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I have the honour to be, dear Sir,
Your's very sincerely,

E. N. BANCROFT.

# ART. LVII. Observations upon the Dentalium subulatum of Deshayes. By the Rev. M. J. BERKELEY, A. M.

During the summer of 1830 extensive soundings were made by Captain A. Vidal, R. N. on the N. W. coast of Ireland on the great bank running parallel with the coast, in search of Aitkin's Rock. A few of the specimens of sand, gravel, &c. from different parts of the bank having been kindly placed in my hands, I found amongst them several individuals of a Dentalium new to our coasts. These, on comparison with Madeira specimens from Mr. Lowe, and others in Mr. G. B. Sowerby's collection, proved to be the Dentalium subulatum of Deshayes, (Anat. & Monogr. du genre Dentale, p. 53); the only points of difference being a paler hue, and an almost total absence of the constriction near the orifice. The former difference is exactly such as might be expected from their occurring in a higher latitude, and the latter is clearly so variable, as not to throw any suspicion on the specific identity of the several specimens. They occurred in fine sand, at various distances from the coast, in lat. 55°, at great depths, from 60 to 120 fathoms. As I was not sure

that any were alive when taken, it became a matter of interest if possible to procure further information establishing the claim of the species to a place in the list of our marine animals: and I was the more anxious, as an examination of Mr. Lowe's specimens had convinced me that it was not a Dentalium, but formed a new genus among the Annelida. Accordingly, when in the following summer the survey of the bank was resumed, I requested Captain Vidal to preserve for me in spirits whatever animals he should procure alive in sounding; and if possible specimens of the Dentalium. This he very kindly undertook and noted the depth at which each specimen was taken. The Dentalium did not occur at any less depth than 631 fathoms, and twice (on one occasion off St. Kilda) it occurred at 171 \* fathoms. Nothing could be concluded as to habit from the manner in which the shells were imbedded in the tallow, but this was of the less consequence as from information received from Mr. Lowe it appears that they are found in great numbers together, in masses of a conglomerate (if it may be so called) of mud and various marine substances, the broader end only appearing above the surface. From the amazing difference in the diameter, it should seem that the narrow or posterior end is gradually absorbed in the course of growth. The animals of the Madeira and British specimens, as was supposed, proved perfectly identical.

It will clearly appear from the description and accompanying figure that notwithstanding the resemblance of the shell to that of true Den-talia, it is most nearly allied to Serpula; but evidently distinct in having an unattached shell (for there is no evidence to lead to a suspicion that it is attached, even in infancy), and more especially in possessing a posterior as well as anterior aperture. I have therefore no hesitation in proposing a new genus Ditrupa ( $\partial \iota g$  and  $\tau \rho \nu \pi \eta$  foramen) for the reception of this and such other species now included in Dentalium, as shall be found to possess an animal similarly organized. One at least is so circumstanced, Dentalium Gadus, Mont. (Dent.coarctatum, Lam.), of the

<sup>\*</sup> A specimen of Crania personata was taken at the immense depth of 255 fathoms.

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animal of which indeed I have seen only a single specimen; but this was enough to prove it most clearly congeneric with Dentalium subulatum, though from the complete evaporation of the spirit in which it was preserved and the circumstance of the surface of the operculum being overgrown with Ceramium repens and another minute Algæ, I was not able to understand its structure sufficiently to give a figure. I at first thought that there were some appendages to the operculum: nor from the extreme minuteness could I ascertain so certainly the nature of a third substance, in addition to the two Algæ above mentioned, as to pronounce decidedly upon the point with such scanty materials. It is highly probable that the other minute British Dentalia will prove to possess an animal of like structure, though possibly even in that case it would be requisite to place them in a distinct genus.

The characters of the genus

#### DITRUPA

that they are found to great

are as follows.

Shell free, tubular, open at both ends.

Operculum fixed to a conical pedicellated cartilaginous body, thin, testaceous, concentrically striate.

Branchiæ 22 in two sets, not rolled up spirally, flat, broadest at the base, feathered with a single row of cilia.

Mantle rounded behind, slightly crisped, denticulated in front, strongly puckered on either side.

Fascicles of bristles 6 on each side.

I take this opportunity of referring to the two Serpulæ described in Vol. 3, p. 229. Since the account there given was published I have dredged several specimens of Serpula Arundo\*, and find my former observations confirmed. It belongs to the genus Sabella as characterised

\* Serpula Arundo, Turton, Serp. tubularia, Mont. The latter name being the original ought to be retained, and the species named Sabella tubularia. Serpula tubularia, Turt. is quite a different species, and the same with Serp. vermicularis, Lam., excluding var. b. I am obliged to Dr. Johnston for calling my attention to this point in Loudon's Magazine of Natural History, vol. 7, p. 126.

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by Cuvier, being one of the rare instances in which a calcareous tube occurs in that genus.

For the other, Serpula Filograna, I beg leave to propose a new genus which will be characterised by the nature of its opercula and number of branchiæ, and may be called Filograna; in which case, Turton's specific name implexa will be very appropriate.

### FILOGRANA, nob.

Shell very slender, filiform, gregarious.

Branchiæ 8, filiform, of which two bear an infundibuliform obliquely truncate operculum.

Mantle rectangular.

Fascicles of bristles 7 on each side.

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ART. LVIII. Description of the Animals of Voluta denticulata, Mont. and Assiminia Grayana, Leach. By the Rev. M. J. BERKELEY, A. M.

Voluta denticulata, Mont. (Carychium Myosotis, Michaud, Compl. de l'Histoire de Draparn.) and Assiminia Grayana, Leach, abound under stones in the salt marshes by the Thames at Gravesend. Having an opportunity of examining both in a living state in the summer of 1832,

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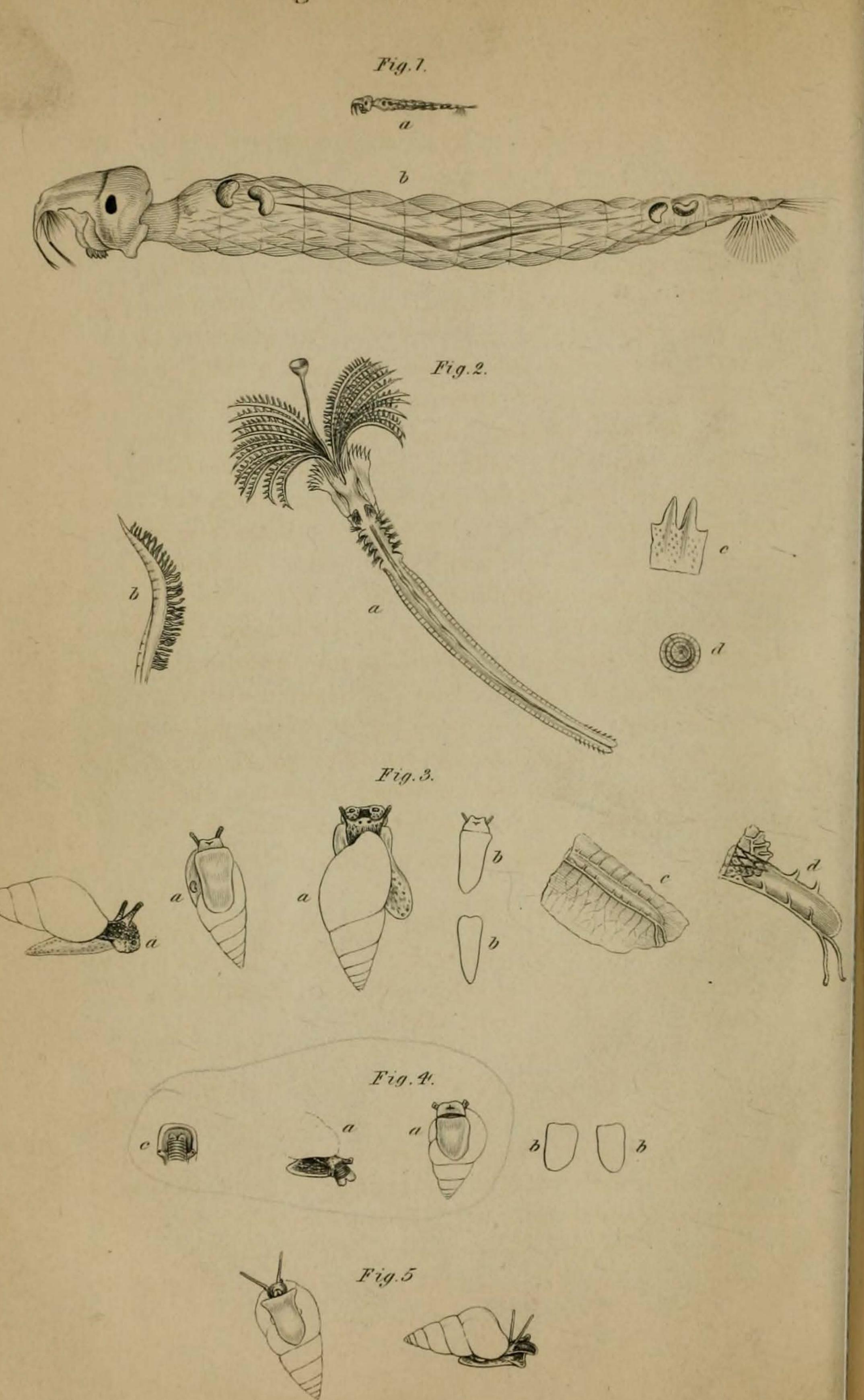
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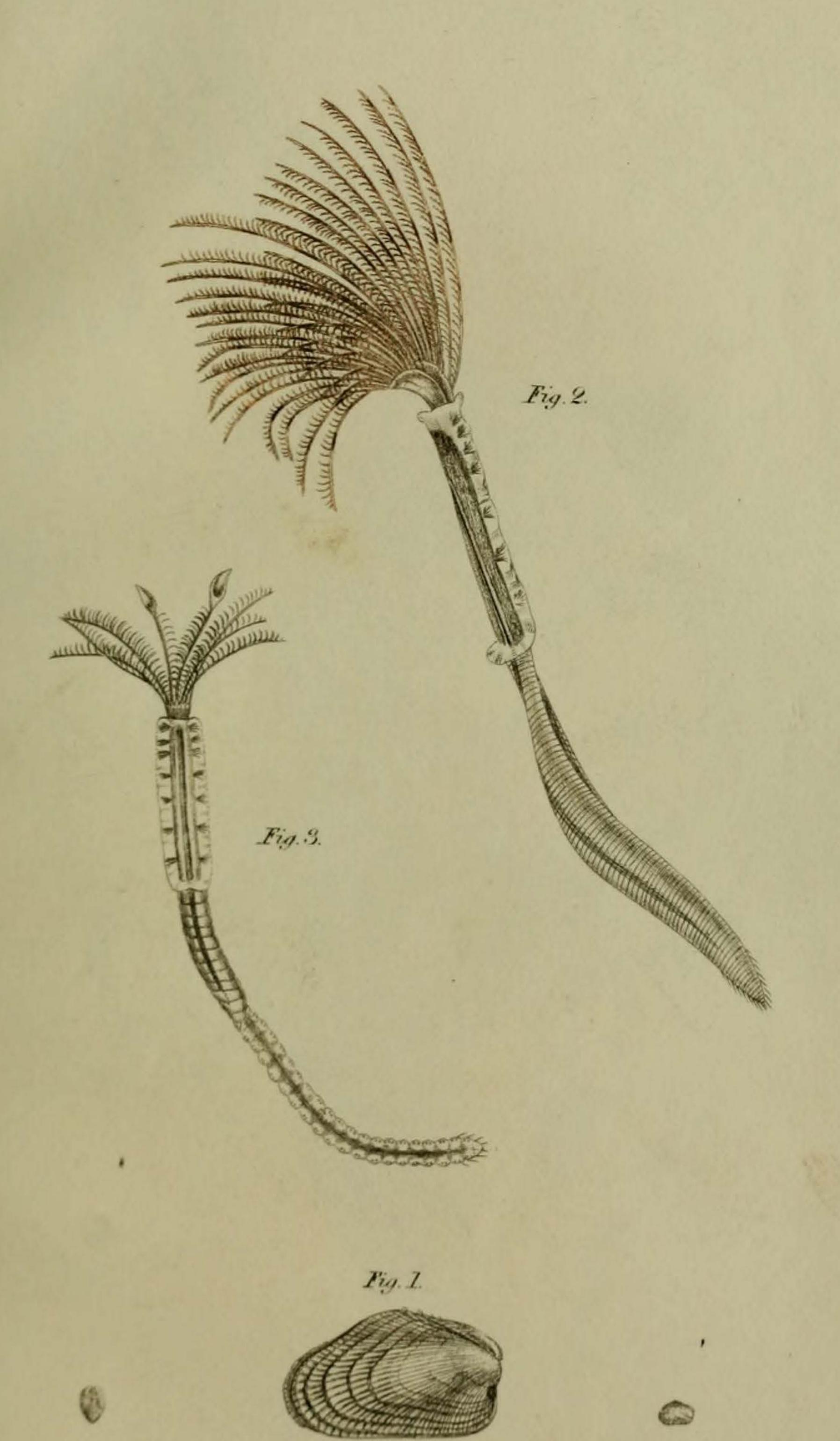


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