floricome is attached.

*Taegeria* and *Walteria* of F. E. Schulze.

## 2. Familia ASCONEMATIDÆ, F. E. Schulze.

Pentact or hexact pinnulæ in the dermal and gastral surfaces. Hypodermalia and hypogastralia pentact. Discohexaster in the interior.

1. Subfamilia *Asconematinaæ*, F. E. Schulze.

Sessile, sac-shaped, or tubular, with thin soft wall.

*Asconema*, Sav. Kent, and *Aulascus*, F. E. Schulze.

2. Subfamilia *Sympagellinæ*, O. Schmidt.

Pedunculate, cup-shaped. Principalia hexact and diact. Discohexaster in the interior.

*Sympagella*, O. Schmidt, *Polyrhabdus*, F. E. Schulze, and *Balanites*, F. E. Schulze.

3. Subfamilia *Caulophacinæ*, F. E. Schulze.

Mushroom-shaped, with long cylindrical hollow peduncle.

*Caulophacus* and *Trachycaulus* of F. E. Schulze.

## 3. Familia ROSSELLIDÆ, F. E. Schulze.

The dermalia have no centripetal ray.

*Lanuginella*, O. Schmidt ; *Polylophus*, F. E. Schulze ; *Rossella*, Carter ; *Acanthascus*, *Bathydorus*, *Rhabdocalyptus*, *Crateromorpha*, *Aulochone*, *Caulocalyx*, and *Aulocalyx*, F. E. Schulze.

ii. Tribus *Amphidiscophora*, F. E. Schulze.

Amphidiscs in the limiting membranes. Hexaster absent in the interior. A basal tuft is always present. The ciliated chambers appear as somewhat irregular sac-shaped extensions of the membrana reticularis.

## 4. Familia HYALONEMATIDÆ, Gray.

Numerous pinnulæ in the dermal and gastral surfaces.

1. Subfamilia *Hyalonematina*, F. E. Schulze.

Calyculate, with a well defined oscula-area on the upper surface. *Hyalonema*, Gray ; *Stylocalyx*, F. E. Schulze ; *Pheronema*, Leidy ; and *Poliopogon*, Wyville Thomson.

2. Subfamilia *Semperellina*, F. E. Schulze.

Without gastral cavity and terminal oscula-area, with root-tuft. *Semperella*, Gray.

To this Subordo the fossil families Receptaculitidæ and Monakidæ belong.

## II. Subordo DICTYONINA, Zittel.

The parenchymal hexacts early coalesce in a regular manuer, so as to form a firm skeleton.

i. Tribus *Uncinataria*, F. E. Schulze.

With uncinates.

i. Subtribus *Clavularia*, F. E. Schulze.

With radially situated clavulæ.

## 1. Familia FARREIDÆ, F. E. Schulze.

The skeleton forms a single layer ; from the joining points conical extensions arise, in a direction vertical to the surface of the network. *Farrea*, Bowerbank.

2. Subtribus *Scopularia*, F. E. Schulze.

With radially situated scopulæ.

## 2. Familia EURETIDÆ, F. E. Schulze.

Branched and anastomosing tubes. The skeleton-net forms several layers.

*Eurete*, Carter ; *Periphragella*, Marshall ; and *Lefroyella*, Wyville Thomson.

## 3. Familia MELITTIONIDÆ, Zittel.

Forms branched tubes or calyculate structures. Skeleton honey-combed. Cavities traversed by the reticular membrane. The gastral skeleton without scopulæ.

*Aphrocallistes*, Gray.

## 4. Familia COSCINOPORIDÆ, Zittel.

The wall of the calyculate or expanded sponge is traversed by funnel-shaped straight canals, which open alternately on the one or the other surface. Covered only by the perforated limiting membrane.

*Chonelasma*, F. E. Schulze; and the fossil genera *Leptophragma*, Zittel, *Guettardia*, Michelin, and *Coscinopora*, Goldfuss.

## 5. Familia TRETODICTYIDÆ, F. E. Schulze.

With irregular inhalant and exhalant canals, which do not traverse the body transversely, but pass the dense dictyonal skeleton obliquely or longitudinally.

*Tretodictyum*, F. E. Schulze; *Euriplegma*, F. E. Schulze; *Cyrtaulon*, F. E. Schulze; *Fieldingia*, Sav. Kent; and *Sclerathamnus*, Marshall.

ii. Tribus *Inermia*, F. E. Schulze.

Without uncinates and scopulæ.

## 6. Familia MEANDROSPONGIDÆ, Zittel.

The body consists of winding tubes of uniform width. The interstices of the tubes form a vestibule space.

*Dactylocalyx*, Stutchbury; *Scleroplegma*, O. Schmidt; *Margaritella*, O. Schmidt; *Myliusia*, Gray; and *Aulocystis*, F. E. Schulze; and the fossil genera:—*Placoscyphia*, Reuss; *Tremabolites*, Zittel; *Etheridgia*, Tate; *Cystispongia*, Roemer; *Toulminia*, Zittel; and *Camerospongia*, d'Orb.

To this Subordo belong the fossil families Ventriculitidæ, Staurodermidæ, Callodictyonidæ, and Cœloptychidæ.

## II. Ordo CHONDROSPONGIÆ, nov.

Silicea in which the toughness is caused by the mesoglaea or mesodermal ground-substance becoming cartilaginous, whilst the spicules remain isolated. Spicules tetraxon, monaxon (tylostylus or stylus), or absent. With spherical ciliated chambers. Sponge generally corticate.

Comprises the Spiculispongiæ of Vosmaer, with the exception of the genus *Halisarca*, Vosmaer.

## i. Subordo TETRAXONIA, Vosmaer.

With tetraxon spicules.

## I. Group LITHISTIDA, Zittel.

Body stony, with a central gastral cavity or numerous vertical tubes. Spicules more or less clearly tetraxon, often branched. Besides these, sometimes monaxon spicules and flesh-spicules. The skeleton-spicules are interwoven so as to form a dense skeleton.

## 1. Familia RHIZOMORINIDÆ, Zittel.

Spicules irregularly branched; form irregular fibres, or are loosely interwoven. Forked anchors always present.

*Arabescula*, Carter; *Corallistes*, Schmidt; *Heterophymia*, Pomel; *Seliscothion*, Zittel; *MacAndrewia*, Gray; *Azorica*, Carter; *Leiodermatium*, Schmidt; and the fossil genera:—*Cnemidiastrum*, *Coralidium*, *Hyalotragos*, *Pyrgochonia*, *Discostroma*, *Leiodorella*, *Epistomella*, *Platychoxia*, *Bolidium*, *Astrobolia*, and *Chonella* of Zittel; *Plococonia*, Pomel; *Chenendopora*, Lamouroux; *Verruculina*, Zittel; *Amphithelion*, Zittel; *Styphophyma*, Pomel; *Allomera*, Pomel; *Pleuromera*, Pomel; *Perimera*, Pomel; *Meta*, Pomel; *Marisca*, Pomel; *Pomelia*, Zittel; *Jereica*, Zittel; *Cælocorypha*, Zittel; *Scytalia*, Zittel; *Stackyspongia*, Zittel; *Pachinion*, Zittel.

## 2. Familia ANOMOCLADINIDÆ, Zittel.

Spicules rod-shaped with terminal tufts of branches. The approximating ends of the spicules coalesce and form knots. In this way a regular triaxial network is formed.

*Vetulina*, Schmidt; and the fossil genera *Mastusia*, *Cylindrophyma*, *Melonella*, and *Protachilleum*, Zittel, and *Palæomanon* and *Astylospongia*, Roemer.

## 3. Familia TETRACLADINIDÆ, Zittel.

Spicules tetractinellid with terminal branches.

*Theonella*, Gray; *Rhacodiscula*, Zittel; *Discodermia*, Bocage; *Kaliopsis*, Bowerbank; *Collectella*, Schmidt; *Collinella*, Schmidt; and the fossil genera:—*Aulocopium*, Oswald; *Phymatella*, *Aulaxinia*, *Callopegma*, and *Trachysycon*, Zittel; *Siphonia*, Parkinson; *Hallirhoa*, *Jerea*, Lamouroux; *Marginospongia*, d'Orbigny; *Nelumbia*, Pomel; *Polyjerea*, Fromentel; *Astrocladia*, Zittel; *Bolospongia*, Hinde; *Thecosiphonia*, Zittel; *Calymmatina*, Zittel; *Turonia*, Michelin; *Kalpinella*, *Thamnospongia*, and *Pholidocladia*, Hinde; *Ragadinia*, Zittel; *Plinthosella*, Zittel; *Spongodiscus*, Zittel; *Phymapectia*, Hinde; *Rhopalospongia*, Hinde.

To this Subordo also the fossil family Megamorinidæ belongs.

## II. Group CHORISTIDA, Sollas.

With tetraxon spicules of regular shape.

i. Tribus *Tetradina*, Sollas.

The chief spicules are tetract, with equal rays and candelabras.

i. Subtribus *Microcameræ*, nov.

With small chambers.



## 4. Familia CORTICIDÆ, Vosmaer.

With candelabras.

*Corticium*, Schmidt, and *Thrombus*, Sollas.

## 5. Familia PACHASTRELLIDÆ, Sollas.

With simple tetracts, irregularly scattered.

*Pachastrella*, Schmidt, *Battersbya*, Bowerbank, and *Dercitus*, Gray.

ii. Subtribus *Macrocameræ*, nov.

With large chambers.

## 6. Familia PLAKINIDÆ, F. E. Schulze.

With scattered diact, triact, and tetract spicules.

*Plakina*, *Plakinastrella*, and *Plakortis*, F. E. Schulze, and *Eupalax*, Sollas.

## 7. Familia OSCARELLIDÆ, Lendenfeld.

Without spicules.

*Oscarella*, Vosmaer.

ii. Tribus *Triantina*, Sollas.

The centres of the tetraxon spicules with one differentiated ray lie in the surface, in which the equal rays extend tangentially.

## 8. Familia GEODIDÆ, Sollas.

A cortex of globose spicules. Chambers small, with small outlets.

*Erylus*, Gray; *Caminus*, Schmidt; *Cydonium*, Müller; *Synops*, Vosmaer; *Isops*, Sollas; *Geodia*, Lamarek; and *Geodissa*, Lendenfeld.

## 9. Familia STELLETTIDÆ, Sollas.

With stellate flesh-spicules usually in the cortex.

1. Subfamilia *Psammasterina*, Sollas.

With stellates and spined rods.

*Psammastra*, Sollas.

2. Subfamilia *Stryphnina*, Sollas.

With stellates and amphiastræ.

*Stryphnus*, Sollas.

3. Subfamilia *Sanidasterina*, Sollas.

With stellate and sanidaster (?) spicules.

*Tribrachium*, Weltner, and *Tethyopsis*, Stewart.

4. Subfamilia *Stelletina*, Sollas.

With two kinds of stellate flesh-spicules.

*Antrastra*, *Dragmastra*, Sollas; *Stelletta*, Schmidt.

5. Subfamilia *Homasterina*, Sollas.

With one kind of stellate flesh-spicules.

*Myriastra*, Sollas; *Asterella*, Sollas; *Pilochrata*, Sollas.

10. Familia *THENEIDÆ*, Sollas.

With large outlets to the ciliated chambers, and spirastrellid spicules.

*Thenea*, Gray (*Tisiphonia*, Wyville Thomson, *Dorvillia*, Sav. Kent, *Wyville-Thomsonia*, Wright); *Normania*, *Vulcanella*, and *Characella*, Sollas.

11. Familia *TETILLIDÆ*, Sollas.

With flesh-spicules which are hamate, spiral, or rod-shaped.

*Spiretta*, Lendenfeld; *Tetilla*, Schmidt; *Craniella*, Schmidt; *Chrotella*, Sollas; *Papirula*, Schmidt; *Thalassomora*, Lendenfeld.

12. Familia *TETHYOPSILLIDÆ*, nov.

Spherical sponges supported by dense masses of large radial monaxonid spicules. A few tetraxonid grapnels are inserted in the surface.

*Tethyopsilla*, Lendenfeld, and *Protoleia*, Dendy and Ridley.

II. Subordo *MONAXONIDA*.III. Group *CLAVULINA*, Vosmaer, emend.

With monaxonid spicules or without supporting skeleton.

Supporting spicules tylostyle, usually radially situated. (Includes the *Pseudotetraxonia*, Vosmaer.)

1. Familia *TETHYDÆ*, Vosmaer.

More or less spherical sponges, with regular subdermal cavities between the thick distally extending radial bundles of spicules.

1. Subfamilia *Tethynæ*, nov.

With stellate flesh-spicules.

*Tethya*, Lamarck; *Tuberella*, Keller (*Tethiophæna*, Schmidt); *Tethiosphæra*, Lendenfeld; *Mastigophora*, Lendenfeld; *Thalassodactylus*, Lendenfeld.

2. Subfamilia *Tethiopsammīnæ*, nov.

With a sand cortex.

*Tethiopsamma*, Lendenfeld, MS.

3. Subfamilia *Tethyorkaphinæ*, nov.

With rod-shaped flesh-spicules, without stellates.

*Tethyorkaphis*, Lendenfeld.

4. Subfamilia *Tethyamatinæ*, nov.

With hamate flesh-spicules (sigmata) without stellates.

*Tethyamata*, Lendenfeld.

## 2. Familia SOLLASELLIDÆ, Lendenfeld.

Digitate forms with radiating spicule-bundles, and distinct ecto- and endochonæ.

*Sollasella*, Lendenfeld.

## 3. Familia SPIRASTRELLIDÆ, Ridley and Dendy.

With spirastrellid flesh-spicules.

*Spirastrella*, Ridley; *Raphyrus*, Bowerbank; *Papillina*, Schmidt; *Cheirella*, Lendenfeld; *Axos*, Gray; and *Suberocorona*, Lendenfeld. Coincides with the family Cheirellidæ, Lendenfeld.

## 4. Familia SUBERAMATIDÆ, NOV.

With hamate flesh-spicules (sigmata).

*Suberamata*, Lendenfeld.

## 5. Familia SUBERITIDÆ, Vosmaer, emend.

Without flesh-spicules.

*Suberitella*, Lendenfeld; *Suberites*, Nardo; *Suberopetros*, Lendenfeld; *Plectodendron*, Lendenfeld; *Polymastia*, Bowerbank; *Trichostemma*, M. Sars; *Tentorium*, Vosmaer (*Thecaphora*, O. Schmidt); *Stylocordyle*, Wyv. Thomson; *Quasillina*, Norman; *Cliona*, Grant; and *Poterion*, Schlegel.

## IV. Subordo OLIGOSILICINA, Lendenfeld.

Without supporting skeleton. Flesh-spicules, when present, anaxon polyactinellid. Chambers small, with narrow outlet.

## 1. Familia CHONDRILLIDÆ, Lendenfeld.

With polyactinellid flesh-spicules. Comprises the genus *Chondrilla*, O. Schmidt.

## 2. Familia CHONDROSIDÆ, Lendenfeld.

Without flesh-spicules. Comprises the genus *Chondrosia*, Nardo.

## III. Ordo CORNACUSPONGIÆ, Vosmaer, emend.

Silicea with soft mesoglea, or mesodermal ground-substance. The supporting skeleton is composed of bundles of monaxonids, which are never tylostyle spicules. The skeleton is strengthened by spongin, which cements the spicules. These may disappear altogether, and the skeleton is then composed of spongin, with or without foreign bodies. Exceptionally, also, this horny skeleton disappears. The ciliated chambers have large outlets.

## I. Subordo HALICHONDRINA, Vosmaer.

With siliceous spicules in the supporting skeleton.

## 1. Familia SPONGILLIDÆ, Carter.

Freshwater sponges with gemmulæ.

*Spongilla*, Lamarck; *Ephydatia*, Lamouroux; *Tubella*, Carter;

*Uruguay*, Carter; *Parmula*, Carter; *Meyenia*, Bowerbank; *Heteromeyenia*, Potts; *Lubomirskya*, Dybovsky; *Lessepsia*, Keller; *Potamolepis*, Marshall.

## 2. Familia HOMORHAPHIDÆ, Ridley and Dendy.

Megasclera oxea or strongyla; no differentiated microsclera except toxia. Marine sponges without gemmulæ.

### 1. Subfamilia *Renierinæ*, auct.

Spicules never completely enveloped in horny fibre.

*Halichondria*, Fleming; *Petrosia*, Vosmaer, = *Schmidtia* Balsamo Crivelli; *Reniera*, Nardo.

### 2. Subfamilia *Chalininæ*, Ridley and Dendy.

A considerable amount of spongin present, forming distinct horny fibres, in which spicules are contained.

#### 1. Group *Chalinorhaphinæ*, Lendenfeld.

With abundant gigantic spicules axially situated.

*Chalinorhaphis*, Lendenfeld.

#### 2. Group *Hoplochalininæ*, Lendenfeld.

With abundant gigantic spicules obliquely situated, and protruding beyond the fibre-surface.

*Hoplochalina*, Lendenfeld.

#### 3. Group *Cacochalininæ*, Lendenfeld.

Irregular forms with slender spicules.

*Cacochalina*, Schmidt; *Cladochalina*, Lendenfeld; *Chalinopora*, Lendenfeld; *Chalinella*, Lendenfeld; *Chalinopsis*, Schmidt.

#### 4. Group *Pachychalininæ*, Lendenfeld.

Irregular, digitate, lamellar forms with stout spicules, oxystronylus.

*Chalinissa*, Lendenfeld; *Pachychalina*, Schmidt; and *Ceraochalina*, Lendenfeld.

#### 5. Group *Plakochalininæ*, Lendenfeld.

Frondose, lamellar forms with stout spicules.

*Plakochalina*, Euplakella, and *Antherochalina*, Lendenfeld; *Cribrorchalina*, Schmidt; *Tragosia*, Gray; *Platychalina*, Ehlers.

#### 6. Group *Siphonochalininæ*, Lendenfeld.

Tubular, pseudogaster with stout spicules.

*Spinosella*, Vosmaer; *Siphonochalina*, Schmidt; *Tuba*, Duchassaing and Michelotti; *Sclerochalina*, Ridley; *Toxochalina*, Ridley; *Phylosiphonia*, Lendenfeld; *Tubulodigitus*, Carter; *Patulascula*, Carter; and *Siphonella*, Lendenfeld.

#### 7. Group *Arenochalininæ*, Lendenfeld.

With spicules in the connecting and sand in the main fibres.

*Arenochalina*, Lendenfeld.

8. Group *Euchalininae*, Lendenfeld.

Slender, regularly digitate forms with a fine-meshed network and slender spicules.

*Chalina*, auctorum, and *Dactylochalina*, *Euchalina*, *Euchalinopsis*, and *Chalinodendron*, Lendenfeld.

## 3. Familia HETERORHAPHIDÆ, Ridley and Dendy.

Megasclera of various forms; microsclera commonly present, but never chelæ. Marine sponges, without gemmulæ.

1. Subfamilia *Phlæodictyinae*, Carter.

Sponge divisible into body and fistulæ, with a strong spicular rind. Megasclera oxea or strongyla; microsclera (when present) sigmata.

*Rhizochalina*, Schmidt; *Oceanapia*, Norman.

2. Subfamilia *Gelliinae*, Ridley and Dendy.

Megasclera oxea or strongyla. Microsclera always present, viz. sigmata. No rind or fistulæ.

*Gellius*, Gray; *Gelliodes*, Ridley.

3. Subfamilia *Tedaniinae*, Ridley and Dendy.

Megasclera of two forms: monactinal, styli, forming the main skeleton; and diactinal, tyloata. Microsclera long, hair-like trichites.

*Tedania*, Gray; *Trachytedania*, Ridley.

4. Subfamilia *Desmacellinae*, Ridley and Dendy.

Megasclera styli to tylostyli. Microsclera sigmata or toxia, or both.

*Desmacella*, Schmidt.

5. Subfamilia *Hamacanthinae*, Ridley and Dendy.

Megasclera oxea or styli; microsclera diankistra, to which others may be added.

*Hamacantha*, Gray; *Vomerula*, Schmidt.

## 4. Familia DESMACIDONIDÆ, Vosmaer, auct.

Megasclera of various forms. Microsclera chelæ, to which others may be added.

1. Subfamilia *Esperellinae*, Ridley and Dendy.

Fibre not echinated by laterally projecting spicules.

*Esperia*, Nardo; *Esperella*, Vosmaer; *Esperiopsis*, Carter; *Cladorhiza*, Sars; *Axoniderma*, Ridley and Dendy; *Chondrocladia*, Wyv. Thomson; *Desmacidon*, Bowerbank; *Homæodictya*, *Artemisina*, Vosmaer; *Phelloderma*, Ridley and Dendy; *Sideroderma*, Ridley and Dendy; *Iophon*, Gray; *Amphilectus*, Vosmaer; *Melonanchora*, Carter; *Guitarra*, Carter.

2. Subfamilia *Ectyoninæ*, Ridley and Dendy.

Fibre echinated by laterally projecting spicules.

*Myxilla*, Schmidt; *Clathria*, Schmidt; *Rhaphidophlus*, Ehlers; *Plumohalichondria*, Carter; *Acarinus*, Gray; *Echinoclathria*, Carter; *Clathrissa*, Lendenfeld; *Thalassodendron*, Lendenfeld; *Ceraospina*, Lendenfeld.

## 5. Familia AXINELLIDÆ, auct.

With large subdermal cavities. Skeleton non-reticulate, consisting of ascending axes of fibre, from which arise subsidiary fibres radiating to the surface pervading the subdermal cavity. Fibres plumose. Megasclera chiefly styli, to which oxea and strongyla may be added. Microsclera rarely present, never chelæ.

*Dendropsis*, Ridley and Dendy; *Thrinacophora*, Ridley; *Hymeniacion*, Bowerbank; *Phakellia*, Bowerbank; *Ciocalyptra*, Bowerbank; *Acanthella*, Schmidt; *Axinella*, Schmidt; *Raspailia*, Nardo; *Spirophora*, Lendenfeld.

## II. Suborder KERATOSA, Bowerbank, emend.

Silicea with a supporting skeleton composed of spongin; fibre with or without foreign bodies, but always without proper spicules. Flesh-spicules may be present. Exceptionally, there is no skeleton at all.

i. Tribus *Microcameræ*, Lendenfeld.

With small spherical ciliated chambers and opaque ground-substance.

## 1. Familia SPONGIDÆ, F. E. Schulze.

With narrow axial thread in the horny fibres, and without filaments.

1. Subfamilia *Auleninæ*, Lendenfeld.

Reticulate sponges with vestibules, without flesh-spicules.

*Halme*, *Aphroditella*, *Halmopsis*, and *Aulena*, Lendenfeld; *Psammaclema*, Marshall.

2. Subfamilia *Chalinopsillinæ*, Lendenfeld.

When dry of light yellow colour, digitate, lamellar, more or less flower-shaped, imitating very closely *Chalininæ*, from which they appear only recently to have developed. Without flesh-spicules, with smooth surface.

*Chalinopsilla* and *Antheroplax*, Lendenfeld; *Dactylia*, Carter.

3. Subfamilia *Sponginaæ*, Lendenfeld.

Massive, when dry dark brown, with conulated or granulated surface. Vestibules, when present, belong exclusively to the *inhalant* system. Without flesh-spicules.

*Euspongia*, Bronn; *Cacospongia*, Schmidt; *Hippospongia*, F. E.

Schulze; *Coscinoderma*, Carter; *Spongodendron*, Lendenfeld; and many of the species of the genus *Spongia*, auctorum.

4. Subfamilia *Spongissinæ*, Lendenfeld.

With flesh-spicules.

*Spongissa*, Lendenfeld, MS.

2. Familia APLYSINIDÆ, Lendenfeld.

The skeleton is composed of spongin-tubes, the walls of which are thinner than the diameter of the lumen, which is filled with pith.

1. Subfamilia *Aplysininæ*.

Without flesh-spicules.

*Luffaria*, Duchassaing and Michelotti; *Aplysina*, Nardo; *Luffarella*, Lendenfeld, MS.; *Dendrospongia*, Hyatt.

2. Subfamilia *Aplysissinæ*, Lendenfeld.

With flesh-spicules.

*Aplysissa*, Lendenfeld, MS.

3. Familia HIRCINIDÆ, Lendenfeld.

With narrow axial canal in the fibres, and filaments in the ground-substance.

1. Subfamilia *Hircininæ*, Lendenfeld.

Without proper spicules.

*Hircinia*, Nardo; *Hircinopsis*, *Nodosina*, *Aphrotriche*, and *Styphlos*, Lendenfeld, MS.; *Stematonemia*, Bowerbank; *Filifera*, Lieberkühn; *Sarcatragus*, Schmidt; and *Polythereses*, Duchassaing and Michelotti.

2. Subfamilia *Hircinissinæ*, Lendenfeld.

With proper spicules.

1. Group *Chalinocinia*, nov.

With proper spicules in the connecting fibres.

*Chalinocinia*, Lendenfeld.

2. Group *Hircinissa*, nov.

Without proper spicules in the fibres; with flesh-spicules.

*Hircinissa*, Lendenfeld, MS.

ii. Tribus *Macrocameræ*, Lendenfeld.

With large sac-shaped ciliated chambers, and soft, transparent ground-substance.

4. Familia SPONGELIDÆ, Lendenfeld.

The horny fibres contain slender axial thread and form a reticulated skeleton.

1. Subfamilia *Spongelinæ*, Lendenfeld.

Without flesh-spicules. The skeleton consists of distinct horny fibre containing a varying amount of foreign matter.

*Spongelia*, Nardo; *Dysidea*, Johnston; and *Reteplox*, Lendenfeld, MS.

2. Subfamilia *Psamminaæ*, nov.

The skeleton consists of foreign bodies cemented by spongin, which, however, is not distinctly visible; without flesh-spicules.

*Psammapemma*, Marshall; *Psammella*, Lendenfeld, MS.; and *Holopsamma*, Carter.

3. Subfamilia *Spongelissinaæ*, Lendenfeld.

The skeleton is composed of distinct horny fibres containing foreign bodies. With flesh-spicules.

*Dysideissa*, Lendenfeld, MS.

4. Subfamilia *Psammopessinaæ*, nov.

The skeleton consists of cemented foreign bodies without distinct horny fibres. With flesh-spicules.

*Psammopessa*, Lendenfeld, MS.; *Phoriospongia*, Marshall; and *Haastia*, Lendenfeld, MS.

5. Familia *APLYSILLIDÆ*, Lendenfeld.

The skeleton consists of spongin-tubes ramified in a dendritic fashion and filled with pith.

1. Subfamilia *Aplysillinæ*, Lendenfeld.

Cells are found in the pith of the fibres only.

*Darwinella*, Fritz Müller; *Aplysilla*, F. E. Schulze; *Verongia*, Bowerbank; and *Dendrilla*, Lendenfeld.

2. Subfamilia *Ianthellinaæ*, nov.

Cells are found in the spongin-sheath of the fibre.

*Ianthella*, Gray.

6. Familia *HALISARCIDÆ*, Vosmaer.

Without skeleton.

*Halisarca*, Schmidt, and *Bajalus*, Lendenfeld.

## V. KEY TO THE RECENT FAMILIES OF SPONGES.

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|----|---|-------------------------|
| 0. | { Skeleton calcareous .....                             | 1.                      |
|    | { No calcareous skeleton .....                          | (2.)                    |
| 1. | { Entoderm consists exclusively of collar-cells ...     | 3.                      |
|    | { Entoderm consists of collar- and pavement-cells ..... | (4.)                    |
| 3. | { Mesoderm thin, gastral cavity irregular .....         | 1. <i>Asconidæ</i> .    |
|    | { Mesoderm thin, radial cylindrical chambers ...        | 2. <i>Homodermidæ</i> . |
|    | { Mesoderm thick, irregular chambers .....              | 3. <i>Leucopsidæ</i> .  |



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| (4.)  | { | With cylindrical chambers .....  | 5.                           |
|       |   | With spherical chambers .....  | (6.)                         |
| 5.    | { | Chambers radial, opening direct into gastral cavity .....  | 4. <i>Syconidæ</i> .         |
|       |   | Chambers opening into exhalant canals which lead into the gastral cavity .....   | 5. <i>Syllibidæ</i> .        |
| (6.)  | { | Exhalants lead into oscular tubes .....  | 6. <i>Leuconidæ</i> .        |
|       |   | Exhalants open direct on one side of the lamellar sponge; inhalant pores on the other side exclusively .....   | 7. <i>Teichonidæ</i> .       |
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| (2.)  | { | With hexact spicules and thimble-shaped chambers .....   | 7.                           |
|       |   | Without hexact spicules, with sac-shaped or spherical chambers .....   | (8.)                         |
| 7.    | { | The spicules remain isolated or partly coalesce afterwards irregularly .....   | 9.                           |
|       |   | The supporting spicules early coalesce in a regular Dictyonid manner .....   | (10.)                        |
| 9.    | { | Hexaster in the interior .....   | 11.                          |
|       |   | No hexasters, but amphidiscs .....   | (12.)                        |
| 11.   | { | Hypodermalia hexact sword-shaped, with centripetal radial ray longest; no pinnulæ .....  | 8. <i>Euplectclidæ</i> .     |
|       |   | Pinnulæ in the gastral and dermal surfaces ...   | 9. <i>Asconematidæ</i> .     |
|       |   | Dermalia without centripetal ray; no pinnulæ   | 10. <i>Roscellidæ</i> .      |
| (12.) |   | With numerous pinnulæ .....  | 11. <i>Hyalonematidæ</i> .   |
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| (10.) | { | With uncinates .....   | 13.                          |
|       |   | Without uncinates .....  | (14.)                        |
| 13.   | { | With radially situated clavulæ .....   | 12. <i>Farreidæ</i> .        |
|       |   | With radially situated scopulæ .....   | 15.                          |
|       |   | Branched and anastomosing tubes; the skeleton forms several layers .....   | 13. <i>Euretidæ</i> .        |
|       |   | Branching tubular or calyculate, honeycombed; cavities traversed by reticular membrane ...   | 14. <i>Melittionidæ</i> .    |
| 15.   | { | Calyculate or expanded, traversed transversely by funnel-shaped canals opening alternately on one or other surface .....   | 15. <i>Coscinoporidæ</i> .   |
|       |   | Canals irregular, traversing the dense dictyonal skeleton obliquely or longitudinally .....  | 16. <i>Tetrodictyidæ</i> .   |
| (14.) |   | Meandrically winding tubes .....   | 17. <i>Meandrospongidæ</i> . |
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| (8.)  | { | With cartilaginous ground-substance and spherical chambers. Spicules polyact, tetract, lithistid, tylostylote, or stylote, never cemented with spongin. Askeletous forms with spherical chambers .....                                 | 16.                          |
|       |   | With soft ground-substance, spherical or sac-shaped chambers. Spicules monaxon, never tylostylote, cemented with spongin. Or skeleton composed of horny fibre without proper spicules. Askeletous forms with sac-shaped chambers ..... | (17.)                        |

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|       | { With lithistid irregular tetraxon spicules .....  | 18.                        |
|       | { With tetraxon spicules of irregular shape; askeletous forms with large chambers, which have large outlets .....   | (19.)                      |
| 16.   | { With monaxon tylostylote spicules .....   | (20.)                      |
|       | { Without supporting spicules; flesh-spicules when present polyact, with small chambers which have narrow outlets .....   | (21.)                      |
|       | { Spicules quite irregular .....  | 18. <i>Rhizomorinidæ.</i>  |
| 18.   | { Spicules rod-shaped, with terminal tufts of branches .....  | 19. <i>Anomocladinidæ.</i> |
|       | { Spicules tetractin, with terminal branches.....   | 20. <i>Tetracladinidæ.</i> |
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| (19.) | { The spicules are chiefly tetracts with equal rays and candelabras .....   | 22.                        |
|       | { There are large tetract spicules with three equal rays lying tangentially in or beyond the surface, and one differentiated, radial ray ...                            | (23.)                      |
| 22.   | { With small inconspicuous ciliated chambers with small outlets .....   | 24.                        |
|       | { With large conspicuous ciliated chambers with wide outlets.....   | (25.)                      |
| 24.   | { With candelabra .....   | 21. <i>Corticidæ.</i>      |
|       | { With simple tetracts .....  | 22. <i>Pachastrellidæ.</i> |
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| (25.) | { With scattered tetracts, triacts, diacts .....  | 23. <i>Plakinidæ.</i>      |
|       | { Without spicules .....  | 24. <i>Oscarellidæ.</i>    |
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| (23.) | { Tetracts with differentiated large centripetal ray and large tangential rays numerous .....   | 26.                        |
|       | { Tetracts with differentiated large centripetal ray rare, with small tangential rays .....   | (27.)                      |
| 26.   | { With spherasters .....  | 25. <i>Geodidæ.</i>        |
|       | { Without spherasters .....   | 28.                        |
| 28.   | { Flesh-spicules euaster and oxyaster .....   | 26. <i>Stellettidæ.</i>    |
|       | { Flesh-spicules spirastrella .....   | 27. <i>Theneidæ.</i>       |
|       | { Flesh-spicules spirula and sigmata .....  | 28. <i>Tetillidæ.</i>      |
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| (27.) | Without flesh-spicules .....  | 29. <i>Tethyopsillidæ.</i> |
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| (20.) | { The widened distal ends of the radial spicule-bundles divide the regular subdermal cavities into ectochonæ or vestibules at the entrance of the inhalant canals ..... | 30. <i>Tethydæ.</i>        |
|       | { Between the distal ends of the radial spicule-bundles ecto- and entochonæ are found .....   | 31. <i>Sollascllidæ.</i>   |
|       | { The inhalant pores lead direct into the inhalant canals .....   | 29.                        |
| 29.   | { With spirastrellid flesh-spicules .....   | 32. <i>Spirastrellidæ.</i> |
|       | { With sigmate flesh-spicules .....   | 33. <i>Suberamamidæ.</i>   |
|       | { Without flesh-spicules .....  | 34. <i>Suberitidæ.</i>     |
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| (21.) | { With polyact flesh-spicules .....   | 35. <i>Chondrillidæ.</i>   |
|       | { Without flesh-spicules .....  | 36. <i>Chondrosidæ.</i>    |

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| (17.) | { | With proper spicules in the supporting skeleton.   | 30.                        |
|       |   | Without proper spicules in the supporting skeleton .....   | (31.)                      |
| 30.   | { | With uniformly distributed skeleton - reticulation and not very large subdermal cavities.  | 32.                        |
|       |   | The skeleton consists of a dense axial reticulation and isolated fibres extending from this to the surface. Between these very extensive subdermal cavities are situated ..... | (33.)                      |
| 32.   | { | With gemmulæ; living in fresh water .....  | 37. <i>Spongillidæ.</i>    |
|       |   | Without gemmulæ .....  | 34.                        |
| 34.   | { | Without flesh-spicules; fibres of the supporting skeleton not spined .....   | 38. <i>Homorhaphidæ.</i>   |
|       |   | Flesh-spicules sigmata or spiral; no chelæ.....  | 39. <i>Heterorhaphidæ.</i> |
|       |   | Flesh-spicules chelæ; when absent, fibres of supporting skeleton spined .....  | 40. <i>Desmacidonidæ.</i>  |
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- (33.) No chelæ ..... 41. *Axinellidæ.*
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| (31.) | { | With small spherical chambers and opaque ground-substance .....       | 35.                    |
|       |   | With large sac-shaped chambers and transparent ground-substance ..... | (36.)                  |
| 35.   | { | Without filaments in the ground-substance ...                         | 37.                    |
|       |   | With filaments in the ground-substance.....                           | 38.                    |
| 37.   | { | Skeleton-fibres with thin axial canal .....                           | 42. <i>Spongidæ.</i>   |
|       |   | Skeleton-fibres tubular, with thick pith .....                        | 43. <i>Aplysinidæ.</i> |
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- (38.) Skeleton-fibre with thin axial canal ..... 44. *Hircinidæ*
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| (36.) | { | Skeleton-fibres with thin axial canal; reticulate  | 45. <i>Spongelidæ.</i>  |
|       |   | Skeleton-fibres tubular with thick pith; dendritic | 46. <i>Aplysillidæ.</i> |
|       |   | No skeleton.....                                   | 47. <i>Halisarcidæ.</i> |
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- Am. J. Sci.*—American Journal of Science and Art. (New Haven.)
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- Am. Nat.*—American Naturalist.
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- Berl. Monatsk.*—Berliner Monatshefte.
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- Bih. Sv. Ak. Handl.*—Bihang till Kongl. Svenska Vetenskaps-Akademiens Handlingar. (Stockholm.)
- Bijdr. Dierk.*—Bijdragen tot de Dierkunde. (Amsterdam.)
- Biol. Centralbl.*—Biologisches Centralblatt. (Erlangen.)
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- Bull. Ac. Belg.*—Bulletin de l'Académie Royale des Sciences de Belgique. (Brussels.)
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- Bull. Am. Mus. Nat. Hist.*—Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History. (New York.)
- Bull. Buff. Nat. Club.*—Bulletin of the Buffalo Naturalists' Club. (Buffalo, N. Y.)
- Bull. Mosc.*—Bulletin de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou.
- Bull. Mus. C. Z.*—Bulletin of the Museum of Comparative Zoology. (Cambridge, U.S.A.)
- Bull. Scient.*—Bulletin Scientifique du département du Nord.
- Bull. Soc. Acclim.*—Bulletin de la Société d'Acclimatation. (Paris.)
- Bull. Soc. Adriat.*—Bulletin de la Société Adriatique.
- Bull. Soc. Linn. Normandie.*—Bulletin de la Société Linnéenne de Normandie. (Caen.)
- Bull. Soc. Géol.*—Bulletin de la Société géologique de France. (Paris.)
- Bull. Soc. Vaudoise.*—Bull. de la Société Vaudoise.
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- Bull. Soc. Zool. Fr.*—Bulletin de la Société Zoologique de France. (Paris.)
- Canadian Nat. and Geol.*—Canadian Naturalist and Geologist.
- Can. Nat.*—Canadian Naturalist.
- Centralbl. med. Wiss.*—Centralblatt für die medicinischen Wissenschaften. (Berlin.)
- Comm. Akad. Petropol.*—Commentarii Academiæ Scientiarum Imperialis Petropolitanae. Académie Impériale des Sciences. (Petersburg.)

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- Denk. Ak. Wien.*—Denkschriften der k. Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Wien. (Vienna.)
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- D. Litt. Zeit.*—Deutsche Litteratur Zeitung.
- Edinb. New Phil. Journ.*—Edinburgh New Philosophical Journal. (Edinburgh.)
- Edinb. Phil. Journ.*—Edinburgh Philosophical Journal. (Edinburgh.)
- Encyclop. méth.*—Encyclopédie méthodique des sciences. (Paris.)
- Féruss. Bull. Sc. Nat.*—Bulletin des Sciences Naturelles et de Géologie publié par M. le Baron de Férussac. (Paris.)
- Fror. Notizen.*—Notizen aus dem Gebeite der Natur- und Heilkunde (Froriep). (Erfurt.)
- Geol. Mag.*—Geological Magazine. (London.)
- Geol. Surv. Canada.*—Geological Survey of Canada.
- Gr. Arch. mikr. Anat.*—Grenacher's Archiv für mikroskopisch Anatomie.
- Hist. Berw. Nat. Club.*—Berwickshire Naturalists' Club.
- Hist. et Mém. Acad. Paris.*—Histoires et Mémoires de l'Académie des Sciences. (Paris.)
- Ill. d. Monatshefte.*—Illustrierte deutsche Monatshefte.
- J. Ac. Philad.*—Journal of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia.
- Jahrb. Mineral.*—Jahrbuch für Mineralogie, Geognosie, Geologie, &c. (Stuttgart.)
- J. Bombay Branch R. Asiatic Soc.*—Journal of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.
- JB. schles. Ges.*—Jahresberichte des schlesischen Gesellschaft für vaterländische Cultur. (Breslau.)
- JB. schlesw. Gesell.*—Jahresbericht der naturwissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft in Schleswig.
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- J. Cincinnati Soc. Nat. Hist.*—Journal of the Cincinnati Society of Natural History.
- J. d. Zool.*—Journal de Zoologie. (Paris.)
- Jen. Z. Nat.*—Jenaische Zeitschrift für Naturwissenschaften, herausgegeben von der medicinisch-naturwissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft zu Jena.
- J. G. Soc.*—Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society. (London.)
- JH. Ver. Württ.*—Jahreshefte des Vereins für vaterländische Naturkunde in Württemberg. (Stuttgart.)
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- J. L. S.*—Journal of the Linnean Society (Zoology). (London.)
- J. Microgr.*—Journal de Micrographie. (Paris.)
- J. N. York Micr. Soc.*—Journal of the New York Microscopical Society.
- J. of Conch.*—Journal of Conchology.
- J. prakt. Chem.*—Journal für praktische Chemie. (Leipzig.)
- J. Quek. Club.*—Journal of the Quekett Microscopical Club. (London.)
- J. R. Micr. Soc.*—Journal of the Royal Microscopical Society. (London.)
- J. Sci. Lisb.*—Jornal de Sciencias da Academia de Lisboa. (Lisbon.)
- Kgl. Svenska Vetensk.-Akad. Handlingar.*—Kongliga Svenska Vetenskaps-Akademiens Handlingar. (Stockholm.)
- L'Institut.*—L'Institut de France.
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- Mag. Zool. Bot.*—Magazine of Zoology and Botany. (London.)

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- MB. Ak. Berl.*—Monatsberichte der k. preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin.
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- Mém. Soc. Hist. Nat. Paris.*—Mémoires de la Société des Sciences Naturelles de France. (Paris.)
- Mém. Soc. Imp. Sci. Nat. Cherbourg.*—Mémoires de la Société des Sciences Naturelles. (Cherbourg.)
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- Mem. Wern. Soc.*—Memoirs of the Wernerian Natural-History Society. (Edinburgh.)
- Micr. J.*—The Microscopical Journal and Structural Record. (London.)
- Monthl. Micr. J.*—Monthly Microscopical Journal. (London.)
- Morph. Jahrb.*—Morphologisches Jahrbuch: eine Zeitschrift für Anatomie und Entwicklungsgeschichte. (Leipzig.)
- MT. Ges. Bern.*—Mittheilungen der naturforschenden Gesellschaft in Bern.
- MT. JB. geol. Anst. Budapest.*—Mittheilungen aus dem Jahrbuche der königlich-ungarischen geologischen Anstalt. Budapest.
- MT. Mus. Dresden.*—Mittheilungen aus dem k. zoologischen Museum zu Dresden.
- MT. Ver. Steierm.*—Mittheilungen des naturwissenschaftlichen Vereins für Steiermark. (Graz.)
- MT. z. Stat. Neap.*—Mittheilungen der zoologischen Station in Neapel. (Leipzig.)
- Naturf.*—Naturforscher.
- Naturk. Verh. Utrecht.*—Naturkundige Verhandelingen Provinciaal Utrechtsch Genootschap van Kunsten en Wetenschappen. (Utrecht.)
- Naturk. Tijdschrift voor Nederlandsch Indië.*—Naturkundig Tijdschrift voor Nederlandsch Indië. (Batavia.)
- Nederl. Staatscourant.*—Nederlandsch Staatscourant.
- Neues Jahrb. Mineral. Geol.*—Neues Jahrbuch für Mineralogie, Geologie und Petrefaktenkunde. (Heidelberg, Stuttgart, &c.)
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- New Z. J. Sci.*—The New Zealand Journal of Sciences. (Dunedin.)
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- Nuovi Ann. Sci. nat.*—Nuovi Annali delle Scienze naturali Bologna.
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- Pal.*—Paleontographica.
- P. Am. Assoc.*—Proceedings of the American Association.
- P. Belf. Soc.*—Proceedings of the Belfast Natural History and Philosophical Society.
- P. Bost. Soc.*—Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History.
- P. Bristol Nat. Soc.*—Proceedings of the Bristol Natural History Society.
- P. Cambridge Phil. Soc.*—Proceedings of the Cambridge Philosophical Society.
- P. Geol. Assoc.*—Proceedings of the Geologists' Association.
- Phil. Mag.*—Philosophical Magazine. (London.)
- Phil. Tr.*—Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society. (London.)
- Pop. Sci. Review.*—Popular Science Review.
- P. Linn. Soc.*—Proceedings of the Linnean Society of London.
- P. Linn. Soc. N. S. W.*—Proceedings of the Linnean Society of New South Wales. (Sydney.)
- P. Liverp. Soc.*—Proceedings of the Literary and Philosophical Society and Natural History Society of Liverpool.
- P. Med. Soc. Edinburgh.*—Proceedings of the Medical Society of Edinburgh.
- P. R. Irish Ac.*—Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy. (Dublin.)
- Proc. Lit. Liverpool.*—Proceedings of the Literary and Philosophical Society of Liverpool.
- Proc. Yorkshire Phil. Soc.*—Proceedings of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society. (York.)
- P. R. Soc.*—Proceedings of the Royal Society. (London.)
- P. R. Soc. Edinburgh.*—Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.
- P. R. Soc. Tasm.*—Papers and Proceedings and Reports of the Royal Society of Tasmania.
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- P. Z. S.*—Proceedings of the Zoological Society. (London.)
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- Rep. Brit. Assoc.*—Reports of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.
- Rep. R. Polytechnical Soc. Cornwall.*—Reports of the Royal Polytechnical Society of Cornwall.
- Rep. U. S. Fish Comm.*—Report of the Commissioner, United States Commission of Fish and Fisheries. (Washington.)
- Revue Zool.*—Revue Zoologique. (Paris.)
- Rozpr. i Spraw. Akad. umieg. af Krakowie.*—Proceedings of the Cracow Academy.
- SB. Ak. Berlin.*—Sitzungsberichte der königlich-preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin.
- SB. Ak. Wien.*—Sitzungsberichte der mathematisch-naturwissenschaftliche Classe der k. Akademie der Wissenschaften. (Vienna.)
- SB. böhm. Ges.*—Sitzungsberichte der k. böhmischen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften. (Prague.)

- SB. Dresden.*—Sitzungsberichte der naturwissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft Isis in Dresden.
- SB. Ges. Dorp.*—Sitzungsberichte der Dorpater Naturforscher Gesellschaft. (Dorpat.)
- SB. Ges. Leipzig.*—Sitzungsberichte der königlich sächsischen Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften. (Leipzig.)
- SB. nat. Fr.*—Sitzungsberichte der Gesellschaft naturforschender Freunde zu Berlin.
- SB. niederrhein. Ges.*—Sitzungsberichte des niederrheinischen Gesellschaft für Natur- und Heilkunde. (Bonn.)
- SB. Soc. Erlangen.*—Sitzungsberichte der physikalisch-medicinischen Societät zu Erlangen.
- Schrift. Dronth. Ges.*—Schriften der Drontheimer Gesellschaft.
- Schrift. Gesell. Bef. Naturwissens. Marburg.*—Schriften der Gesellschaft zur Beförderung der Naturwissenschaften in Marburg.
- Schr. Ges. Danz.*—Schriften der naturforschenden Gesellschaft zu Danzig.
- Sci. Gos.*—Science Gossip.
- Skrifter Naturhist. Selsk.*—Det Kongelige Danske Videnskabernes Selskabs Skrifter. (Copenhagen.)
- Sm. Misc. Coll.*—Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections. (Washington.)
- Sm. Misc. Contrib.*—Smithsonian Miscellaneous Contributions to Knowledge. (Washington.)
- Soc. Philom. Paris.*—Rapports Généraux des Travaux de la Société Philomatique. (Paris.)
- Tijdschr. Nederl. Dierk. Vereen.*—Tijdschrift der Nederlandsche Dierkundige Vereeniging. (Leiden.)
- Todd's Cyclop. Anat.*—Todd's Cyclopædia of Anatomy.
- T. R. Irish Ac.*—Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy. (Dublin.)
- Tr. Albany Inst.*—Transactions of the Albany Institute.
- Tr. Birmingham Soc.*—Transactions of the Birmingham Society.
- Tr. Connecticut Ac. Sci.*—Transactions of the Connecticut Academy of Science.
- Tr. Devon. Assoc.*—Report and Transactions of the Devonshire Association for the Advancement of Science, &c. (Plymouth.)
- Tr. Geol. Soc.*—Transactions of the Geological Society of London.
- Tr. L. S.*—Transactions of the Linnean Society of London.
- Tr. Newbury District Field-Club.*—Transactions of the Newbury District Field-Club.
- Tr. new Russian N. H. Soc.*—Transactions (Trapiski) of the new Russian Natural History Society.
- Tr. North. Durh.*—Natural History Transactions of Northumberland and Durham. (Newcastle-on-Tyne.)
- Tr. R. Asiatic Soc. Japan.*—Transactions of the Royal Asiatic Society. Japan Branch.
- Tr. R. Dublin Soc.*—Transactions of the Royal Society of Dublin.
- Tr. R. Micr. Soc.*—Transactions of the Royal Microscopical Society of London.
- Tr. R. Soc. Edinb.*—Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.
- Tr. Tynes. N. Club.*—Transactions of the Tyneside Naturalists' Field-Club. (Newcastle-upon-Tyne.)
- Tr. Z. S.*—Transactions of the Zoological Society of London.
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- Vergl. phys. Studien.*—Vergleichend physiologische Studien.
- Vcrh. d. Akad. Wetensch.*—Verhandelingen der Akademie van Wetenschappen.



- Verh. geol. Reichsans.*—Verhandlungen der k.-k. geologischen Reichsanstalt. (Vienna.)
- Verh. naturf. Gesell. Zürich.*—Verhandlungen der naturforschenden Gesellschaft in Zürich.
- Verh. naturh. Ver. Heidelb.*—Verhandlungen des naturhistorisch-medicinischen Vereins zu Heidelberg.
- Verh. naturh. Ver. Rheinl.*—Verhandlungen des naturhistorischen Vereins der preussischen Rheinlande und Westfalens. (Bonn.)
- Verh. phys. Ges. Berlin.*—Verhandlungen der physikalischen Gesellschaft zu Berlin.
- Verh. phys.-med. Gesell. Würzb.*—Verhandlungen der physikalisch-medicinischen Gesellschaft in Würzburg.
- Verh. z.-b. Wien.*—Verhandlungen der zoologisch-botanischen Gesellschaft in Wien. (Vienna.)
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- Z. ges. Naturw.*—Zeitschrift für die gesammten Naturwissenschaften. (Berlin.)
- Zool. Anz.*—Zoologischer Anzeiger. (Leipzig.)
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- Z. wiss. Zool.*—Zeitschrift für wissenschaftliche Zoologie. (Leipzig.)

3. On Indian Earthworms.—Part I. Preliminary Notice of Earthworms from the Nilgiris and Shevaroyes. By ALFRED GIBBS BOURNE, D.Sc. (Lond.), F.L.S., Fell. Univ. Coll. Lond., Fell. Madras Univ., Professor of Biology in the Presidency College, Madras. (Communicated by Prof. RAY LANKESTER, F.Z.S.)

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When I commenced to find out what Earthworms were to be found here for the purposes of class-study, I was totally unprepared for the immense variety of forms which seem to occur in the country. I have at present examined a very few localities only, and as every locality yields new forms and I have already found more than twenty different species, all of which were hitherto unknown, the field may be pronounced to be fairly extensive.

I came across very few worms in my garden in Madras during the hot weather, but then I made no special search for them; those I did find belonged to the genus *Perichæta*, but seemed to be new species (I have since determined that they are new); I have found up to the present at least three species of *Perichæta* in Madras town, but have reserved them for subsequent description.

In May I went up to the Nilgiris for some weeks, and there I found numerous forms, and these always differed in different localities. In October I spent about a week on the Shevaroy Hills, and found in that short time five different forms, all markedly differing from those from the Nilgiris.