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# REVISION OF *LITHOSTROTIONELLA* (COELENTERATA, RUGOSA) FROM THE CARBONIFEROUS AND PERMIAN

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## ABSTRACT

Species of predominantly massive colonial rugose corals from the Carboniferous and Permian that were referred previously to *Lithostrotionella* Yabe and Hayasaka are reassigned to the following genera: *Acrocyathus* d'Orbigny (including probable junior synonym *Lithostrotionella* Yabe and Hayasaka), *Stelechophyllum* Tolmachev (including junior synonym *Eolithostrotionella* Zhizhina), *Petalaxis* Milne-Edwards and Haime (including junior synonyms *Hillia* de Groot and *Eastonoides* Wilson and Langenheim), *Aulostylus* Sando, *Kleopatrina* McCutcheon and Wilson, *Lonsdaleia* McCoy (subgenus *Actinocyathus* d'Orbigny), and *Thysanophyllum* Nicholson and Thomson. One of the species referred to *Cystolonsdaleia* Fomichev is reassigned to *Petalaxis*.

*Stelechophyllum* and *Aulostylus* are referred to the Family Lithostrotionidae d'Orbigny. A new family, the Acrocyathidae, is created for the genus *Acrocyathus*. *Petalaxis* is placed in the Family Petalaxidae Fomichev, *Thysanophyllum* and *Lonsdaleia* are referred to the Family Lonsdaleiidae Chapman, and *Kleopatrina* is assigned to the Family Durhaminidae Minato and Kato.

The principal lithostrotionelloid genera are *Stelechophyllum*, *Aulostylus*, *Acrocyathus*, and *Petalaxis*. *Stelechophyllum* ranges in age from Late Devonian(?) into the late Viséan and is represented in the Carboniferous by 15 nominal species allocated to five species groups; the genus occurs in the U.S.S.R., U.S.A., Canada, and Mexico. *Aulostylus* is represented by two middle Tournaisian species in the U.S.A. and Canada and a possible species from the Viséan of China. *Acrocyathus* is represented by 14 nominal species (one new) from the lower to upper Viséan of the U.S.S.R., U.S.A., Canada, and China. *Petalaxis* is represented by 41 nominal species (six new) allocated to five species groups that range from the upper Viséan into the Permian; the genus occurs in the U.S.S.R., U.S.A., Canada, Spain, Japan, and possibly China and Spitzbergen.

*Stelechophyllum* may have been derived from *Endophyllum* in the Devonian. *Aulostylus*, *Acrocyathus*, and *Petalaxis* are regarded as offshoots from the *Stelechophyllum* stock in the Carboniferous. *Lonsdaleia*, *Thysanophyllum*, and *Kleopatrina* do not seem to be closely related to *Stelechophyllum* and its derivatives.

Hayasaka's type specimens of *Lithostrotionella* species from North America are reassigned to *Acrocyathus*, *Stelechophyllum*, *Petalaxis*, and *Aulostylus* and are revised specifically. Three new species and two new subspecies are based on specimens studied by Hayasaka.

## INTRODUCTION

Inadequate description of taxa is one of the principal deterrents to progress in paleontology. The study of fossil corals has been particularly plagued by this problem because many taxa were proposed before thin-

section techniques became widely used and thus were founded largely or entirely on external skeletal features. Until these extant taxa are redescribed and adequately understood, new taxa cannot be proposed without risk of duplication.

In North America, massive colonial rugose corals originally referred to *Lithostrotion* Fleming and later to *Lithostrotionella* Yabe and Hayasaka are noteworthy examples of inadequate description. After the genus *Lithostrotionella* was founded by Yabe and Hayasaka (1915, 1920) on material from the Carboniferous of China, Hayasaka studied North American corals in the large U.S. Geological Survey collection of fossils (now housed in the U.S. National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C.). Although Hayasaka's visit to the United States was in 1927, his monograph on North American *Lithostrotionella* was not published until 1936. Hayasaka prepared thin sections from all the holotypes of his North American species, but the thin sections were small and only a few paratypes were sectioned. Consequently, Hayasaka's species concepts were based largely on the holotypes, and many paratypes were incorrectly identified. Moreover, the geologic ages of these specimens were poorly known at the time the study was made. Subsequently, the name *Lithostrotionella* came into wide use for Carboniferous and Permian colonial Rugosa throughout the world.

I became acquainted with the problem of Hayasaka's type specimens some years ago during the course of investigations of North American Mississippian coral faunas. Easton's (1973) study of *Acrocyathus* and his conclusion that *Lithostrotionella* is a junior synonym lent impetus to a restudy of the Hayasaka material. All Hayasaka's type specimens were sectioned and restudied in detail except for four paratypes that could not be found; most of Hayasaka's specimens are illustrated in this report. Other described and undescribed specimens of Carboniferous and Permian age in the collections of the U.S. National Museum of Natural History were also investigated in order to broaden the base for taxonomic conclusions. All locality data were rechecked

and were revised as necessary on the basis of the latest available information (see locality register on p. 40).

As work proceeded on the Hayasaka material, it became apparent that the classification of this material had broader implications concerning the validity of *Lithostrotionella* as a taxonomic concept and concerning the scope and phylogeny of other genera. Accordingly, the present study was expanded to include an evaluation of all corals that have been described under the name of *Lithostrotionella*; this evaluation was based on a study of the systematic literature on these corals as of the end of 1978. I found that most of the specimens originally referred to *Lithostrotionella* by Hayasaka (1936) should be reassigned to *Stelechophyllum*, *Aulostylus*, *Acrocyathus*, and *Petalaxis* (table 1). Corals assigned by other authors to *Lithostrotionella* also belong in these genera, but a few are assigned to *Thysanophyllum*, *Kleopatrina*, and *Lonsdaleia*.

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#### THE STATUS OF *LITHOSTROTIONELLA*

Yabe and Hayasaka (1915, p. 94-96, 133-134) originally proposed *Lithostrotionella* as a subgenus of *Lithostrotion* for a cerioid coral having a lamellar columella and differing from true *Lithostrotion* by having a lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium. They described, but did not illustrate, the type species (by monotypy) *Lithostrotion* (*Lithostrotionella*) *unicum* from the Carboniferous(?) of Yun-nan Province, China. They suggested that *Petalaxis* Milne-Edwards and Haime might be a senior synonym but concluded that *Petalaxis* is identical with true *Lithostrotion*. In 1920, the same authors (Yabe and Hayasaka, p. 11, pl. 9, figs. 12a, b) illustrated two thin sections of the type species, but both thin sections were cut obliquely with respect to the axes of the corallites, making it difficult to interpret internal structures.

Chi (1931, p. 28-29) raised the name to generic rank for a species from the Middle Carboniferous Weiningian System of Kuechow Province, China, and Yü (1933, p. 101-102) described two species of *Lithostrotionella* from the Lower Carboniferous of Kuechow Province. Dobrolyubova (1935b, p. 10-20) described species from the Middle Carboniferous of the Moscow Basin and, later (1936a, p. 9, 28, 66), from the Upper Carboniferous of the Urals. This early work set the stage for Hayasaka's (1936) monograph of *Lithostrotionella* in North America.

Meanwhile, *Stelechophyllum* Tolmachev was ignored, even by Soviet students, until Hill (1956, p. F286) treated it as a distinct genus and Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich (1962) used the name for corals from the Kuznetsk Basin. The interpretation of *Petalaxis* Milne-Edwards and Haime at that time was based on an erroneous designation of *Petalaxis portlocki* Milne-Edwards and Haime as type species by Hill (1940, p. 165, 166), who had overlooked Roemer's (1883, p. 387, 388) designation of *P. maccoyanus* Milne-Edwards and Haime as type species. *P. portlocki* is a *Lithostrotion*, whereas *P. maccoyanus* has a lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium and cannot be referred to *Lithostrotion*.

Recent work has not unequivocally resolved the morphology of the type species or the most practical limits of the generic concept. Easton (1973) revived *Acrocyathus* d'Orbigny, redescribed the type specimen of its type species, and concluded that *Lithostrotionella* is a junior synonym. By this action, Easton simply transferred the highly variable group of corals previously referred to *Lithostrotionella* to *Acrocyathus*.

Minato and Kato (1974, p. 67-75) restudied the holotype of *Lithostrotionella unicum*. All that remains of the original type material is one of the oblique thin sections originally illustrated by Yabe and Hayasaka (1920, pl. 19, fig. 12a). Minato and Kato concluded that

TABLE 1. — *Hayasaka (1936) type specimens of Lithostrotionella*

| Hayasaka species identification | Kind of type specimen | Revised identification                                    | USNM No.   | USGS Loc. No.          | Revised stratigraphic level, age, and location (see Register of USGS Localities (p. 40) for detailed data) | Plate and page        |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| <i>americana</i>                | Holotype              | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny      | 120240     | 2333-PC                | St. Louis Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Kentucky.  | Pl. 5; p. 17          |
|                                 | Paratype              | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny?     | 120241     | 1211B-PC               | St. Louis Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Missouri.  | Pl. 6; p. 17          |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny?     | 162001     | 498-PC                 | St. Louis Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Illinois.  | Pl. 6; p. 17          |
|                                 | do                    | Indet. lithostrotionelloid coral                          | 174371     | 3858-PC (green label)  | McCloud Limestone, Early Permian, California.  | -----                 |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Stelechophyllum banffense</i> (Warren)?                | 174372     | 7130B-PC               | Alapah Limestone(?), Late Mississippian (Viséan), Alaska.  | Pl. 3; p. 13          |
|                                 | do                    | Indet. lithostrotionelloid coral                          | 174373     | 3890-PC (green label)  | McCloud Limestone, Early Permian, California.  | -----                 |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Stelechophyllum banffense</i> (Warren)?                | 174374     | 970-PC                 | Alapah Limestone(?), Late Mississippian (Viséan), Alaska.  | Pl. 3; p. 13          |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Stelechophyllum banffense</i> (Warren)?                | 174375     | 3024-PC                | Little Flat Formation, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Idaho.   | Pl. 4; p. 13          |
| <i>castelnau</i>                | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny      | 174376     | 499-PC                 | St. Louis Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Illinois.  | Pl. 5; p. 17          |
|                                 | Holotype              | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny      | 120235     | 499-PC                 | St. Louis Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Illinois.  | Pl. 7; p. 17          |
|                                 | Paratype              | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis hemisphaericus</i> (Hayasaka)  | 120236     | 3282-PC                | Hillsdale Member of Greenbrier Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), West Virginia.                      | Pl. 14; p. 00         |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny      | 161989     | 2226-PC                | St. Louis Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Illinois.  | Pl. 9; p. 17          |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny      | 161990     | 346C-PC                | Residual chert from Tuscomb Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Alabama.                               | Pl. 8; p. 17          |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny      | 161991     | 643-PC                 | St. Louis Limestone(?), Late Mississippian (Viséan), Missouri.   | Pl. 8; p. 17          |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis hemisphaericus</i> (Hayasaka)  | 161992     | 2020A-PC               | Greenbrier Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Virginia.   | Pl. 14; p. 00         |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny      | 161993     | 3159-PC                | Newman Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Virginia.   | Pl. 10; p. 17         |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny      | 161994     | 2013B-PC               | Greenbrier Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Virginia.   | Pl. 9; p. 17          |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny?     | 174377     | 3946-PC (green label)  | Unknown, probably St. Louis Limestone, Mississippi Valley region.  | Pl. 7; p. 17          |
| <i>floriformis</i>              | Holotype              | <i>Stelechophyllum banffense</i> (Warren)                 | 120242     | 3760-PC                | Peratrovich Formation, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Alaska.  | See Armstrong (1970a) |
| <i>girtyi</i>                   | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus girtyi</i> (Hayasaka)                      | 120243     | 4801H-PC (green label) | Little Flat Formation, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Utah.  | Pl. 17; p. 21         |
|                                 | Paratype              | <i>Petalaxis exiguus</i> n. sp.                           | 162002A, B | 3856-PC (green label)  | McCloud Limestone, Early Permian, California.  | Pl. 19; p. 28         |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Stelechophyllum microstylum</i> (White)?               | 162003     | 3864-PC                | Lodgepole Limestone, Early Mississippian (Tournaisian), Montana.   | Pl. 2; p. 11          |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus pilatus</i> n. sp.                         | 162004     | 499-PC                 | St. Louis Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Illinois.  | Pl. 17; p. 19         |
|                                 | do                    | Specimen lost   | -----      | 2111-PC                | Meridian Range, Montana.   | -----                 |
|                                 | do                    | do  | -----      | 5077A-PC (green label) | Weber Canyon, Utah.  | -----                 |
| <i>hemisphaerica</i>            | do                    | do  | -----      | -----                  | Granitville, Utah.   | -----                 |
|                                 | Holotype              | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis hemisphaericus</i> (Hayasaka)  | 120237     | 1148-PC                | St. Louis Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Illinois.  | Pl. 12; p. 19         |
|                                 | Paratype              | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny      | 120238     | 3283-PC                | Hillsdale Member of Greenbrier Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), West Virginia.                      | Pl. 11; p. 17         |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Stelechophyllum</i> sp. indet.                         | 120239     | 5892-PC                | Madison Limestone, Early Mississippian (Tournaisian), Utah.  | Pl. 4; p. 15          |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny      | 161995     | 83-PC                  | Newman Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Kentucky.   | Pl. 11; p. 17         |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Stelechophyllum microstylum</i> (White)                | 161996     | 1439-PC                | Lodgepole Limestone, Early Mississippian (Tournaisian), Idaho.   | Pl. 2; p. 11          |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis</i> d'Orbigny      | 161997     | 2020-PC                | Greenbrier Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Virginia.   | Pl. 10; p. 17         |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis hemisphaericus</i> (Hayasaka)  | 161998     | 932A-PC                | St. Louis Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Missouri.  | Pl. 12; p. 19         |
| <i>multiradiata</i>             | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis hemisphaericus</i> (Hayasaka)  | 161999     | 2222A-PC               | St. Louis Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Illinois.  | Pl. 13; p. 19         |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Acrocyathus floriformis hemisphaericus</i> (Hayasaka)? | 162000     | 2222C-PC               | St. Louis Limestone, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Illinois.  | Pl. 13; p. 19         |
|                                 | Holotype              | <i>Stelechophyllum microstylum</i> (White)                | 120244     | 490-PC                 | Lodgepole Limestone, Early Mississippian (Tournaisian), Utah.  | Pl. 1; p. 11          |
|                                 | Paratype              | <i>Stelechophyllum microstylum</i> (White)                | 162005     | 104-PC                 | Lodgepole Limestone, Early Mississippian (Tournaisian), Idaho.   | Pl. 1; p. 11          |
|                                 | Holotype              | <i>Petalaxis simplex</i> (Hayasaka)                       | 120249     | 5893-PC                | Little Flat Formation, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Utah.  | Pl. 18; p. 26         |
|                                 | Paratype              | <i>Petalaxis wyomingensis</i> n. sp.                      | 120675     | 7452-PC (green label)  | "Wells" Formation, Late Mississippian or Early Pennsylvanian (Namurian), Wyoming.                          | Pl. 18; p. 26         |
|                                 | Holotype              | <i>Petalaxis tabulatus</i> (Hayasaka)                     | 120246     | 1476-PC                | Aspen Range Formation, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Idaho.   | Pl. 19; p. 26         |
|                                 | do                    | <i>Aulostylus tubiferus tubiferus</i> (Hayasaka)          | 120247     | 5894-PC                | Mission Canyon Limestone, Early Mississippian (Tournaisian), Montana.                                      | See Sando (1976)      |
| <i>tubifera</i>                 | Paratype              | <i>Aulostylus tubiferus eotubiferus</i> Sando             | 120248     | 3290-PC                | Lodgepole Limestone, Early Mississippian (Tournaisian), Montana.   | See Sando (1976)      |
|                                 | Holotype              | <i>Stelechophyllum banffense</i> (Warren)                 | 120245     | 3747C-PC               | Peratrovich Formation, Late Mississippian (Viséan), Alaska.  | See Armstrong (1970a) |
|                                 | Paratype              | Specimen lost   | -----      | 970-PC(?)              | Porcupine-Arctic section, Alaska(?)  | -----                 |

the geologic age of the type specimen is probably Carboniferous. According to these writers, *Lithostrotionella* and *Acrocyathus* are distinct and separate genera, *Stelechophyllum* is a junior synonym of *Lithostrotionella*, *Eolithostrotionella* is a junior synonym of *Acrocyathus*, and *Petalaxis* is a junior synonym of *Lithostrotion*.

The single surviving thin section of the holotype (Minato and Kato, 1974, pl. 15, fig. 1) does not permit an unequivocal evaluation of all the critical internal characters of the type species of *Lithostrotionella*. However, the corallite in the upper left-hand corner of the slide has what appear to be conical tabulae like those of *Acrocyathus* and shows no peripheral tabellae. The tabularium is certainly not that of *Stelechophyllum* or *Petalaxis*. Although none of the corallites show clearly defined septal lamellae, septal lamellae are not present in all corallites of some species of *Acrocyathus*.

I conclude that the type species of *Lithostrotionella* is most likely a species of *Acrocyathus*; therefore, I regard *Lithostrotionella* as a probable junior synonym of *Acrocyathus*. This action, although debatable, is the most practical solution to the nomenclatural problem because both *Acrocyathus* and *Stelechophyllum* are founded on well-described and well-illustrated specimens whose ages are well documented. Although the holotype of the type species of *Petalaxis* is lost and a neotype remains to be selected, the species is well established on topotypes (Sutherland, 1977).

#### CLASSIFICATION

Species that have been referred previously to *Lithostrotionella* Yabe and Hayasaka are reassigned to the following genera in this report: *Acrocyathus* d'Orbigny (including probable junior synonym *Lithostrotionella* Yabe and Hayasaka), *Stelechophyllum* Tolmachev (including junior synonym *Eolithostrotionella* Zhizhina), *Petalaxis* Milne-Edwards and Haime (including junior synonyms *Hillia* de Groot and *Eastonoides* Wilson and Langenheim), *Aulostylus* Sando, *Kleopatrina* McCutcheon and Wilson, *Lonsdaleia* McCoy (subgenus *Actinocyathus* d'Orbigny), and *Thysanophyllum* Nicholson and Thomson. One of the species referred to *Cystolonsdaleia* Fomichev is reassigned to *Petalaxis*.

Recent classification of the generic taxa recognized herein is in a state of flux, and there has been little agreement on their familial relations. *Acrocyathus* was referred to the Family Lonsdaleiidae Chapman by Hill (1956) (as a questionable senior synonym of *Lithostrotionella*), Easton (1973), and by Ivanovskiy (1975) (as a junior synonym of *Lonsdaleia*). Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich (1962) regarded *Acrocyathus* as a ques-

tionable junior synonym of *Lithostrotion* and referred it to the Family Lithostrotionidae d'Orbigny.

*Lithostrotionella* was referred to the Family Lonsdaleiidae by Hill (1956), Easton (1973) (as a junior synonym of *Acrocyathus*), de Groot (1964), Armstrong (1970a, b; 1972a, b), and Ivanovskiy (1975). It was placed in the Family Lithostrotionidae by Easton and Gutschick (1953) (as a junior synonym of *Lithostrotion*) and by Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich (1962). Easton (1958) placed *Lithostrotionella* in the Family Lithostrotionidae Grabau. The genus was placed in Family Petalaxidae Fomichev by Pyzh'anov (1964) (as a junior synonym of *Petalaxis*) and by Onoprienko (1970, 1976).

*Stelechophyllum* was referred to the Family Lithostrotionidae by Hill (1956) and to the Family Lonsdaleiidae by Ivanovskiy (1975) (as a junior synonym of *Lithostrotionella*). Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich (1962, 1966) placed this genus in the Family Endophyllidae Torley because of its inferred derivation from *Endophyllum*, a Devonian genus that they recognized as ranging into the Lower Carboniferous.

*Eolithostrotionella* was referred to the Family Lithostrotionidae by Zhizhina (1956) and in Bul'vanker and others (1960), by Vasilyuk (1960), and by Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich (1962) (as a junior synonym of *Lithostrotionella*). It was placed in the Family Lonsdaleiidae by Easton (1973) (as a questionable junior synonym of *Acrocyathus*), by Degtyarev (1973), and by Ivanovskiy (1975) (as a junior synonym of *Lithostrotionella*). Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich (1966) regarded it as a junior synonym of *Stelechophyllum* and placed it in the Family Endophyllidae. Pyzh'anov (1964), Onoprienko (1970), and Kozyreva (1974) placed this genus in the Family Petalaxidae. Fedorowski and Gorianov (1973) placed it in the Family Lonsdaleiidae.

*Petalaxis* was referred by Hill (1956) (as a junior synonym of *Lithostrotion*) and by Ivanovskiy (1975) (as a junior synonym of *Lithostrotion*) to the Family Lithostrotionidae, on the basis of an erroneous type-species designation. Fomichev (1953), Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich (1962), Pyzh'anov (1964), Onoprienko (1970), and Kozyreva (1974) placed this genus in the Family Petalaxidae. Fedorowski and Gorianov (1973) placed it in the Family Lonsdaleiidae.

*Hillia* was referred to the Family Lonsdaleiidae by de Groot (1964) (as a subgenus of *Lithostrotionella*) and by Easton (1973) (questionably). Ivanovskiy (1975) regarded it as a questionable junior synonym of *Lithostrotion* and placed it in the Family Lithostrotionidae.

*Eastonoides* was referred to the Family Lonsdaleiidae by Wilson and Langenheim (1962).

*Aulostylus* was placed in the Family Lithostrotionidae by Sando (1976).

*Kleopatrina* was referred to the Family Durhaminidae Minato and Kato by Minato and Kato (1965) and by Ivanovskiy (1975).

*Lonsdaleia* was placed in the Family Lonsdaleiidae by Hill (1956), Vasilyuk (1960), Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich (1962), de Groot (1964), and Ivanovskiy (1975).

*Thysanophyllum* was referred to the Family Lonsdaleiidae by Hill (1956), Armstrong (1970a, b), Degtyarev (1973), and Ivanovskiy (1975). Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich (1962) placed it in the Family Lithostrotionidae. Pyzh'anov (1964) and Onoprienko (1970, 1976) referred it to the Family Petalaxidae.

In this report, the following classification is used:

Order Rugosa Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1850

Suborder Columnariina Rominger, 1876

Family Lithostrotionidae d'Orbigny, 1851

Genus *Stelechophyllum* Tolmachev, 1933 (junior synonym *Eolithostrotionella* Zhizhina in Fomichev, 1955)

*S. ascendens* species group

*S. ascendens* (Tolmachev, 1924)

*S. ascendens simplex* Dobrolyubova in Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1966

*S. ascendens ascendens* (Tolmachev, 1924)

*S. megalum* (Tolmachev, 1924)

*S. grande* (Tolmachev, 1924)

*S. venukoffi* (Tolmachev, 1924)

*S. venukoffi venukoffi* (Tolmachev, 1924)

*S. venukoffi altaicum* (Tolmachev, 1924)

*S. microstylum* species group

*S. microstylum* (White, 1880a)

*S. circinatum* (Easton and Gutschick, 1953)

*S. longiseptatum* (Lisitsyn, 1925)

*S. banffense* (Warren, 1927)

*S. micrum* species group

*S. micrum* (Kelly, 1942)

*S. lochmanae* (Armstrong, 1962)

*S. ergunjaicum* (Onoprienko, 1976)

*S.?* *mclareni* species group

*S.?* *mclareni* (Sutherland, 1958)

*S.?* *birdi* (Armstrong, 1970a)

*S.?* *niakensis* (Armstrong, 1972a)

*S.?* *macouni* species group

*S.?* *macouni* (Lambe, 1899)

*S. sp. indet.*

*S.?* *sp. indet.*

Genus *Aulostylus* Sando, 1976

*A. tubiferus* (Hayasaka, 1936)

*A. tubiferus tubiferus* (Hayasaka, 1936)

*A. tubiferus eotubiferus* Sando, 1976

*A.?* *sp.*

Family Acrocyathidae new family

Genus *Acrocyathus* d'Orbigny, 1849a (?junior synonym *Lithostrotionella* Yabe and Hayasaka, 1915)

*A. floriformis* d'Orbigny, 1849a

*A. floriformis floriformis* d'Orbigny, 1849a

*A. floriformis hemisphaericus* (Hayasaka, 1936)

*A. pilatus* n. sp.

*A. proliferus* (Hall in Hall and Whitney, 1858)

*A. girtyi* (Hayasaka, 1936)

*A. pennsylvanicus* (Shimer, 1926)

Order Rugosa - Continued

Suborder Columnariina - Continued

Family Acrocyathidae - Continued

Genus *Acrocyathus* - Continued

*A. utkai* (Degtyarev, 1973)

*A. rotai* (Zhizhina in Bul'vanker and others, 1960)

*A. cystosus* (Zhizhina in Bul'vanker and others, 1960)

*A. lissitzini* (Zhizhina in Bul'vanker and others, 1960)

*A. hsujiulingi* (Yoh, 1961)

*A.?* *unicus* (Yabe and Hayasaka, 1915)

*A.?* *shimeri* (Crickmay, 1955)

*A.?* *grechovkae* (Degtyarev, 1973)

*A.?* *zhizhinae* (Vasilyuk, 1960)

*A. spp. indet.*

Family Petalaxidae Fomichev, 1953

Genus *Petalaxis* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1852 (junior synonyms *Hillia* de Groot, 1963, and *Eastonoides* Wilson and Langenheim, 1962)

*P. simplex* species group

*P. simplex* (Hayasaka, 1936)

*P. wyomingensis* n. sp.

*P. tabulatus* (Hayasaka, 1936)

*P. bailliei* (Nelson, 1960)

*P. flexuosus* species group

*P. flexuosus* (Trautschold, 1879)

*P. donbassicus* (Fomichev, 1939)

*P. mokomokensis* (Easton, 1960)

*P. exiguus* n. sp.

*P. brokawii* (Wilson and Langenheim, 1962)

*P. monocyclicus* (de Groot, 1963)

*P. sexangulus* (de Groot, 1963)

*P. taishakuensis* (Yokoyama, 1957)

*P. immanis* Kozyreva, 1974

*P. belinskiensis* Fomichev, 1953

*P. major* (de Groot, 1963)

*P. fomichevi* n. sp.

*P. grootae* n. sp.

*P. wagneri* species group

*P. wagneri* (de Groot, 1963)

*P. perapertuensis* (de Groot, 1963)

*P. radians* (de Groot, 1963)

*P. santaemariae* (de Groot, 1963)

*P. cantabricus* (de Groot, 1963)

*P. orboensis* (de Groot, 1963)

*P. occidentalis* (Merriam, 1942)

*P. vesiculosus* species group

*P. vesiculosus* (Dobrolyubova, 1935a)

*P. lisitschanskensis* (Fomichev, 1953)

*P. exilis* Kozyreva, 1974

*P. confertus* Kozyreva, 1974

*P. persubtilis* Kozyreva, 1974

*P. korkhova* Kozyreva, 1974

*P. mirus* Kozyreva, 1974

*P. evidens* Kozyreva, 1974

*P. maccoyanus* species group

*P. maccoyanus* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851

*P. stylaxis* (Trautschold, 1879)

*P. mohikanus* (Fomichev, 1939)

*P. celadensis* (de Groot, 1963)



## Order Rugosa—Continued

## Suborder Columnariina—Continued

## Family Petalaxidae—Continued

Genus *Petalaxis*—Continued*P. maccoyanus* species group—Continued*P. elyensis* (Wilson and Langenheim, 1962)*P. dobrolyubovae* n. sp.*P. donetsensis* n. sp.*P. ivanovi* (Dobrolyubova, 1935a)*P.?* spp., indet.

## Family Lonsdaleiidae Chapman, 1893

Genus *Thysanophyllum* Nicholson and

Thomson, 1876

*T. astraeiforme* (Warren, 1927)Genus *Lonsdaleia* McCoy, 1849Subgenus *Actinocyathus* d'Orbigny, 1849a*L. (A.) berthiaumi* (Merriam, 1942)*L. (A.) peratrovichensis* (Armstrong, 1970a)

## Family Durhaminidae Minato and Kato, 1965

Genus *Kleopatrina* McCutcheon and Wilson, 1963Subgenus *Kleopatrina* McCutcheon and Wilson, 1963*K. (K.)? dilatata* (Easton, 1960)*K. (K.)? uralica* (Dobrolyubova, 1936a)*K. (K.)? wahooensis* (Armstrong, 1972b)

## Undetermined lithostrotionelloid corals

The foregoing classification of lithostrotionelloid corals follows Hill (1956) at the ordinal and subordinal level. Placement of *Stelechophyllum* in the Family Lithostrotionidae also follows Hill (1956). *Aulostylus* is placed in the Lithostrotionidae because of its close relationship to *Stelechophyllum*. The recognition of Family Petalaxidae including only *Petalaxis* and *Cystolonsdaleia* conforms to Fomichev's (1953) original definition and the subsequent acceptance by Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich (1962). A new family, the Acrocyathidae, is proposed to include only the genus *Acrocyathus*, which appears to have been derived from *Stelechophyllum*. Only a few species are allocated to *Thysanophyllum*, *Lonsdaleia* (*Actinocyathus*), and *Kleopatrina* (*Kleopatrina*), which are not closely related to the main stock of lithostrotionelloid corals. *Thysanophyllum* and *Lonsdaleia* are placed in the Family Lonsdaleiidae following Hill (1956), and *Kleopatrina* is placed in the Family Durhaminidae following Minato and Kato (1965).

## PHYLOGENY

Hill's (1938, p. 35) statement that "little is known of the phylogeny of the Rugosa" is still valid today. In the absence of general agreement on the composition of families, it is very difficult to sketch out even the main phylogenetic lines. Hill (1938, p. 35-36) listed five methods of approach to the phylogeny of genera and

species in Rugosa: (1) morphologic comparison without strict attention to detailed stratigraphic chronology; (2) the adult "Formenreihe" method used by Vaughan in his studies of the Rugosa, in which adult characters are traced through a stratigraphic sequence of species; (3) the "Formenreihe" method used by Carruthers in his classic studies of *Zaphrentis*, in which Haeckel's law of recapitulation is used on a stratigraphic succession of species; (4) deduction of phylogeny of individual species from their ontogeny and checking this against stratigraphic evidence; and (5) deduction of phylogeny of individual species from ontogeny without detailed stratigraphic evidence. Unfortunately, few studies have been made of colonial Rugosa in the Carboniferous by any of these methods. Nevertheless, it is useful to speculate on how the lithostrotionelloid corals are related phylogenetically.

The lithostrotionelloid corals may be divided into two groups of genera, those that seem to be closely related phylogenetically, and those that seem to be independent unrelated forms. In the first group are species allocated to *Stelechophyllum*, *Aulostylus*, *Acrocyathus*, and *Petalaxis* (fig. 1), which are characterized by a lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium, tabulae that range from tent-shaped to conical to horizontal, and an axial structure that ranges from a simple axial plate ordinarily connected to the counter septum to a complex spider-web structure made up of axial plate, vertical axial tabellae, and septal lamellae.

The origin of the first group of lithostrotionelloid corals is uncertain. The earliest member of this group is *Stelechophyllum*, which has a lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium, a simple columella, and tent-shaped tabulae. According to Soshkina, Dobrolyubova, and Kabakovich (1962, p. 342), *Stelechophyllum* was derived from *Endophyllum* Milne-Edwards and Haime, a Middle Devonian coral that they considered to range into the Tournaisian of Novaya Zemlya. The occurrence of *Endophyllum* in the Carboniferous apparently was based on Gorskiy's (1935, p. 49-56; 1938, p. 21-24) description of species from the Etroeungtian beds of Novaya Zemlya, which Gorskiy regarded as lower Tournaisian (most Carboniferous and Devonian stratigraphers now regard the Etroeungtian as latest Devonian). True Middle Devonian *Endophyllum* has a lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium, major septa that approach the axis of the corallites but do not meet or form a columella, and flat tabulae that have down-turned margins (see Jones, 1929). Gorskiy's (1935, 1938) colonial species are more like *Stelechophyllum* than *Endophyllum* in the nature of their tabulae but do not have a columella. Some species of *Stelechophyllum* have a poorly developed columella (for example, *S. ascendens*, *S. megalum*, and *S. grande*). It seems more reasonable to refer Gorskiy's species

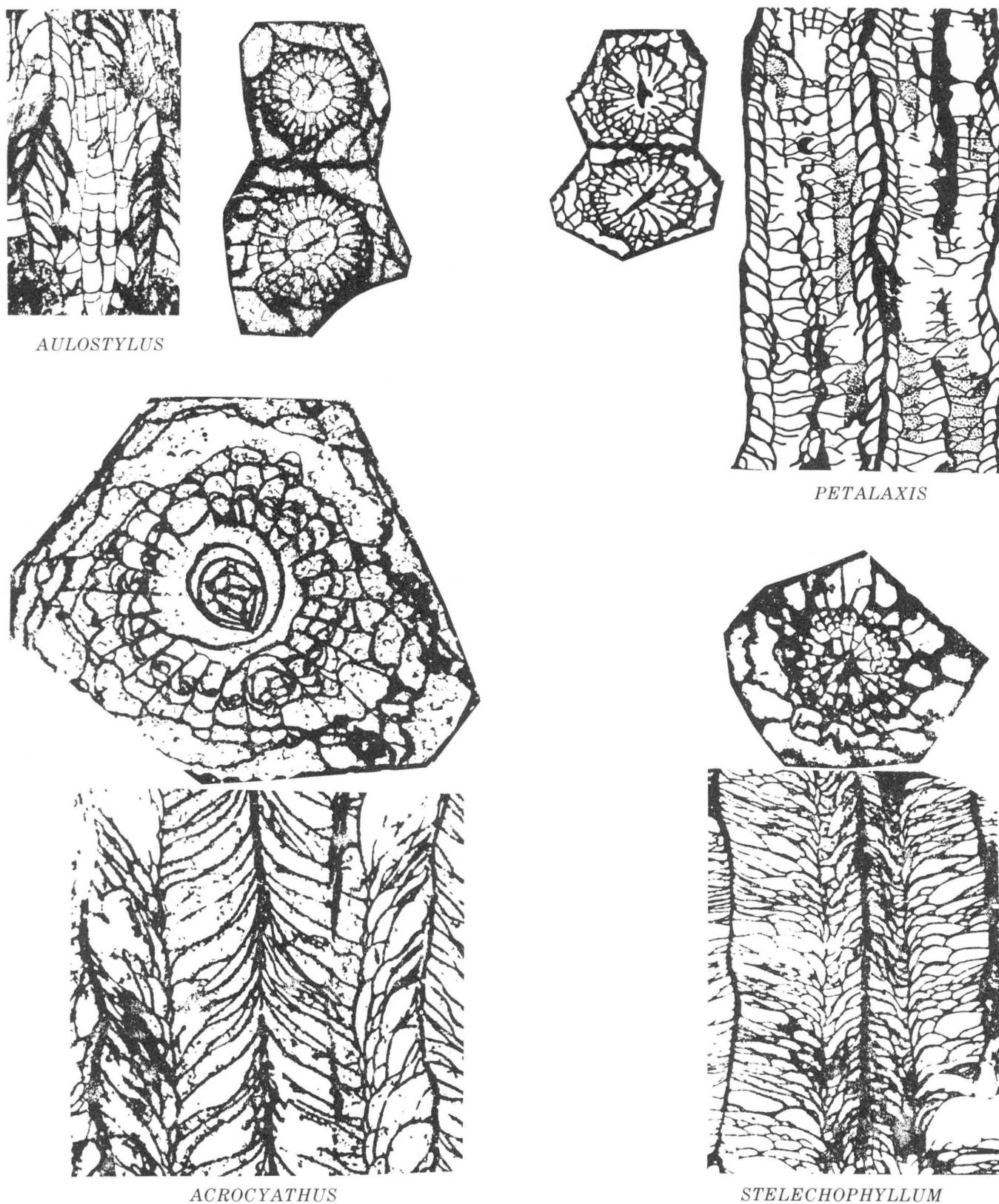


FIGURE 1.—Morphology of the type species of the principal lithostrotionelloid genera. *Acrocyathus*: longitudinal and transverse thin sections ( $\times 4$ ) of *A. floriformis floriformis* d'Orbigny (USNM 120235). *Stelechophyllum*: longitudinal and transverse thin section ( $\times 4$ ) of *S. venukoffi altaicum* (Tolmachev) (from Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1966). *Petalaxis*: longitudinal and transverse thin sections ( $\times 4$ ) of *P. maccoyanus* Milne-Edwards and Haime (from Fedorowski and Gorianov, 1973). *Aulostylus*: longitudinal and transverse thin sections ( $\times 6$ ) of *A. tubiferus tubiferus* (Hayasaka) (from Sando, 1976).



*Acrocyathus* in fig. 1). Convex or bell-shaped tabulae are like tent-shaped tabulae but are horizontal at the top where they intersect the columella. All types of tabulae are commonly seen in the same specimen, but ordinarily one type dominates. Sections that are not in the plane of the axis show tabulae that appear to be progressively flatter as one approaches the periphery of the tabularium.

Because skeletal microstructure has not been described in most of the species diagnosed herein, no attempt is made to include it in the diagnoses of genera. Septal microstructure is described according to the classification of Kato (1963) only in descriptions of type material of new species and subspecies.

The repositories for material studied by the author are the U.S. National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C. (USNM), and the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France (MNHN, FL). Other material referred to is in the Rijksmuseum van Geologie en Mineralogie at Leiden, The Netherlands (RGM).

Occurrence data are limited to information taken from descriptive studies given in the synonymies of the taxa concerned, unless otherwise indicated. No attempt was made to search out all occurrences in faunal lists or other similar citations of the taxa.

Order RUGOSA Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1850

Suborder COLUMNARIINA Rominger, 1876

Family LITHOSTROTIONIDAE d'Orbigny, 1851

Genus STELECHOPHYLLUM Tolmachev, 1933

*Stylophyllum* Tolmachev, 1924, p. 316; 1931, p. 606; Fomichev, 1931, p. 43, 72 (not Reuss, 1854).

*Stelechophyllum* Tolmachev, 1933, p. 287 (replacement name for *Stylophyllum* Tolmachev); Soshkina, Dobrolyubova, and Kabakovich, 1962, p. 342; Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1962, p. 122; 1966, p. 130; Minato and Kato, 1974, p. 69.

*Eolithostrotionella* Zhizhina in Fomichev, 1955, p. 303, 304; Zhizhina, 1956, p. 40.

*Lonsdaleia* McCoy. Lisitsyn, 1925, p. 68.

*Lithostrotion* Fleming. White, 1880a (1883), p. 159 [part]; Keyes, 1894, p. 124; Lambe, 1899, p. 220; 1901, p. 176; Tolmachev, 1924, p. 314 [part]; Warren, 1927, p. 46 [part]; Easton, 1944, p. 53; McLaren and Sutherland, 1949, p. 631; Bassler 1950, p. 213; Crickmay, 1955 (1961), p. 12 [part]; Nelson, 1960, p. 122 [part].

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*]. Bassler, 1950, p. 221; Easton and Gutschick, 1953, p. 19.

*Lithostrotionella* Yabe and Hayasaka. Hayasaka, 1936, p. 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 68 [part]; Kelly, 1942, p. 354, 356, 357 [part]; Easton, 1958, p. 31; Nelson, 1960, p. 112, 113, 119, [part]; 1962, p. 170; Bamber, 1961, p. 107 [part]; 1966, p. 9, 14, 17 [part]; Armstrong, 1962, p. 38, 39 [part]; 1970a, p. 29, 32, 35 [part]; 1970b, p. 16, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26; Easton, 1963, p. 297; Sando, 1969, p. 309; Onoprienko, 1976, p. 29 [part].

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] [*Thysanophyllum*] Sutherland, 1958, p. 95.

*Type species.*—*Stylophyllum venukofi* Tolmachev, 1924, p. 318, pl. 19, figs. 9, 10 and 1931, p. 607, pl. 23, fig. 2 (by designation of Tolmachev, 1933, p. 287). Lower

Carboniferous (Tournaisian), Kuznetsk Basin, U.S.S.R..

*Diagnosis.*—Cerioid corals with tabular to hemispherical growth form. Septa of two orders. Major septa thin, ordinarily extending across tabularium to columella but discontinuous or absent in dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent to variably developed. Columella ordinarily a simple, smooth or serrated, strong, continuous axial rod or plate that may have been derived from one or more septa, but thysanophylloid variants are known. Tabularium ordinarily consisting of an axial series of bell-shaped to tent-shaped complete tabulae resting one upon the other and a weak peripheral series of horizontal or inclined, concave-upward tabellae ("split tabulae" of Soviet authors). Dissepimentarium lonsdaleoid, commonly showing traces or crests of discontinuous septa in transverse section. Increase axial, peripheral, and intermural.

*Discussion.*—Tolmachev's (1924, 1931) original diagnosis of this genus described a coral similar to cerioid *Lonsdaleia* but without an axial plate and having a false columella formed by arched tabulae. Some of Tolmachev's figures of transverse sections suggest that an axial rod is present, but the point is ambiguous. Hill (1940, p. 164; 1956, p. 286) and Cotton (1973, p. 195) followed the original diagnosis. However, Fomichev (1931, p. 43, 72) restudied Tolmachev's types and concluded that Tolmachev's longitudinal sections are cuts that do not intersect the axes of the corallites. Fomichev found a columella like that of *Lithostrotion* in Tolmachev's transverse sections. These observations were confirmed by Fomichev's study of topotypes. Subsequent study by Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich (1962, 1966) on specimens from the Kuznetsk Basin confirmed Fomichev's findings and also showed that the Kuznetsk Basin species form a genetic series from weakly to strongly columellate forms.

Most authors (Hill, 1956, p. F286; Soshkina, Dobrolyubova, and Kabakovich, 1962, p. 342; Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1962, p. 122–124; 1966, p. 130–157; Cotton, 1973, p. 195) regarded *Stelechophyllum* as a distinct genus, but Wang (1950, p. 212), Ivanovskiy (1967, p. 34), and Minato and Kato (1974, p. 69–71) regarded it as a junior synonym of *Lithostrotionella* Yabe and Hayasaka. In my opinion, *Stelechophyllum* is a distinct genus and *Lithostrotionella* is a probable junior synonym of *Acrocyathus* d'Orbigny.

*Stelechophyllum* is differentiated from *Acrocyathus* and *Petalaxis* by the nature of its axial structure and tabularium (fig. 1). In *Stelechophyllum*, the axial structure consists of a simple columella in the form of a rod or plate unmodified by septal lamellae or axial tabellae. The major septa may or may not join the columella, and the columella may be slightly serrated where the septa fall short of it. The tabularium in *Stelechophyllum* con-

sists of an axial series of convex to tent-shaped tabulae with well-defined shoulders that rest one upon the other and a weak peripheral zone of more or less horizontal, ordinarily concave-upward tabellae. *Acrocyathus* has a complex axial structure composed of an axial plate, axial lamellae, and steeply inclined tabulae or tabellae. The major septa seldom extend to the axial complex. The tabulae are essentially conical and ordinarily extend without shoulders to the periphery of the tabularium; peripheral tabellae are rare. *Petalaxis* has an essentially simple columella like that of *Stelechophyllum*, although some species have impermissibly developed axial tabellae. The tabulae in *Petalaxis* are essentially horizontal.

*Eolithostrotionella* Zhizhina was proposed for corals that differ from *Lithostrotion* by having lonsdaleoid dissepiments and from *Lithostrotionella* by having arched, rather than horizontal, tabulae. Although the morphology of the type species of *Lithostrotionella* is in doubt, it seems to have conical tabulae like those of *Acrocyathus*; at any rate, the tabulae are not horizontal. The type species of *Eolithostrotionella* has an axial structure identical with the type species of *Stelechophyllum* and is here placed in the synonymy of *Stelechophyllum*.

Species of *Stelechophyllum* are distinguished on differences in mature corallite diameter, number of major septa at maturity, presence or absence and length of minor septa (weak or strong), development of the columella (absent, weak, or strong), major septal extensions into the tabularium (weak or strong), major septal extensions in the dissepimentarium (weak or strong), shape of the axial tabulae (flat, tent-shaped, convex), spacing of the tabulae, development of peripheral tabellae (absent, weak, or strong), number of rows of dissepiments, size and shape of dissepiments (large, small, inflated, flattened), and ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter.

The species of *Stelechophyllum* fall into five major groups:

1. *S. ascendens* group, including *ascendens*, *megalum*, *grande*, and *venukoffi*. This group is characterized by its large corallites, moderate number of major septa, and by having a variably developed columella. The group is exclusively Tournaisian.
2. *S. microstylum* group, including *microstylum*, *circinatum*, *longiseptatum*, and *banffense*. This group is characterized by its large corallites, large number of major septa, and well developed columella. The group is Tournaisian and Viséan.
3. *S. micrum* group, including *micrum*, *lochmanae*, and *ergunjaicum*. This group is characterized by its small corallites and small number of major septa. The group is Tournaisian and Viséan.

4. *S.?* *mclareni* group, including *mclareni*, *birdi*, and *niakense*. This group is characterized by its strongly polymorphic corallites. The group is exclusively Viséan.
5. *S.?* *macouni* group, including only *S.?* *macouni* from the Viséan. This group is characterized by its weakly lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium.

*Occurrence.*—Upper Devonian (Famennian)(?) and Lower Carboniferous, middle Tournaisian to upper Viséan. U.S.S.R., Canada, U.S.A., Mexico.

#### *Stelechophyllum ascendens* species group

##### *Stelechophyllum ascendens* (Tolmachev)

*Stylophyllum ascendens* Tolmachev, 1924, p. 319, pl. 19, figs. 14, 15; 1931, p. 608, pl. 23, fig. 4.

*Stelechophyllum ascendens* (Tolmachev). Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1962, p. 123, pl. C-5, fig. 11, pl. C-6, figs. 1a, b; 1966, p. 136.

*Diagnosis.*—*Stelechophyllum* with corallite diameter 7 to 12 mm and 13 to 17 major septa that seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Major septa join the columella or end a short distance from it or from the axis when a columella is absent. Minor septa weakly developed or absent. Columella weakly developed or absent from some corallites. Dissepimentarium composed of a single row of large inflated dissepiments. Axial tabulae flat to strongly convex, spaced 0.5 to 1 mm apart. Peripheral tabellae absent or weakly developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.5 to 0.6. Increase is peripheral.

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished by its weak development of minor septa and columella.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, upper Tournaisian. Nizhnetersin Horizon, Kuznetsk Basin, U.S.S.R.

##### *Stelechophyllum ascendens simplex* Dobrolyubova, in Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich

*Stelechophyllum ascendens simplex* Dobrolyubova, in Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1966, p. 137, pl. 23, figs. 1, 2, text-fig. 7.

*Diagnosis.*—*Stelechophyllum ascendens* in which most of the corallites are without a columella and have tabulae that range from flat (without columella) to tent-shaped (with columella).

*Description of holotype.*—See Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich (1966, p. 137).

*Discussion.*—This form is the most primitive in the Russian *Stelechophyllum* sequence (Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1966, p. 134).

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, Tournaisian. Nizhnetersin Horizon, Kuznetsk Basin, U.S.S.R.

##### *Stelechophyllum ascendens ascendens* (Tolmachev)

*Stelechophyllum ascendens ascendens* (Tolmachev). Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1966, p. 139, pl. 24, figs. 1, 2; pl. 25, figs. 1, 2; pl. 28, fig. 3; text-figs. 8, 9.

*Diagnosis.*—*Stelechophyllum ascendens* in which most of the corallites have a columella and axial tabulae and peripheral tabellae are present.

*Description of lectotype.*—See Tolmachev (1924, p. 319).

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, upper Tournaisian. Nizhnetersin Horizon, Kuznetsk Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Stelechophyllum megalum* (Tolmachev)

*Stylophyllum megalum* Tolmachev, 1924, p. 319, pl. 19, figs. 11, 12; 1931, p. 608, pl. 23, fig. 3.

*Stelechophyllum megalum* (Tolmachev). Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1962, p. 123, pl. C-5, fig. 1; 1966, p. 143, pl. 26, figs. 1a-c, 2, text-fig. 10.

*Diagnosis.*—*Stelechophyllum* with corallite diameter 7 to 14 mm and 13 to 19 major septa that most commonly extend from the columella across the tabularium and into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa generally well developed. Columella variable in form and thickness, commonly thick and lenticular, in some corallites replaced by ends of one or more major septa, absent from many corallites. Dissepimentarium consists of 1 to 3 poorly defined rows of large and small inflated dissepiments. Axial tabulae tent-shaped, spaced about 5 in 1 mm. Peripheral tabellae well developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.4. Increase is peripheral.

*Description of lectotype.*—See Tolmachev (1924, p. 319).

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, upper Tournaisian. Nizhnetersin Horizon, Kuznetsk Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Stelechophyllum grande* (Tolmachev)

*Lithostrotion grande* Tolmachev, 1924, p. 315, pl. 19, fig. 13; 1931, pl. 22, fig. 6.

*Stelechophyllum grande* (Tolmachev) Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1966, p. 146, pl. 27, figs. 1, 2; text-figs. 11-14.

*Diagnosis.*—*Stelechophyllum* with corallite diameter 9 to 18 mm and 13 to 20 major septa that most commonly extend from the columella across the tabularium but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent to weakly developed. Columella variable in form and thickness, commonly thick and lenticular, in some corallites replaced by ends of one or more major septa, absent from some corallites. Dissepimentarium consists of 1 to 4 rows of small to large dissepiments. Tabulae spaced 0.5 to 1 mm apart, variable in form. Peripheral tabellae poorly developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.4. Increase is peripheral.

*Description of lectotype.*—See Tolmachev (1924, p. 315).

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, upper Tournaisian. Nizhnetersin Horizon, Kuznetsk Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Stelechophyllum venukoffi* (Tolmachev)

See subspecies below for synonymy.

*Diagnosis.*—*Stelechophyllum* with corallite diameter 5.5 to 15 mm and 12 to 20 major septa that ordinarily extend from the columella across the tabularium but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent to well developed. Columella absent to very thick. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 4 rows of small to large dissepiments. Axial tabulae convex to tent-shaped, spaced about 0.5 mm apart. Peripheral tabellae poorly to well developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.3 to 0.4. Increase is peripheral, axial, or intermural.

*Stelechophyllum venukoffi venukoffi* (Tolmachev)

*Stylophyllum venukoffi* Tolmachev, 1924, p. 318, pl. 19, figs. 9, 10; 1931, pl. 23, fig. 2.

*Stelechophyllum venukoffi* (Tolmachev). Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1962, p. 124.

*Stelechophyllum venukoffi venukoffi* (Tolmachev). Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1966, p. 156, pl. 28, figs. 1, 2, text-fig. 15.

*Diagnosis.*—*Stelechophyllum venukoffi* with minor septa absent or weakly developed and predominantly large dissepiments.

*Description of lectotype.*—See Tolmachev (1924, p. 318).

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, upper Tournaisian. Nizhnetersin Horizon, Kuznetsk Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Stelechophyllum venukoffi altaicum* (Tolmachev)

*Lithostrotion altaicum* Tolmachev, 1924, p. 314, pl. 19, figs. 7, 8; 1931, pl. 23, fig. 1.

*Stelechophyllum venukoffi altaicum* (Tolmachev). Dobrolyubova and Kabakovich, 1966, p. 157, pl. 29, figs. 1-3, pl. 30, fig. 1.

*Diagnosis.*—*Stelechophyllum venukoffi* with minor septa well developed and variable, predominantly small dissepiments.

*Description of lectotype.*—See Tolmachev (1924, p. 314).

*Discussion.*—This subspecies is similar to *Stelechophyllum microstylum* (White) but has fewer major septa, fewer extensions of the septa in the dissepimentarium, and a lower ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, upper Tournaisian. Nizhenetersin Horizon, Kuznetsk Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Stelechophyllum microstylum* species group

*Stelechophyllum microstylum* (White)

Plates 1 and 2

*Lithostrotion microstylum* White, 1880a (1883), p. 159, pl. 40, fig. 7a; Keyes, 1894, p. 124; Easton, 1944, p. 53, pl. 13, figs. 1-3, pl. 17, fig. 1; Bassler, 1950, p. 213, Nelson, 1962, p. 170.

*Lithostrotionella microstyla* (White). Bamber, 1961, p. 110, pl. 8, figs. 4a, b, pl. 9, figs. 1a-h; Bowsher, 1961, pl. 110, figs. 4, 5a-c; Carlson, 1964, p. 663, pl. 110, figs. 4, 6.



- ?*Lithostrotionella* cf. *microstyla* (White). Bamber, 1961, p. 121, pl. 9, figs. 2a-e.
- Lithostrotionella microstylum* (White). Easton, 1963, p. 297; Bamber, 1966, p. 9, pl. 1, figs. 5a-g, pl. 2, figs. 1-3, pl. 3, figs. 1-3.
- Lithostrotionella jasperensis* Kelly, 1942, p. 356, pl. 51, figs. 3, 6; Nelson, 1960, p. 112, pl. 21, figs. 1-4; 1961, pl. 1, figs. 1-3; 1962, p. 170; Stensaas and Langenheim, 1960, p. 184, text-figs. 9a, b, 10a, b; Easton, 1963, p. 297.
- Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *jasperensis* (Kelly). Bassler, 1950, p. 221.
- Lithostrotionella confluens* Easton, 1958, p. 31, pl. 1, fig. 12, pl. 2, figs. 8, 9; Armstrong, 1962, p. 39, text-fig. 18, pl. 4, figs. 1-5; Nelson, 1962, p. 170; Easton, 1963, p. 297.
- ?*Lithostrotionella girtyi* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 65 [part].
- Lithostrotionella hemisphaerica* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 61 [part].
- Lithostrotionella multiradiata* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 67.

**Diagnosis.**—*Stelechophyllum* with corallite diameter 4 to 17 mm and 15 to 22 major septa that most commonly extend across the tabularium from the columella and into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella ordinarily very well developed. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 10 rows (ordinarily 5 rows) of small to large, commonly flattened dissepiments. Axial tabulae convex to tent-shaped, spaced 2 to 4 in 1 mm. Peripheral tabellae well developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.4 to 0.5. Increase is intermural(?).

**Description of neotype.**—According to Easton (1944, p. 54), the holotype of *S. microstylum* was probably lost in a fire. USNM specimen 66838, described and illustrated by Bamber (1961, p. 110, pl. 8, figs. 4a, b, pl. 9, figs. 1a-h; 1966, p. 10-11, pl. 1, figs. 5a-g, pl. 2, figs. 3a, b), is here designated neotype for this species.

**Discussion.**—This is the most widespread species of *Stelechophyllum* in North America, ranging from the Mississippi Valley area to western Canada, where its occurrence is exclusively middle and upper Tournaisian (upper Kinderhookian and lower Osagean). *S. microstylum* is distinguished from the Russian species *S. megalum* by its greater maximum corallite diameter, more numerous major septa, ordinarily stronger columella, and more numerous, generally less inflated dissepiments. It is separated from *S. banffense* by its greater maximum corallite diameter, stronger minor septa, more numerous septal extensions into the tabularium, less flattened axial tabulae, and less inflated dissepiments.

Bamber (1966, p. 12-14) has discussed the synonymy of *Lithostrotionella jasperensis* Kelly and *Lithostrotionella confluens* Easton with *S. microstylum*, on the basis of study of the type material of these taxa. Three of Hayasaka's (1936) specimens are here referred definitely to *S. microstylum*. These are the holotype and paratype of *Lithostrotionella multiradiata* Hayasaka, USNM 120244 and 162005, respectively, and a paratype of *L. hemisphaerica* Hayasaka, USNM 161996. A fourth

specimen, a paratype of *L. girtyi* Hayasaka, USNM 162003, is referred questionably to *S. microstylum*. These specimens are all illustrated herein.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, middle and upper Tournaisian. Chouteau Limestone and Northview Shale, Missouri, U.S.A.; Gilmore City Limestone, Iowa, U.S.A.; Lodgepole Limestone, Montana(?), Idaho, and Utah, U.S.A.; Joana Limestone, Nevada, U.S.A.; Keating Formation and Lake Valley Limestone, New Mexico, U.S.A.; Represo and Venada Formations, Sonora, Mexico; Banff and Pekisko Formations, Alberta, Canada.

#### *Stelechophyllum circinatum* (Easton and Gutschick)

- Lithostrotion* (*Lithostrotionella*) *circinatus* Easton and Gutschick, 1953, p. 19, pl. 3, figs. 5, 6 [part].
- Lithostrotionella circinatus* (Easton and Gutschick). Nelson, 1962, p. 170; Easton, 1963, p. 297; Sando, 1969, p. 309, pl. 38, figs. 1-7.

**Diagnosis.**—*Stelechophyllum* with corallite diameter 9 to 13 mm and 21 to 30 major septa that most commonly extend from the columella across the tabularium but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent to poorly developed. Columella absent to very well developed. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 4 rows of small to large, commonly flattened dissepiments. Axial tabulae flat to tent-shaped, spaced 4 in 1 mm. Peripheral tabellae well developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.4 to 0.5. Increase is peripheral.

**Description of type specimens.**—See Easton and Gutschick (1953, p. 19).

**Discussion.**—This species is similar to *S. microstylum* but differs in having more major septa, a columella that is variably developed, and fewer extensions of the major septa into the dissepimentarium. *S. circinatum* occurs at a slightly higher stratigraphic level than *S. microstylum*.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, upper Tournaisian. Redwall Limestone, Arizona, U.S.A.

#### *Stelechophyllum longiseptatum* (Lisitsyn)

- Lonsdalia longiseptata* Lisitsyn, 1925, p. 68, p. 1, fig. 4.
- Eolithostrotionella longiseptata* (Lisitsyn). Zhizhina, 1956, p. 40, pl. 9, figs. 1a, b.

**Diagnosis.**—*Stelechophyllum* with corallite diameter 15 to 20 mm and 24 to 32 major septa that most commonly extend from the columella across the tabularium and into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella well developed. Dissepimentarium composed of 2 to 5 rows of small to large inflated dissepiments. Axial tabulae convex to tent-shaped, spaced 0.2 to 1 mm apart. Peripheral tabellae well developed(?). Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.4 to 0.5. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of holotype.*—See Zhizhina (1956).

*Discussion.*—This species is similar to *S. circinatum* but differs in having larger corallites, more major septa, a stronger columella, and in having the major septa commonly extending into the dissepimentarium.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, middle Viséan. Zone C<sub>1</sub><sup>V</sup>d Donetz Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Stelechophyllum banffense* (Warren)

Plate 3; plate 4, figures 1, 2

*Lithostrotionella banffensis* Warren, 1927, p. 46, pl. 3, figs. 5, 6, pl. 5; Crickmay, 1955, 1961, p. 12, pl. 1, figs. 13, 14.

*Lithostrotionella banffensis* (Warren). Kelly, 1942, p. 354; Bamber, 1966, p. 17, pl. 3, fig. 5; Armstrong, 1970a, p. 29, pl. 10, figs. 1-8, pl. 13, figs. 1-7; 1970b, p. 16, pl. 3, figs. 5-8, pl. 4, figs. 1-4, pl. 10, fig. 1.

*Lithostrotionella banffense* (Warren). Nelson, 1960, p. 119, pl. 23, figs. 4, 5; 1961, pl. 17, figs. 1, 2.

*Lithostrotionella* cf. *banffensis* (Warren). Bamber, 1961, p. 133, pl. 10, figs. 3a-d.

*Lithostrotionella floriformis* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 64, pl. 17, figs. 1a, b.

*Lithostrotionella vesicularis* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 68, pl. 14, figs. 3a, b.

?*Lithostrotionella americana* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 62 [part].

?*Lithostrotionella* aff. *L. banffensis* (Warren). Armstrong, 1970b, p. 19, pl. 4, figs. 5, 6.

*Diagnosis.*—*Stelechophyllum* with corallite diameter 6 to 13 mm and 19 to 26 major septa of variable length that seldom join the columella and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent or poorly developed. Columella well developed. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 6 rows of small to large inflated dissepiments. Axial tabulae ordinarily broadly tent-shaped, spaced 2 to 4 in 1 mm. Peripheral tabellae poorly to well developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.5 to 0.6. Increase is peripheral.

*Description of lectotype.*—See Nelson (1960) and Bamber (1966).

*Discussion.*—This highly variable species is common in rocks of early and middle Viséan age in western Canada and Alaska. It appears to have been derived from *S. microstylum*, from which it differs in having smaller corallites, weaker major and minor septa, somewhat flattened tabulae that are variable in form, ordinarily fewer rows of dissepiments, and a larger ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter.

Armstrong (1970a, p. 29-31) has discussed the synonymy of *Lithostrotionella floriformis* Hayasaka and *Lithostrotionella vesicularis* Hayasaka with *S. banffense* on the basis of study of the type material. Hayasaka's type specimens are illustrated in Armstrong's paper. Three paratypes of *Lithostrotionella americana* (USNM 174372, 174374, and 174375) are here referred to the species with query and are illustrated herein.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, lower and middle Viséan. Mount Head Formation, Alberta, Canada; Prophet Formation, British Columbia, Canada;

Peratrovich, Nesorak, Kogruk, and Alapah(?) Formations, Alaska, U.S.A.; Little Flat Formation, Idaho, U.S.A.(?).

*Stelechophyllum micrum* species group

*Stelechophyllum micrum* (Kelly)

*Lithostrotionella micra* Kelly, 1942, p. 357, pl. 50, fig. 7; Nelson, 1960, p. 113, pl. 21, figs. 5, 6; 1961, pl. 6, figs. 1-3; Bamber, 1966, p. 14, pl. 3, figs. 4a-e.

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *micra* (Kelly). Bassler, 1950, p. 221.

*Lithostrotion micra* (Kelly). Brindle, 1960, pl. 10, fig. 2.

*Diagnosis.*—*Stelechophyllum* with corallite diameter 2 to 6 mm and 10 to 15 major septa that most commonly extend from the columella across the tabularium but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa poorly developed. Columella poorly to well developed. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 2 rows of large inflated dissepiments. Axial tabulae convex, spaced 2 in 1 mm. Peripheral tabellae poorly developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6. Increase is peripheral(?).

*Description of holotype.*—See Kelly (1942) and Bamber (1961).

*Discussion.*—This species is similar to *Stelechophyllum lochmanae* and *S. ergunjaicum*. *S. lochmanae* has larger corallites and stronger major septa. *S. ergunjaicum* has slightly more major septa and only one row of dissepiments.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, upper Tournaisian. Pekisko and Shunda Formations, Alberta, Canada.

*Stelechophyllum lochmanae* (Armstrong)

*Lithostrotionella lochmanae* Armstrong, 1962, p. 38, pl. 4, figs. 6-8, text fig. 17.

*Diagnosis.*—*Stelechophyllum* with corallite diameter 5 to 8 mm and 13 to 15 major septa that most commonly extend from the columella across the tabularium and into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella well developed. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 2 rows of large inflated dissepiments. Axial tabulae convex, spaced 3 in 1 mm. Peripheral tabellae poorly developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of type material.*—See Armstrong (1962).

*Discussion.*—This species is similar to *S. micrum* and *S. ergunjaicum*. *S. micrum* has smaller corallites and weaker minor septa, and *S. ergunjaicum* has weaker minor septa and fewer extensions of the major septa into the dissepimentarium.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, middle Tournaisian. Keating Formation and Lake Valley Limestone, New Mexico and Arizona, U.S.A.

*Stelechophyllum ergunjaicum* (Onoprienko)

*Lithostrotionella ergunjaicum* Onoprienko, 1976, p. 29, pl. 11, figs. 3, 4.

**Diagnosis.**—*Stelechophyllum* with corallite diameter 4 to 6 mm and 15 to 16 major septa that most commonly extend from the columella across the tabularium but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa poorly developed. Columella well developed. Dissepimentarium composed of a single row of large inflated dissepiments. Axial tabulae convex to tent-shaped, spaced 0.1–1.2 mm apart. Peripheral tabellae well developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.5 to 0.6. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of type material.**—See Onoprienko (1976).

**Discussion.**—This species is similar to the North American species *S. lochmanae* and *S. micrum*. *S. ergunjaicum* differs from *S. micrum* by having convex to tent-shaped tabulae, better developed peripheral tabellae, and only one row of dissepiments. The Russian species differs from *S. lochmanae* by having smaller corallites, weaker minor septa, fewer extensions of the major septa into the dissepimentarium, and only one row of dissepiments.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, upper Viséan. Utaveem Suite, East Chukotka, Chegitun' River basin, U.S.S.R.

*Stelechophyllum?* *mclareni* species group

*Stelechophyllum?* *mclareni* (Sutherland)

*Lithostrotion* sp. McLaren and Sutherland, 1949, p. 631, pl. 103, figs. 1–9.

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] [*Thysanophyllum*] *mclareni* Sutherland, 1958, p. 95, pl. 33, figs. 1a–g.

*Lithostrotionella mclareni* (Sutherland). Armstrong, 1970b, p. 21, pl. 5, figs. 4, 7, 8–10, pl. 6, figs. 1, 2, 7–9.

?*Lithostrotionella* aff. *L. mclareni* Sutherland. Armstrong, 1970a, p. 35, pl. 8, figs. 8, 9.

**Diagnosis.**—*Stelechophyllum?* with corallite diameter 3.5 to 4.4 mm and 12 to 15 major septa of variable length that may or may not join the columella and may or may not extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent to well developed. Columella weakly developed (or discontinuous) to strongly developed. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of small to large inflated dissepiments. Axial tabulae flat to tent-shaped, depending on strength of columella, spaced 2 in 1 mm. Peripheral tabellae absent to poorly developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.5. Increase is peripheral.

**Description of holotype.**—See McLaren and Sutherland (1949).

**Discussion.**—McLaren and Sutherland (1949), Sutherland (1958), and Armstrong (1970b) have discussed in detail the extreme morphologic variability in this species. According to E. W. Bamber (written commun., 1980), who has studied the species, serial sections of the corallites show vertical discontinuity of the septa in the dissepimentarium and vertical discontinuity of

the columella so that some sections have the appearance of *Sciophyllum* in corallites that are mainly characterized by the *Stelechophyllum* structure. The amount of variation is notable in this species.

*S.?* *mclareni* is similar to *S.?* *birdi* and *S.?* *niakense*, from which it differs in corallite diameter, in number of major septa, and in the degree to which the major septa extend into the dissepimentarium. Armstrong's (1970a) *Lithostrotionella* aff. *L. mclareni* has characters that place it close to *S.?* *birdi* and is here referred to *S.?* *mclareni* with query.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, Viséan. Prophet Formation, British Columbia, Canada; Kogruk Formation, Alaska, U.S.A.

*Stelechophyllum?* *birdi* (Armstrong)

*Lithostrotionella birdi* Armstrong, 1970a, p. 32, pl. 7, figs. 1–4, pl. 8, figs. 1–7; 1970b, p. 20, pl. 4, fig. 1, pl. 5, figs. 1–3, 5, 6.

**Diagnosis.**—*Stelechophyllum?* with corallite diameter 3.5 to 7.5 mm and 15 to 20 major septa of variable length that seldom join the columella and may or may not extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent to poorly developed. Columella absent to weakly developed. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 2 rows of mostly large inflated dissepiments. Axial tabulae flat to flattened tent-shaped, spaced 2 in 1 mm. Peripheral tabellae absent to poorly developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6. Increase is peripheral.

**Description of holotype.**—See Armstrong (1970a).

**Discussion.**—This species shows intracolony variation similar to that of *S.?* *mclareni* (see discussion of *S.?* *mclareni*). It is distinguished from *S.?* *mclareni* by its larger corallites and larger number of major septa. Its extreme morphologic variation makes generic placement questionable.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, Viséan. Peratrovich and Kogruk Formations, Alaska, U.S.A.

*Stelechophyllum?* *niakense* (Armstrong)

*Lithostrotionella* sp. A. Armstrong, 1970b, p. 25, pl. 7, figs. 1–6.

*Lithostrotionella* sp. B. Armstrong, 1970b, p. 26, pl. 7, figs. 7–9.

*Lithostrotionella niakensis* Armstrong, 1972a, p. A23, pl. 4, figs. 2, 6, pl. 9, figs. 1–3, pl. 9, figs. 1–6.

**Diagnosis.**—*Stelechophyllum?* with corallite diameter 2.5 to 4.7 mm and 9 to 14 major septa of variable length that seldom extend from the columella across the tabularium but commonly extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa poorly to well developed. Columella absent to poorly developed. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 2 rows of mostly large inflated dissepiments. Axial tabulae flat to tent-shaped, spaced 2 in 1 mm. Peripheral tabellae absent to poorly developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6. Increase is probably peripheral.

*Description of holotype.*—See Armstrong (1972a).

*Discussion.*—*S.?* *niakense* is similar to *S.?* *mclareni* but differs in having fewer major septa, more extensions of the major septa into the dissepimentarium, and less polymorphic variation between corallites. *S.?* *niakense* differs from *S.?* *macouni* in having larger corallites, more major septa, and fewer extensions of the major septa to the columella.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, Viséan. Kogruk Formation, Alaska, U.S.A.

#### *Stelechophyllum macouni* species group

##### *Stelechophyllum?* *macouni* (Lambe)

*Lithostrotion macouni* Lambe, 1899, p. 220; 1901, p. 176, pl. 14, figs. 11, 11a, 11b.

*Lithostrotion?* *macouni* Lambe. Nelson, 1960, p. 122, pl. 23, figs. 1, 2 [part].

*Lithostrotionella macouni* (Lambe). Armstrong, 1970b, p. 23, pl. 12, figs. 1-6.

*Diagnosis.*—*Stelechophyllum?* with corallite diameter 1.9 to 2.8 mm and 9 to 11 major septa that commonly extend from the columella across the tabularium and into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent to poorly developed. Columella ordinarily well developed. Dissepimentarium composed of a single row of small inflated dissepiments. Axial tabulae nearly flat to conical, spaced 3 in 1 mm. Peripheral tabellae poorly developed. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.7. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of lectotype.*—GSC 4327 is here designated lectotype for this species. See Nelson (1960) and Armstrong (1970b) for description of this specimen.

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from all other species of *Stelechophyllum* by its smaller corallite diameter, fewer major septa, and very weakly developed lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium. Its morphology approaches that of *Lithostrotion* (*Lithostrotion*), which is unknown in North America.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, Viséan. Prophet Formation, British Columbia, Canada.

##### *Stelechophyllum* sp. indet.

Plate 4, figures 3, 4

*Lithostrotionella hemisphaerica* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 61 [part].

*Discussion.*—An indeterminate species of *Stelechophyllum* is represented by USNM 120239, which is a paratype of *Lithostrotionella hemisphaerica* Hayasaka. This specimen has corallites 9 to 12 mm in diameter, 18 to 20 major septa, and an impersistent columella, but the corallites are too badly crushed to permit evaluation of all specific characters.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, Tournaisian. Madison Limestone, Utah, U.S.A.

##### *Stelechophyllum?* sp. indet.

*Lithostrotionella* sp. Bamber, 1961, p. 129, pl. 10, figs. 2a-d.

*Discussion.*—Bamber's (1961) specimen has corallites 4 to 8 mm in diameter, 19 to 21 major septa, a simple columella, and tabulae that appear to be of the *Stelechophyllum* type. Formal recognition of this species is deferred pending discovery of more specimens.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, Viséan. Prophet Formation, British Columbia, Canada.

#### Genus *AULOSTYLUS* Sando, 1976

*Aulostylus* Sando, 1976, p. 427.

*Type species.*—*Lithostrotionella tubifera* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 69, pl. 16, figs. 1a, b, 2. Lower Carboniferous (Tournaisian), Montana.

*Diagnosis.*—See Sando (1976).

*Discussion.*—This genus was established for lithostrotionelloid corals that have an aulos and a weak columella. Two middle Tournaisian species from the U.S.A. and Canada and a possible representative from the Viséan of China are the only described species. The species formerly referred to *Lithostrotionella* are listed below; pertinent information on them has been given by Sando (1976).

##### *Aulostylus tubiferus* (Hayasaka)

*Lithostrotionella tubifera* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 69, pl. 16, figs. 1a, b, 2; Smith and Yü, 1943, p. 42; Sando, 1963, p. 1076.

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *tubifera* (Hayasaka). Bassler, 1950, p. 220.

*Aulina tubifera* (Hayasaka). Hill, 1940, p. 190; Bamber, 1961, p. 161, pl. 12, figs. 3a-d.

*Aulostylus tubiferus* (Hayasaka). Sando, 1976, p. 428, figs. 3, 4.

*Description of holotype.*—See Sando (1976).

*Diagnosis.*—See Sando (1976).

*Discussion.*—Sando (1976) recognized two subspecies, *A. tubiferus tubiferus* and *A. tubiferus eotubiferus*. The holotype of *A. tubiferus tubiferus* is probably from the lower part of the Mission Canyon Limestone in Montana rather than from the Woodhurst Member of the Lodgepole Limestone as stated by Sando (1976).

##### *Aulostylus?* sp.

*Lithostrotionella* sp. A Lo and Chao, 1962, p. 184, pl. 19, fig. 1.

*Aulostylus?* sp. Sando, 1976, p. 431.

#### Family *ACROCYATHIDAE* new family

*Diagnosis.*—Cerioid and fasciculate colonial Rugosa that have two orders of septa, a columella that ranges from a simple axial plate joined to the counter septum to a complex spiderweb structure made up of axial plate, septal lamellae, and axial tabellae; ordinarily complete conical tabulae; and a lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium.

*Type genus.*—The type and only included genus is *Acrocyathus* d'Orbigny, 1849.

#### Genus *ACROCYATHUS* d'Orbigny, 1849

*Astraea* Castelnau, 1843, p. 45 (not Fischer von Waldheim, 1830, pl. 31, fig. 3).

- Acrocyathus* d'Orbigny, 1849a, p. 12; 1850, p. 160; 1852, p. 184; Thevenin in Boule and others, 1906, expl. pl. 6; 1907, p. 90; 1923, p. 90; Easton, 1973, p. 130, 132 [part]; Minato and Kato, 1974, p. 70 [part].
- Lithostrotion* Fleming. Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 433, 483 [part]; Owen, 1852, expl. pl. 4; Hall in Hall and Whitney, 1858, p. 667; Milne-Edwards, 1860, p. 423 [part]; Owen, 1862, p. 364; Rominger, 1876, p. 111; White, 1880a (1883), p. 159 [part]; 1880b, p. 506; 1882, p. 401; Weller, 1898, p. 329 [part]; Ulrich, 1905, p. 33; Butts, 1917, p. 46; 1926, p. 176; 1941, p. 239; Shimer, 1926, p. 27 [part]; Morse, 1930, p. 104; Weller, 1931, p. 274; Kelly, 1942, p. 361 [part]; Allen and Lester, 1954, p. 101.
- ?*Lithostrotion* (*Lithostrotionella*) Yabe and Hayasaka, 1915, p. 133, 1920, p. 11; Bassler, 1950, p. 217, 221.
- Lithostrotionella* Yabe and Hayasaka. Hayasaka, 1936, p. 58, 61, 62, 65 [part]; Kelly, 1942, p. 352 [part]; Parks, 1951, p. 180; Weller and others, 1952, p. 84; Allen and Lester, 1954, p. 101; Nelson, 1960, p. 117, 118 [part]; 1961, pl. 17 [part]; Yoh, 1961, p. 8; Bamber, 1961, p. 107 [part]; 1966, p. 19 [part]; Armstrong, 1962, p. 39 [part]; 1970a, p. 31 [part]; Wu in Yü and others, 1963, p. 86; Nations, 1963, p. 1257; Minato and Kato, 1974, p. 72 [part].
- Lonsdaleia* McCoy. Crickmay, 1955, 1961, p. 13.
- Eolithostrotionella* Zhizhina. Vasilyuk, 1960, p. 95; Zhizhina in Bul'vankar and others, 1960, p. 250, 251, 252; Degtyarev, 1973, p. 192, 193.

*Type species.*—*Acrocyathus floriformis* d'Orbigny, 1849, p. 12 (by monotypy). Lower Carboniferous (Viséan), Indiana, U.S.A.

*Diagnosis.*—Ordinarily cerioid colonial corals with tabular to hemispherical growth form; one fasciculate species is known and cerioid-fasciculate coralla are rare. Septa of two orders. Major septa thin, seldom extending across tabularium to columella and ordinarily discontinuous or absent in dissepimentarium. Cardinal septum short and situated in a fossula formed by downwarped tabulae in some species. Counter septum commonly long and extending to columella. Minor septa ordinarily absent or poorly developed. Columella ranging from a simple axial plate joined to counter septum to a complex spiderweb structure made up of an axial plate, septal lamellae, and axial tabellae or upturned edges of tabulae. Tabulae ordinarily complete, conical, without well-defined shoulders, but may be nearly horizontal in some species. Peripheral tabellae rare. Dissepimentarium lonsdaleoid, commonly showing traces or crests of discontinuous septa in transverse section. Increase peripheral.

*Discussion.*—d'Orbigny's (1849a) original proposal and subsequent citations (1849b, 1852) of *Acrocyathus* provided only brief diagnoses of the genus, and Thevenin's (in Boule, 1906, 1907, 1923) reinvestigation of the type specimen added only illustrations of the exterior of the specimen. Most earlier authors (Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 432, 433; 1852, p. 192; Lindstrom, 1883, p. 5, 11; de Koninck, 1872, p. 26; Thevenin, in Boule, 1907, 1923, p. 90; Sanford, 1939, p. 405; Soshkina and others, 1962, p. 336) regarded *Acrocyathus* as a junior synonym of *Lithostrotion* Fleming, although de

Fromentel (1861, 304) thought it was a *Diphyphyllum* Lonsdale, and Wang (1950, p. 212) placed it in synonymy with *Lonsdaleia* McCoy. More recently, some authors (Hill, 1956, p. F307; Ivanovskiy, 1967, p. 34, and Cotton, 1973, p. 12) linked it questionably with *Lithostrotionella* Yabe and Hayasaka.

Easton (1973) redescribed in detail the type specimen and illustrated thin sections of it, thus providing the first adequate basis for a determination of the morphology and affinities of the type species. Easton regarded *Acrocyathus* as a senior synonym of *Lithostrotionella* and espoused a broad generic concept that included species placed herein in *Stelechophyllum* Tolmachev and *Petalaxis* Milne-Edwards and Haime. Minato and Kato (1974, p. 70–71) regarded *Acrocyathus* as a distinct genus distinguished from *Lithostrotionella* by having a complex axial structure rather than a simple axial plate.

In my opinion, *Acrocyathus* is a distinct genus separated from *Stelechophyllum* and *Petalaxis* by its complex axial structure and complete conical tabulae. It is distinguished from *Lithostrotion* by its lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium and complex axial structure and from *Lonsdaleia* by its lack of a distinct separation of axial and peripheral series of tabellae. Although the morphology of the type species of *Lithostrotionella* is in doubt, *Lithostrotionella* is regarded as a probable junior synonym (see p. 4).

*Eolithostrotionella* is included in the synonymy of *Acrocyathus* because some of the Russian species were referred to that genus. The type species of *Eolithostrotionella* is a *Stelechophyllum*.

Species of *Acrocyathus* are distinguished on differences in mature corallite diameter, number of major septa at maturity, development of major septa, development of minor septa, complexity of the columella, shape and spacing of the tabulae, size and number of dissepiments, number of rows of dissepiments, and ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter. Most of the species of *Acrocyathus* have a cerioid corallum, but one fasciculate species, *A. proliferus*, is included here because of its internal morphologic similarity to cerioid species and the presence of transitional forms. Cerioid species included here are the abundantly represented *A. floriformis* from the Eastern United States; *A. pilatus* from the Mississippi Valley; *A. girtyi* from the Western United States; *A. pennsylvanicus* from western Canada; *A. utkae*, *A. rotai*, *A. cystosus*, and *A. lissitzini* from the U.S.S.R.; and *A. hsuijulingi* from China. Questionable forms include *A. ? unicus* and *A. ? zhizhinae*, whose morphology is in doubt, and *A. ? shimeri* and *A. ? grechovkae*, which have essentially horizontal tabulae like *Petalaxis* but have a complex columella characteristic of *Acrocyathus*.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, lower to upper Viséan. U.S.S.R., U.S.A., Canada, China.

***Acrocyathus floriformis* d'Orbigny**

Plates 5–14, 16

- Not *Astraea mamillaris* Fischer von Waldheim, 1830, pl. 31, fig. 3.  
*Astraea mamillaris* Castelnau, 1843, p. 45, pl. 24, fig. 5.  
*Acrocyathus floriformis* d'Orbigny, 1849a, p. 12; 1850, p. 160; 1852, p. 184; Thevenin in Boule and others, 1906, expl. pl. 6, pl. 6, figs. 1, 2; 1907, p. 90; 1923, p. 90, expl. pl. 6, pl. 6, figs. 1, 2; Easton, 1973, p. 130, pl. 1, figs. 1a–f.  
*Acrocyathus* sp. Easton, 1973, p. 132, pl. 1, figs. 2a–b.  
 Not *Axinura canadensis* Castelnau, 1843, p. 49, pl. 24, fig. 4.  
*Lithostrotion mamillare* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 433, pl. 13, fig. 1 [part]; Hall in Hall and Whitney, 1858, p. 667, pl. 24, figs. 5a, b; Rominger, 1876, p. 111, pl. 55, upper-right figure [part].  
*Lithostrotion mamillare* (Castelnau). White, 1880a (1883), p. 159, pl. 40, figs. 6a, b; 1880b, p. 506, pl. 6, figs. 1, 2; 1882, p. 401, pl. 52, fig. 3.  
 Not *Lithostrotion mamillare*(?) Meek, 1864, p. 5, pl. 1, figs. 4–4b.  
*Lithostrotion canadense* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 483, pl. 13, fig. 1 [part]; Milne-Edwards, 1860, p. 423; Owen, 1862, p. 364, fig. 6; Butts, 1926, p. 176, pl. 58, figs. 12, 13; Morse, 1930, p. 104, pl. 9; Weller, 1931, p. 274, pl. 36, figs. 1a, b.  
*Lithostrotion canadense* (Castelnau). Weller, 1898, p. 329 [part].  
*Lithostrotion? canadense* Ulrich, 1905, p. 33, pl. 3, figs. 1, 2.  
*Lithostrotion "canadensis"* (Castelnau). Butts, 1941, p. 239, pl. 129, fig. 3.  
*Lithostrotion basaltiforme* Owen, 1852, expl. pl. 4, pl. 4, figs. 5, 6; Butts, 1917, p. 46, pl. 11, figs. 1, 2.  
*Lithostrotionella castelnaui* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 58, pl. 11, figs. 1, 2 [part]; Weller and others, 1952, p. 84, pl. 1, figs. 6, 7; Allen and Lester, 1954, p. 101, pl. 26, fig. 1.  
*Lithostrotion [Lithostrotionella] castelnaui* (Hayasaka). Bassler, 1950, p. 217 [part].  
*Lithostrotionella americana* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 62, pl. 14, figs. 1, 2 [part].  
*Lithostrotion [Lithostrotionella] americanum* Bassler, 1950, p. 217 [part].  
*Lithostrotionella hemisphaerica* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 61, pl. 12, fig. 1, pl. 13, figs. 1, 2 [part].  
*Lithostrotion [Lithostrotionella] hemisphericum* (Hayasaka). Bassler, 1950, p. 217 [part].  
 Not *Lithostrotionella floriformis* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 64, pl. 17, fig. 1.

**Material studied.**—MNHN 1140 (holotype), FL 411; USNM 756, 3779, 8211, 13669, 15526, 17071, 17848, 37466, 39654, 42695, 42766, 71646, 98102, 120235, 120236, 120237, 120238, 120240, 120241, 135092, 135094, 135096, 135097, 135172, 135173, 135174, 135177, 135179, 135300, 135301, 135302, 136704, 161989, 161990, 161991, 161992, 161993, 161994, 161995, 161997, 161998, 161999, 162000, 162001, 166604, 166605, 174376, 174377, 216198, 216199, 216200, 216202, 216203, 216204, 216205, 216206, 216207, 216208, 216210, 216211, 216212, 216214.

**Diagnosis.**—Predominantly cerioid *Acrocyathus* with corallite diameter 10 to 30 mm and 20 to 40 major septa that are ordinarily short and do not extend across the tabularium to the columella and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Cardinal fossula ordinarily well

developed. Counter septum commonly joined to columella. Minor septa weakly developed as crests on dissepiments. Columella highly variable, ranging from a simple axial plate joined to the counter septum to a complex spiderweb structure made up of an axial plate, septal lamellae, and axial tabellae or upturned edges of tabulae; thysanophylloid variants are known. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 5 rows of large and small, ordinarily inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete, conical, sharply deflected upward at columella and without shoulders or with poorly defined shoulders and spaced about 1 mm apart. Peripheral tabellae rare. Axial tabellae common. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.4 to 0.6. Increase is peripheral.

**Description of holotype.**—See Easton (1973).

**Discussion.**—This species is characterized by the highly variable structure of the columella and the great range in corallite diameter and number of major septa (fig. 3). The variation in the latter two characters appears to be continuous and does not permit recognition of separate species or subspecies. The species has been divided into two subspecies on the basis of the complexity of the columella (see below). Similarities between *Acrocyathus floriformis* and the fasciculate species *A. proliferus* are discussed under *A. proliferus*.

**Occurrence.**—*A. floriformis* is abundant in and characteristic of the St. Louis Limestone and correlative formations in the Southeastern Province of Sando and others (1975, 1977). Data on its occurrence are noted under the two subspecies of the species.

***Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis* d'Orbigny**

Plates 5–11; plate 16, figure 2

- Not *Astraea mamillaris* Fischer von Waldheim, 1830, pl. 31, fig. 3.  
*Astraea mamillaris* Castelnau, 1843, p. 45, pl. 24, fig. 5.  
*Acrocyathus floriformis* d'Orbigny, 1849a, p. 12; 1850, p. 160; 1852, p. 184; Thevenin in Boule, 1906, expl. pl. 6, pl. 6, figs. 1, 2; 1907, p. 90; 1923, p. 90, expl. pl. 6, pl. 6, figs. 1, 2; Easton, 1973, p. 130, pl. 1, figs. 1a–f.  
 ?*Lithostrotion mamillare* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 433, pl. 13, fig. 1 [part]; Rominger, 1876, p. 111, pl. 55, upper right figure [part].  
 Not *Lithostrotion mamillare* (Castelnau). White, 1880a (1883), p. 159, pl. 40, figs. 6a, b; 1880b, p. 506, pl. 6, figs. 1, 2; 1882, p. 401, pl. 52, fig. 3.  
 Not *Lithostrotion mamillare*(?) Meek, 1864, p. 5, pl. 1, figs. 4–4b.  
 ?*Lithostrotion canadense* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 483, pl. 13, fig. 1 [part].  
*Lithostrotion canadense* Butts, 1926, p. 176, pl. 58, figs. 12, 13.  
*Lithostrotion? canadense* Ulrich, 1905, p. 33, pl. 3, figs. 1, 2.  
 ?*Lithostrotion basaltiforme* Owen, 1852, expl. pl. 4, pl. 4, figs. 5, 6.  
*Lithostrotion basaltiforme* Owen. Butts, 1917, p. 46, pl. 11, figs. 1, 2.  
*Lithostrotionella castelnaui* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 58, pl. 11, figs. 1, 2.  
*Lithostrotion [Lithostrotionella] castelnaui* (Hayasaka). Bassler, 1950, p. 217.  
*Lithostrotionella americana* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 62, pl. 14, figs. 1, 2 [part].



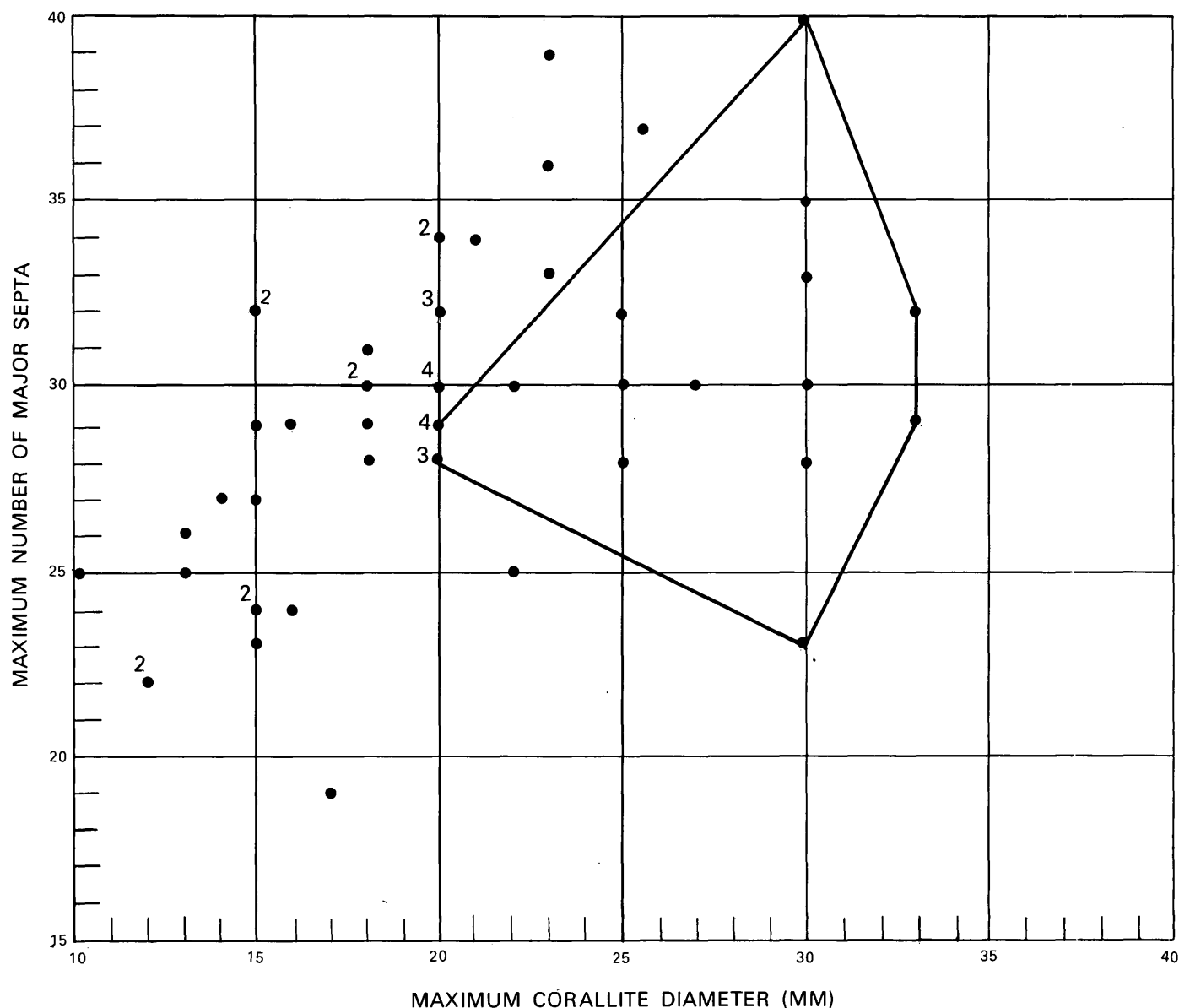


FIGURE 3. — Variation in maximum number of major septa and maximum corallite diameter in 56 coralla of *Acrocyathus floriformis*. Polygon defines field of variation of coralla from one locality (Livingston, Tenn.). Numbers beside dots indicate more than one corallum.

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *americanum* Bassler, 1950, p. 217.  
*Lithostrotionella hemisphaerica* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 61, pl. 12, fig. 1, pl. 13, figs. 1, 2 [part].  
*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *hemisphericum* (Hayasaka). Bassler, 1950, p. 217 [part].  
 Not *Lithostrotionella floriformis* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 64, pl. 17, fig. 1.

*Description of holotype.* — See Easton (1973).

*Material studied.* — MNHN 1140 (holotype), FL 411; USNM 13669, 71646, 120235, 120238, 120240, 120241(?), 161989, 161990, 161991, 161993, 161994, 161995, 161997, 162001(?), 174376, 174377(?), 216205(?), 216206.

*Diagnosis.* — *Acrocyathus floriformis* having an axial structure ranging from a simple axial plate to a complex structure composed of an axial plate, a few axial lamellae, and a few concentric intercepts of axial tabellae or upturned edges of axial tabulae in transverse section.

*Discussion.* — This predominant subspecies of the widespread species *A. floriformis* is distinguished from *A. floriformis hemisphaericus* by its less complex columnella. The two subspecies occur in the same formations in the same geographic areas.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, middle or upper Viséan. St. Louis Limestone, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, U.S.A.; Greenbrier Limestone and Newman Limestone, Virginia, U.S.A.; Hillsdale Member of Greenbrier Limestone, West Virginia, U.S.A.; Newman Limestone, Kentucky, U.S.A.; Tuscumbia Limestone, Alabama, U.S.A.

*Acrocyathus floriformis hemisphaericus* (Hayasaka)

Plates 12–14

*Lithostrotion mamillare* (Castelnau). White, 1880a, p. 159, pl. 40, figs. 1a, b.

*Lithostrotion "canadensis"* (Castelnau). Butts, 1941, p. 239, pl. 129, fig. 3.

*Lithostrotion castelnaui* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 58 [part].

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *castelnaui* (Hayasaka). Bassler, 1950, p. 217 [part].

*Lithostrotionella hemisphaerica* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 61, pl. 12, 13, figs. 2a, b. [part].

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *hemisphericum* (Hayasaka). Bassler, 1950, p. 217.

**Material studied.**—USNM 8211, 98102, 120236, 120237 (holotype), 161992, 161998, 161999, 162000(?).

**Diagnosis.**—*Acrocyathus floriformis* having an axial structure ranging from a simple axial plate to a very complex structure composed of an axial plate, many axial lamellae, and many concentric intercepts of axial tabellae or upturned edges of axial tabulae in transverse section.

**Description of holotype.**—The specimen is a fragment of a large, silicified, cerioid, hemispherical colony. It is about 15 cm high and was more than 18 cm in diameter. Internal structures are poorly preserved.

Corallites are polygonal, have straight double-layered walls as much as 0.25 mm thick, and range from 10 to 15 mm in diameter at maturity. Increase is peripheral. The major septa seldom extend to the columella but commonly extend into the dissepimentarium. The cardinal septum is shorter than the other major septa, and the counter septum commonly joins the columella. There are 26 to 32 major septa at maturity. Minor septa are relatively well developed at the corallite walls and as crests on the dissepiments. The columella ranges from a simple axial plate joined by a few septal lamellae in young corallites to a very complex structure composed of an axial plate, many septal lamellae, and as many as 4 concentric traces of axial tabellae; the columella is as much as 2.5 mm in diameter. Tabulae are ordinarily complete, conical, curved upward to the columella, and spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. The dissepimentarium is weakly lonsdaleoid and consists of 2 to 3 rows of inflated to flattened dissepiments of varying sizes. There are ordinarily 2 or 3 dissepiments in 1 mm. The ratio of the tabularium width to the corallite diameter is about 0.6 to 0.7. Septal microstructure has been destroyed by silicification.

**Discussion.**—This subspecies is distinguished by its compact, very complex columella. The holotype (pl. 12, figs. 1, 2) is a poor example of the species because of the poor preservation of internal structures. A paratype, USNM 161998, is a much better example. This specimen pl. 12, figs. 3, 4) has as many as 5 tabellar rings around the medial plate. The other paratypes have fewer tabellar rings than USNM 161998, but all have a more complex columella than is found in *A. floriformis floriformis*.

The transverse section of this subspecies mimics that of *Lonsdaleia* (*Actinocyathus*) because of its complex columella and lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium. It is readily distinguished from *Lonsdaleia* (*Actinocyathus*) in longitudinal section by lacking a distinct continuous separation of axial and peripheral tabellae. The longitudinal section (pl. 12, fig. 3) also shows that the complexity of the columella ranges from a simple structure like that of *A. floriformis floriformis* to a complex structure in the same corallite.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, middle or upper Viséan. St. Louis Limestone, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri, U.S.A.; Newman Limestone and Greenbrier Limestone, Virginia, U.S.A.; Hillsdale Member of Greenbrier Limestone, West Virginia, U.S.A.

*Acrocyathus pilatus* n. sp.

Plate 17, figures 1, 2

*Lithostrotionella girtyi* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 65 [part].

**Material studied.**—USNM 162004 (holotype).

**Description of holotype.**—The specimen is a fragment of a small, cerioid, hemispherical corallum. It was more than 4.5 cm high and more than 8 cm in diameter. The outer part of the specimen is silicified.

Corallites are polygonal, have straight, double-layered, beaded walls 0.25–0.5 mm thick, and range from 8 to 11 mm in diameter at maturity. Increase is peripheral. The major septa most commonly extend to the columella and may or may not extend into the dissepimentarium. The cardinal septum is elongated in some corallites. There are 17 to 19 major septa at maturity. Minor septa are poorly developed as spines on the corallite walls. The columella is complex, composed of a medial plate, septal lamellae, and conical axial tabellae and is as much as 2 mm in diameter; it is ordinarily thickened by stereoplasm. Tabulae are ordinarily complete, conical, uncurved, and spaced about 0.7 to 0.8 mm apart. The dissepimentarium is weakly lonsdaleoid and consists of 1 or 2 rows of inflated dissepiments of variable size. There are ordinarily 2 or 3 dissepiments in 1 mm. The ratio of the tabularium width to the corallite diameter is about 0.6 to 0.7. Septal microstructure is obscured by recrystallization, seemingly diffusotrabecular.

**Discussion.**—This species is most similar to *Acrocyathus floriformis hemisphaericus* by virtue of its complex columella but is distinguished by having fewer tabellar rings and by the stereoplasmic thickening of the columella.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, middle Viséan. St. Louis Limestone, Illinois, U.S.A.

*Acrocyathus proliferus* (Hall in Hall and Whitney)

Plate 15; plate 16, figures 1, 3, 4

*Lithostrotion mamillare* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 433, pl. 13, figs. 1a, b. [part]; Rominger, 1876, p. 111, pl. 55 [part].

*Lithostrotion canadense* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 483, pl. 13, figs. 1a, b. [part].

*Lithostrotion canadense* Castelnau. Weller, 1898, p. 329 [part].

*Lithostrotion proliferum* Hall in Hall and Whitney, 1858, p. 668, pl. 24, figs. 6a-c; Rominger, 1876, p. 111, pl. 55; Butts, 1917, p. 45, pl. 10, figs. 15-17; 1926, p. 176, pl. 58, fig. 14; Morse, 1930, p. 102, pl. 8; Weller, 1931, p. 276, pl. 37, figs. 1a, b; Kelly, 1942, p. 361, pl. 51, figs. 1, 4; Allen and Lester, 1954, p. 101, pl. 26, fig. 2; not Davis, 1956, p. 31, pl. 2, figs. 3a, b.

*Lithostrotion? proliferum* Hall. Ulrich, 1905, p. 32, pl. 3, figs. 3-7.

*Lithostrotionella prolifera* (Hall). Butts, 1941, p. 239, pl. 129, figs. 1, 2; Weller and others, 1952, p. 84, pl. 1, fig. 5.

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *proliferum* (Hall). Bassler, 1950, p. 217.

**Material studied.**—USNM 841 (neotype), 4587, 37469, 37470, 37471, 39655, 42667, 42705, 42714, 42845, 49941, 52681, 60306, 71647, 135085, 135087, 135091, 135095, 135098, 135168, 135176, 216201, 216207, 216209, 216213, 239233.

**Diagnosis.**—Fasciculate *Acrocyathus* with corallite diameter 10 to 25 mm and 26 to 49 major septa. Internal morphology like that of *Acrocyathus floriformis*, but dissepimentarium is consistently weakly lonsdaleoid. Increase is peripheral.

**Description of neotype.**—I have been unable to locate the specimens originally described and illustrated by Hall (in Hall and Whitney, 1858). I have therefore selected USNM 841, from the St. Louis Limestone, Hardin County, Ill., as neotype for the species.

The neotype is a fragment of a large phaceloid corallum. The specimen is about 12 mm high and 17 × 9 mm in diameter.

Corallites are cylindrical, have single-layered walls about 0.2 mm thick, and range from 12 to 15 mm in diameter at maturity. Increase is peripheral. The major septa do not extend to the columella but do extend into the dissepimentarium, most commonly reaching the corallite wall. There are 26 to 29 major septa at maturity. The cardinal septum is slightly shorter than the other major septa and is in a fossula formed by downwarped tabulae. Minor septa are poorly developed as spines on the corallite walls. The columella ranges from a simple axial plate to a structure made up of axial plate, a few axial lamellae, and a few concentric traces of axial tabellae in transverse section. Tabulae are ordinarily

complete, conical, curved upward at the columella, and spaced about 1 mm apart. The dissepimentarium is weakly lonsdaleoid and consists of 1 to 3 rows of inflated dissepiments of variable size. There is ordinarily 1 dissepiment in 2 mm. The ratio of the tabularium width to the corallite diameter is about 0.6 to 0.8. Septal microstructure is diffusotrabecular.

**Discussion.**—Colonies of the fasciculate *A. proliferus* show the same range in variation of internal structures, such as the columella and tabulae, as the cerioid *A. floriformis*. Both forms have a shortened cardinal septum and commonly a long counter septum. The only consistent internal difference is in the dissepimentarium, where the fasciculate forms have fewer rows of dissepiments, and the dissepimentarium is only weakly lonsdaleoid. Increase in both the fasciculate and cerioid forms is peripheral. In the fasciculate forms, the offsets tend to arise in clusters of several new individuals at levels of rejuvenation of the parent corallite.

Form variation was studied in 263 USNM specimens from the St. Louis Limestone and equivalent beds in Alabama, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, and Michigan. Of these specimens, 154 are cerioid *A. floriformis* and 95 are fasciculate *A. proliferus*. Both forms occur together at two localities. Ordinarily cerioid and fasciculate forms are discrete colonies, but 14 specimens show both growth forms in the same colony (pl. 16). In most of these, cerioid corallites gave rise to fasciculate corallites, but in one colony, a fasciculate form became cerioid at a later stage.

The form variation noted above presents problems in taxonomic treatment of these corals. Some authors (for example, Hill, 1940, p. 151, 166) place cerioid and fasciculate forms of *Lithostrotion* and *Lonsdaleia* in the same genus. Others (for example, Kato, 1966, p. 100-101; Sando, 1975, p. C20) regard the two growth forms as subgenera. The evidence with respect to form variation in "*Lithostrotionella*" *floriformis* and "*Lithostrotion*" *proliferum* suggests a strong genetic relationship between the two forms. Indeed, the basic similarities in internal structure and the presence of transitional forms might lead to the conclusion that the two forms are merely ecologic variants of the same biologic species. However, the rarity of transitional forms, the lack of detailed information on geographic and stratigraphic distribution of the morphotypes, and the obvious practicality of recognizing the two growth forms as separate entities lead me to maintain them as separate species. The treatment is different from my treatment of *Lithostrotion* and *Lonsdaleia*, because in North America, *Lithostrotion* is represented almost entirely by the fasciculate form (*Siphonodendron*), and fasciculate and cerioid *Lonsdaleia* are separated from

each other in different faunal provinces. Furthermore, no transitional forms are known between the subgenera of either *Lithostrotion* or *Lonsdaleia* in North America.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, middle or upper Viséan. St. Louis Limestone and equivalent strata, Illinois, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Michigan, U.S.A.

*Acrocyathus girtyi* (Hayasaka)

Plate 17, figures 3, 4

*Lithostrotionella girtyi* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 65, pl. 13, figs. 3a, b.

?*Lithostrotionella* sp. Parks, 1951, p. 180, pl. 29, figs. 2a, b.

**Material studied.**—USNM 120243 (holotype).

**Description of holotype.**—The specimen is a fragment of a large hemispherical corallum. It was more than 15 cm in diameter and attained a height of more than 8 cm. The outer part of the specimen is silicified.

Corallites are polygonal, have straight double-layered walls as much as 0.3 mm thick, and range from 8 to 11 mm in diameter at maturity. Increase is peripheral. Except for the counter septum, the major septa are short and do not extend to the columella and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. There are 18 to 21 major septa at maturity. Minor septa are absent or poorly developed. The columella is a simple axial plate connected to the counter septum in young corallites but is composed of an axial plate, septal lamellae, and upturned edges of tabulae in mature corallites. The columella is ordinarily thickened by stereoplasm and attains a maximum diameter of 2 mm. Tabulae are ordinarily complete, conical, turned up at the columella, and spaced 0.5 to 1 mm apart. The dissepimentarium is strongly lonsdaleoid and consists of a single row of large inflated dissepiments. There are ordinarily 1 or 2 dissepiments in 2 mm. The ratio of the tabularium width to the corallite diameter is about 0.6 to 0.7. Septal microstructure is fibronormal.

**Discussion.**—This species has a columella and corallite diameter like that of *A. pilatus* but is distinguished from the latter by its strongly lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium, single row of dissepiments, and septa that seldom extend to the columella. The specimen illustrated by Parks (1951) from the "Brazier Limestone" in Utah may belong here, but the lack of information on morphological details prevents certain identification.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, middle or upper Viséan. Little Flat Formation, Utah, U.S.A.

*Acrocyathus pennsylvanicus* (Shimer)

*Lithostrotion pennsylvanicum* Shimer, 1926, p. 27, pl. 5, figs. 3-5 [part].

*Lithostrotionella pennsylvanica* (Shimer). Kelly, 1942, p. 352, pl. 50, figs. 1, 2, 5, 6, 8; Bamber, 1961, p. 145, pl. 11, figs. 1b, c, 3a-f; 1966, p. 19, pl. 4, figs. 1a-c, 2a-c.

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *pennsylvanicum* (Shimer). Bassler, 1950, p. 221.

*Lonsdaleia pennsylvanica* (Shimer). Crickmay, 1955, 1961, p. 13, pl. 1, figs. 11, 12.

*Lithostrotionella pennsylvanicum* (Shimer). Nelson, 1960, p. 117, pl. 22, figs. 4-6; 1961, pl. 17, figs. 3, 4.

**Diagnosis.**—Cerioid *Acrocyathus* with corallite diameter 10 to 17 mm and 18 to 23 major septa that ordinarily approach the columella but do not reach it and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa weakly developed. Columella complex, composed of an axial plate, septal lamellae, and axial tabellae or upturned edges of tabulae. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of large and small inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete, conical, sharply deflected upward at columella, without shoulders or with poorly defined shoulders, and spaced about 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.5 to 0.8. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of lectotype.**—See Nelson (1960) and Bamber (1966).

**Discussion.**—This species falls within the range of *Acrocyathus floriformis* on corallite diameter and number of major septa. *A. pennsylvanicus* is distinguished from *A. floriformis* by lacking differentiation of the cardinal and counter septa, by having fewer rows of dissepiments, and by its larger ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, middle or upper Viséan. Mount Head Formation, Alberta, Canada; Prophet Formation, British Columbia, Canada.

*Acrocyathus utkae* (Degtyarev)

*Eolithostrotionella utkae* Degtyarev, 1973, p. 192, pl. 1, figs. 1a, b.

**Diagnosis.**—Cerioid *Acrocyathus* with corallite diameter 1 to 15 mm and 22 to 25 major septa that approach the columella but ordinarily do not reach it and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent. Columella composed of a thickened axial plate commonly joined by counter and cardinal septa, septal lamellae, and concentric traces of upturned tabulae in transverse section. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete, conical to nearly horizontal, and spaced about 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of holotype.**—See Degtyarev (1973).

**Discussion.**—This species is similar to *A. grechovkae* but differs in having larger corallites, more major septa, a more complex columella, and conical tabulae.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, lower or middle Viséan. Zapadnouralsk Horizon, Ural Mountains, U.S.S.R.

*Acrocyathus rotai* (Zhizhina in Bul'vanker and others)

*Eolithostrotionella rotai* Zhizhina in Bul'vanker and others, 1960, p. 251, pl. 61, figs. 2a, b.

**Diagnosis.**—Cerioid *Acrocyathus* with corallite diameter 15 to 20 mm and 22 to 26 major septa that commonly reach the columella but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent or poorly developed. Columella seemingly simple to complex. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of mostly large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete, conical, and spaced about 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of holotype.**—See Zhizhina (in Bul'vanker and others, 1960).

**Discussion.**—At first glance, the transverse section of this species suggests *Stelechophyllum*, but the tabulae are clearly of the *Acrocyathus* type, and the axial structures in some corallites appear to be complex.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, middle or upper Viséan. Zone C<sub>1</sub><sup>v</sup>f, Donetz Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Acrocyathus cystosus* (Zhizhina in Bul'vanker and others)

*Eolithostrotionella cystosa* Zhizhina in Bul'vanker and others, 1960, p. 250, pl. 61, figs. 1a, b.

**Diagnosis.**—Cerioid *Acrocyathus* with corallite diameter 20 to 30 mm and 28 to 38 major septa that may or may not extend to the columella and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa poorly developed. Columella seemingly simple to complex. Dissepimentarium composed of as many as 5 rows of dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete, conical, and spaced about 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.4 to 0.5. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of holotype.**—See Zhizhina (in Bul'vanker and others, 1960).

**Discussion.**—This species is distinguished by its broad dissepimentarium.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, lower to upper Viséan. Zones C<sub>1</sub><sup>b</sup> to C<sub>1</sub><sup>v</sup>f, Donetz Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Acrocyathus lissitzini* (Zhizhina in Bul'vanker and others)

*Eolithostrotionella lissitzini* Zhizhina in Bul'vanker and others, 1960, p. 252, pl. 61, figs. 3a, b.

**Diagnosis.**—Cerioid *Acrocyathus* with corallite diameter 15 to 20 mm and 18 to 25 major septa that approach the columella but seldom reach it and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent. Columella seemingly simple to complex. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete, conical, and spaced about 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.4 to 0.5. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of holotype.**—See Zhizhina (in Bul'vanker and others, 1960).

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, middle or upper Viséan. Zone C<sub>1</sub><sup>v</sup>f, Donetz Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Acrocyathus hsujiulingi* (Yoh)

*Lithostrotionella hsujiulingi* Yoh, 1961, p. 8, 16, pl. 13, figs. 1a-c.

**Diagnosis.**—Cerioid *Acrocyathus* with corallite diameter averaging 6 mm and about 16 major septa that approach the columella but seldom reach it and do not extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella composed of a thickened axial plate joined to the counter septum, septal lamellae, and concentric traces of tabulae in transverse section. Dissepimentarium composed of a single row of dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete, conical, and spaced about 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.5. Mode of increase seemingly peripheral.

**Description of holotype.**—See Yoh (1961).

**Discussion.**—This species differs from the other Chinese species, *A.?* *unicus*, in having fewer major septa, fewer rows of dissepiments, and a somewhat more complex columella.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous(?), Kwangsi Province, China.

*Acrocyathus? unicus* (Yabe and Hayasaka)

*Lithostrotionella (Lithostrotionella) unicum* Yabe and Hayasaka, 1915, p. 133; 1920, p. 11, pl. 9, figs. 12a, b.

*Lithostrotionella unica* Yabe and Hayasaka. Wu in Yü and others, 1963, p. 86, pl. 24, figs. 7a, b.

*Lithostrotionella unicum* Yabe and Hayasaka. Minato and Kato, 1974, p. 72, pl. 15, fig. 1.

**Diagnosis.**—Cerioid *Acrocyathus?* with corallite diameter averaging 7 mm and about 22 to 26 major septa that approach the columella but seldom reach it and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella seemingly a simple axial plate augmented by a few axial tabellae and septal lamellae. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete, conical, and spaced 6 to 7 in 2 mm. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.5. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of holotype.**—See Yabe and Hayasaka (1915, 1920) and Minato and Kato (1974).

**Discussion.**—This species, the type of *Lithostrotionella*, is referred to *Acrocyathus* with query because of uncertainty concerning the morphology of the type specimen (see previous discussion on page 4).

**Occurrence.**—Carboniferous(?), Yun-nan Province, China.

*Acrocyathus? shimeri* (Crickmay)

*Lithostrotion pennsylvanicum* Shimer, 1926, p. 27 [part].

*Lonsdaleia shimeri* Crickmay, 1955, 1961, p. 13, pl. 1, figs. 9, 10.

*Lithostrotionella shimeri* (Crickmay). Nelson, 1960, p. 114, pl. 21, figs. 9–15, pl. 22, figs. 1–3; 1961, pl. 14, figs. 3–5, pl. 16, figs. 8, 9, pl. 17, fig. 5, pl. 18, figs. 4, 5; Bamber, 1961, p. 137, pl. 10, figs. 4a–d, pl. 11, figs. 1a, d–j, 2a–d; Armstrong, 1962, p. 39, pl. 3, figs. 13–15, text-fig. 19.

*Lithostrotionella pennsylvanica* (Shimer). Armstrong, 1970a, p. 31, pl. 9, figs. 1–3.

**Diagnosis.**—Cerioid *Acrocyathus*? with corallite diameter 7 to 13 mm and 17 to 30 major septa that commonly extend across the tabularium to the columella and seldom extend into the tabularium. Minor septa ordinarily well developed. Columella complex, composed of an axial plate, septal lamellae, and the upturned edges of tabulae. Dissepimentarium composed of a single row of inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete, essentially horizontal, but deflected upward at columella, and spaced about 0.75 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.4 to 0.5. Increase is peripheral.

**Description of holotype.**—See Nelson (1960).

**Discussion.**—This species is distinguished by its nearly horizontal tabulae, which approach the morphology of *Petalaxis*. It differs from the species of *Petalaxis* by its complex columella.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, middle and upper Viséan. Mount Head Formation, Alberta and British Columbia, Canada; Peratrovich Formation, Alaska, U.S.A.; Black Prince Limestone, Arizona, U.S.A.

*Acrocyathus? grechovkae* (Degtyarev)

*Eolithostrotionella grechovkae* Degtyarev, 1973, p. 193, pl. 1, fig. 2, pl. 2, figs. 1a, b.

**Diagnosis.**—Cerioid *Acrocyathus*? with corallite diameter 10 to 12 mm and 18 to 24 major septa that approach the columella but seldom reach it and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent. Columella ordinarily a simple thickened axial plate surrounded by intersections of upturned tabulae in transverse section and occasionally abutted by a few septal lamellae. Dissepimentarium composed of 2 to 3 rows of large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete, nearly horizontal at the periphery, but deflected upward at the columella, and spaced about 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of holotype.**—See Degtyarev (1973).

**Discussion.**—This species is similar to *A.?* *shimeri* in having nearly horizontal tabulae but differs in having fewer major septa, no minor septa, more rows of dissepiments, and a less complex columella.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, lower or middle Viséan. Zapadnouralsk Horizon, Ural Mountains, U.S.S.R.

*Acrocyathus? zhizhinae* (Vasilyuk)

*Eolithostrotionella zhizhinae* Vasilyuk, 1960, p. 95, pl. 25, figs. 1, 1a.

**Diagnosis.**—Cerioid-fasciculate *Acrocyathus*? with corallite diameter 13 to 20 mm and 25 to 27 major septa that extend to the columella but do not extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed, contrasting. Columella seemingly simple to complex, absent in some corallites. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 4 rows of dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete, flat to conical, and spaced 0.75 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.5. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of type material.**—See Vasilyuk (1960).

**Discussion.**—The original description and illustrations of this species leave some doubt concerning the structure of the columella and the tabulae. The species is therefore referred to *Acrocyathus* with a query. The long contrasting minor septa are noteworthy.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, lower to middle Viséan. Zones C<sub>1</sub><sup>v</sup>c and C<sub>1</sub><sup>v</sup>d, Donetz Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Acrocyathus* spp. indet.

The following taxa are not adequately described and illustrated for specific identification:

*Lithostrotionella americana* Hayasaka(?). Nelson, 1960, p. 118, pl. 23, fig. 3. Lower Carboniferous, Viséan. Mount Head Formation, Alberta, Canada.

*Lithostrotionella shimeri* (Crickmay). Nations, 1963, p. 1257, pl. 176, figs. 1, 2. Base of Black Prince Limestone in pebble derived from Escabrosa Limestone, Arizona, U.S.A.

Family PETALAXIDAE Fomichev, 1953

Genus PETALAXIS Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1852

*Stylaxis* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 452 [part] (not McCoy, 1849, p. 119).

*Petalaxis* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1852, p. 204 [part]; Milne-Edwards, 1860, p. 440 [part]; not Barrois, 1882, p. 305; Roemer, 1883, p. 387, 388 [part]; Lindstrom, 1883, p. 12; Stuckenborg, 1888, p. 20 [part]; 1895, p. 74 [part]; Yanishevskiy, 1900, p. 89[?]; Etheridge, 1900, p. 17; Grosch, 1909, p. 5; Yabe and Hayasaka, 1915, p. 94 (32); Bolkhovitinova, 1915, p. 63[?]; Gabounia, 1919, p. 39[?]; not Chi, 1931, p. 28; Dobrolyubova, 1935b, p. 10; Heritsch, 1939, p. 18; not Hill, 1940, p. 165; not Lang, Smith, and Thomas, 1940, p. 97; Kolosvary, 1951, p. 39[?]; Fomichev, 1953, p. 449; not Hill, 1956, p. F 282; Soshkina, Dobrolyubova, and Kabakovich, 1962, p. 339; de Groot, 1963, p. 81; Onoprienko, 1970, p. 3; Fedorowski and Gorianov, 1973, p. 58; not Minato and Kato, 1974, p. 68; Kozyreva, 1974, p. 24 [part]; Sutherland, 1977, p. 185.

*Lithostrotion* Fleming. Eichwald, 1861, p. 149; Trautschold, 1879, p. 36 [part]; Bassler, 1950, p. 222 [part].

*Lithostrotion* (*Petalaxis*) Fomichev, 1931, p. 43.

*Lithostrotion* (*Lithostrotionella*) Merriam, 1942, p. 377 [part]; Bassler, 1950, p. 220, 222, 235, 252; Easton, 1960, p. 578.

*Lithostrotionella* Yabe and Hayasaka. Chi, 1931, p. 28; Yü, 1933 [1934], p. 102[?]; Dobrolyubova, 1935a, p. 10; 1935b, p. 10, 12; 1936a, p. 28; Hayasaka, 1936, p. 65, 70 [part]; Heritsch, 1937, p. 164; Fomichev, 1939, p. 60; Minato, 1955, p. 99[?]; Yokoyama, 1957, p. 78; Nelson, 1960, p. 114 [part]; Yamagiwa, 1961, p. 102[?]; Bamber, 1961, p. 107 [part]; de Groot, 1963, p. 80 [part]; Wu in Yü



and others, 1963, p. 86[?]; Minato and Kato, 1974, p. 68; Onoprienko, 1976, p. 29 [part].

*Lithostrotionella* (Hillia) de Groot, 1963, p. 86.

*Lonsdaleia* McCoy. Dobrolyubova, 1935a, p. 12; 1935b, p. 29.

*Cystolonsdaleia* Fomichev, 1953, p. 464 [part].

*Eastonoides* Wilson and Langenheim, 1962, p. 511.

**Type species.**—*Stylaxis M'coyana* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 453, pl. 12, figs. 5, 5a, equals *Petalaxis M'coyana* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1852, p. 205, equals *Petalaxis maccoyanus* Milne-Edwards and Haime (by subsequent designation of Roemer, 1883, p. 387, 388). Middle Carboniferous (Moscovian), Moscow Basin, U.S.S.R.

**Diagnosis.**—Cerioid colonial corals with tabular to hemispherical growth form. Septa of two orders. Major septa thin, ordinarily extending into the tabularium but seldom reaching the columella and ordinarily discontinuous or absent in the dissepimentarium, but species with weakly lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium are known. Minor septa absent to well developed. Columella ordinarily a simple axial plate joined to counter and (or) cardinal septum but composed of axial plate, impersistent vertical axial tabellae, and a few axial lamellae in some species. Tabulae complete and incomplete, essentially horizontal, flat, concave, or convex, turned up at columella in some species. Peripheral clinotabellae may be present. Dissepimentarium ordinarily lonsdaleoid but may be mostly regular in some species. Increase peripheral and intermural.

**Discussion.**—Milne-Edwards and Haime (1852, p. 204) proposed *Petalaxis* for corals previously described and named *Stylaxis M'coyana* and *Stylaxis portlocki* (Milne Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 452) because *Stylaxis* had become a junior synonym of *Lithostrotion*, and these two species were distinct. *P. M'coyana*, described and illustrated in 1851, was distinguished by having septa that were interrupted by the dissepiments and did not reach the corallite wall. The type specimen was collected by Verneuil at Kolomna on the Oka River in the Moscow Basin, U.S.S.R., where it is now known that beds of Middle Carboniferous (Moscovian) age are exposed. Subsequently, Hill (1940, p. 167) determined that *P. portlocki*, from the Lower Carboniferous of England, is a *Lithostrotion*. Milne-Edwards (1860, p. 440) diagnosed the genus *Petalaxis* for the first time, basing the diagnosis on the previous description of *P. M'coyana*.

Lang, Smith, and Thomas (1940, p. 97) concluded incorrectly that *Petalaxis* is a replacement name for *Nematophyllum* and that, therefore, *Petalaxis* is a junior synonym of *Lithostrotion*. Hill (1940, p. 167) also attempted to place *Petalaxis* in the synonymy of *Lithostrotion* by selecting *P. portlocki* as type species. However, the foregoing nomenclatural actions were invalidated by Roemer's (1883, p. 387, 388) earlier designation of *P. M'coyana* as the type species of *Petalaxis*.

Although the name *Petalaxis* was used by several earlier Russian authors (Stuckenberg, 1888, 1895; Yanishevskiy, 1900, Bolkhovitinova, 1915; Gabounia, 1919, Fomichev, 1931), there was confusion over the meaning of the name for many years. In the meanwhile, Yabe and Hayasaka (1915) had proposed *Lithostrotionella*, and some authors (for example, Dobrolyubova, 1935a, b, 1936a) used this name in preference to *Petalaxis* for corals with a simple columella and lonsdaleoid dissepiments, regardless of the nature of the tabulae. Fomichev (1953, p. 449–463) sought to clarify the usage of *Petalaxis* by regarding *P. maccoyanus* as the type species and describing some other Middle Carboniferous corals under the name of *Petalaxis*; he noted that forms with horizontal tabulae are characteristic of the Middle Carboniferous in contrast to the tent-shaped tabulae of Early Carboniferous corals.

Kozyreva (1974, p. 24–26) summarized the history of *Petalaxis* and stressed the importance of horizontal tabulae in the definition of the genus. She included in the genus some North American species that actually belong to *Stelechophyllum*, *Acrocyathus*, and *Thysanophyllum*.

Sutherland (1977) reviewed the *Petalaxis* problem and pointed out that the type specimen has been lost. He based his discussion of the genus on a study of topotypes at the Paleontological Institute in Moscow. Sutherland called attention to the fact that the topotypes have a variable axial structure that is complex in some corallites. He also stressed the horizontal tabulae as a distinguishing feature of *Petalaxis*, which occurs predominantly in the Middle Carboniferous.

*Petalaxis* is distinguished from *Acrocyathus* and *Stelechophyllum* chiefly by its horizontal tabulae and by its columella. In *Acrocyathus*, the tabulae are conical, without well-defined shoulders, and in *Stelechophyllum*, the tabulae are tent-shaped, with well-defined shoulders and a peripheral zone of more or less horizontal tabellae. In *Petalaxis*, the columella is most commonly a simple, thickened or unthickened axial plate connected to the counter and (or) cardinal septum, but some species have impersistent vertical axial tabellae and rare septal lamellae. In *Acrocyathus*, the columella ranges from a simple axial plate to a complex spiderweb structure composed of axial plate, septal lamellae, and axial tabellae or upturned tabulae. In *Stelechophyllum*, the columella is always a simple axial plate or rod unmodified by axial tabellae or septal lamellae.

Fomichev (1953, p. 464) proposed *Cystolonsdaleia* as a subgenus of *Petalaxis* for corals from the Middle and Upper Carboniferous of the Donetz Basin that have a columella composed of a medial plate, a few septal lamellae, and axial tabellae similar to the Early Carboniferous *Lonsdaleia*. The type species of

*Cystolonsdaleia* is *C. lutugini* Fomichev from the Moscovian of the Donetz Basin. Fomichev also included *Lonsdaleia portlocki* (Stuckenborg) of Dobrolyubova (1935a, b) and *Lonsdaleia ivanovi* Dobrolyubova (1935a, b) from the Moscovian of the Moscow Basin and indicated that species attributed to *Stylidophyllum* from the Permian of China by Yoh and Huang (1932) and Huang (1932) might belong to the new subgenus. The Permian species were later reassigned to genera of the Family Waagenophyllidae by Minato and Kato (1965).

*Petalaxis maccoyanus*, the type species of *Petalaxis*, has an imperisistently developed complex axial structure with the same morphologic elements as the axial structure of most of the Moscovian species assigned to *Cystolonsdaleia* by Fomichev. It seems impractical to separate these species generically from *P. maccoyanus*. The type species of *Cystolonsdaleia*, *C. lutugini*, differs from the other Moscovian species by having a complex spiderweb columella with inner zone of tabellae distinct from an outer zone of regular concave tabulae. Accordingly, *Cystolonsdaleia* is retained as a separate genus for this complex species, whereas the other species are placed in *Petalaxis*.

De Groot (1964, p. 86) proposed *Hillia* as a subgenus of *Lithostrotionella* for corals from the Bashkirian of Spain that differ from *Lithostrotion* by having major septa that fall short of the columella, horizontal tabulae, and a columella connected to the cardinal septum; they differ from true *Lithostrotionella* by having a poorly developed lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium.

In other corals that have a columella arising from a single septum, that septum is the counter septum wherever the septa can be identified. De Groot gave no evidence for her conclusion that the septum in *Hillia* is the cardinal septum, and her illustrations of species assigned to *Hillia* show no basis for that conclusion. The columella appears to be the same as that seen in many species of *Petalaxis*. Moreover, the name *Hillia* is preoccupied by *Hillia* Grote (1883) and *Hillia* Mallock (1929), according to Cotton (1974, p. 13), and a replacement name has not been proposed. In my opinion, the reasons for separating *Hillia* de Groot from *Petalaxis* are insufficient, and I am reassigning the species of *Hillia* to *Petalaxis*, recognizing them only as a species group within that genus.

*Eastonoides* was proposed by Wilson and Langenheim (1962, p. 511) for a Permian coral that has a columella composed of an axial plate connected to the counter septum augmented by rare axial tabellae, slightly sloping tabulae, and a vertically discontinuous lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium. *Lonsdaleia ivanovi* Dobrolyubova was included as the only other known species referred to *Eastonoides*. The essential features of this genus are so similar to the type species of *Petalaxis* that I regard

*Eastonoides* as a junior synonym of *Petalaxis*, which includes four other Permian species.

Species of *Petalaxis* are distinguished on differences in mature corallite diameter, number of major septa at maturity, development of minor septa, complexity and development of the columella, major septal extensions into the tabularium, major septal extensions into the dissepimentarium, shape and completeness of the tabulae, spacing of the tabulae, number of rows of dissepiments, size and shape of the dissepiments, and the ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter.

The species of *Petalaxis* may be arranged in five species groups:

1. *P. simplex* group, including *simplex*, *wyomingensis*, *tabulatus*, *bailliei*, and *tshucoticus*. This group comprises simple forms having mostly complete tabulae turned up at the columella and a simple columella; these forms occur in the Lower Carboniferous (Viséan) and lowest Middle Carboniferous (Namurian).
2. *P. flexuosus* group, including *flexuosus*, *donbassicus*, *mokomokensis*, *exiguus*, *brokawi*, *monocyclicus*, *sexangulus*, *taishakuensis*, *immanis*, *belinskiensis*, *major*, *fomichevi*, and *grootae*. This group comprises forms having a simple columella and a narrow dissepimentarium (large ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter); these forms occur in the Middle Carboniferous (Bashkirian and Moscovian) and Permian.
3. *P. wagneri* group, including *wagneri*, *perapertuensis*, *radians*, *intermedius*, *santaemariae*, *cantabricus*, *orboensis*, and *occidentalis*. This group comprises forms having a simple columella and a weakly lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium; these forms occur in the Middle Carboniferous (Bashkirian and Moscovian) and Permian.
4. *P. vesiculosus* group, including *vesiculosus*, *lisitschanskensis*, *exilis*, *confertus*, *persubtilis*, *korkhovae*, *mirus*, and *evidens*. This group comprises forms having a simple columella and a narrow dissepimentarium (small ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter); these forms occur in the Middle Carboniferous (Bashkirian and Moscovian).
5. *P. maccoyanus* group, including *maccoyanus*, *stylaxis*, *mohikanus*, *celadensis*, *elyensis*, *dobrolyubovae*, *donetsensis*, and *ivanovi*. This group comprises forms having a complex columella; these forms occur in the Middle Carboniferous (Moscovian) and Permian.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous (Viséan), Middle Carboniferous (Namurian, Bashkirian, and Moscovian), and Permian. U.S.S.R., U.S.A., Canada, Spain, Japan, China(?), Spitzbergen(?).

*Petalaxis simplex* species group*Petalaxis simplex* (Hayasaka)

Plate 18, figures 1-3

*Lithostrotionella simplex* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 70, pl. 14, figs. 4a, b;  
Bamber, 1961, p. 155, pl. 12, figs. 2a-c.

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *simplex* (Hayasaka). Bassler, 1950,  
p. 220.

*Material studied.*—USNM 120249 (holotype).

*Description of holotype.*—The specimen is a fragment of a corallum of indeterminate shape in limestone matrix. It was more than 9 cm in diameter and more than 4 cm in height.

Corallites are polygonal, have straight, slightly beaded, double-layered walls as much as 0.3 mm thick, and range from 6 to 9 mm in diameter at maturity. Except for the counter septum, the major septa are short, do not extend to the columella, and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. There are 16 to 18 major septa at maturity. Minor septa are absent or poorly developed. The columella is a simple thin axial plate that may or may not be connected to the counter septum. Tabulae are ordinarily complete and essentially horizontal; some are turned up at the columella to produce concentric traces in the transverse sections of some corallites. Tabulae are irregularly spaced 0.5 to 1 mm apart. The dissepimentarium is strongly lonsdaleoid and consists of a single row of large inflated dissepiments. There are ordinarily about 2 dissepiments in 2 mm. The ratio of the tabularium width to the corallite diameter is about 0.6 to 0.7. The mode of increase is indeterminate. Septal microstructure is fibronormal.

*Discussion.*—Comparison with *P. wyomingensis* is made under the discussion of that species.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, upper Viséan. Little Flat Formation, Utah, U.S.A.

*Petalaxis wyomingensis*, n. sp.

Plate 18, figures 4, 5

*Lithostrotionella simplex* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 70 [part].

*Material studied.*—USNM 120675 (holotype).

*Description of holotype.*—The specimen is a fragment of a corallum of indeterminate shape in limestone matrix. It was more than 7 cm in diameter and more than 4 cm in height.

Corallites are polygonal, have sinuous, beaded, double-layered walls as much as 0.6 mm thick, and range from 7 to 9 mm in diameter at maturity. The major septa ordinarily extend to the columella but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. There are 17 to 18 major septa at maturity. Minor septa are absent. The columella is a simple thickened axial plate ordinarily connected to the counter septum. It is as much as 0.7 mm in short diameter and 1 mm in long diameter. Tabulae are complete or incomplete, essentially horizontal, turned up at

the columella, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 0.5 mm apart. The dissepimentarium is strongly lonsdaleoid and consists of 1 to 3 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Ordinarily, there are 1 to 3 dissepiments in 2 mm. The ratio of tabularium width to the corallite diameter is about 0.5 to 0.6. The mode of increase is indeterminate. Septal microstructure is fibronormal.

*Discussion.*—The holotype of this species was a paratype of *Lithostrotionella simplex* Hayasaka. *P. wyomingensis* is similar to *P. simplex* (Hayasaka) but differs in having longer major septa, a thickened columella, thicker corallite walls, more rows of dissepiments, a smaller ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter, and more tabulae.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Namurian. "Wells" Formation, Wyoming, U.S.A.

*Petalaxis tabulatus* (Hayasaka)

Plate 19, figures 5-7

*Lithostrotionella tabulata* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 69, pl. 17, fig. 2.

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *tabulatum* (Hayasaka). Bassler, 1950,  
p. 220.

*Material studied.*—USNM 120246 (holotype), USNM 216197 (paratypes).

*Description of holotype.*—The specimen is a fragment of a corallum of indeterminate shape. It was more than 12 cm in diameter and 14 cm in height.

Corallites are polygonal, have straight, beaded, and denticulate double-layered walls as much as 0.4 mm thick, and range from 8 to 10 mm in diameter at maturity. The major septa ordinarily extend to the columella and into the dissepimentarium. There are 16 to 18 major septa at maturity. Minor septa are ordinarily well developed. The columella is a simple, serrated, thickened axial plate connected to one or more major septa. Tabulae are mostly complete, essentially horizontal, commonly turned up at the columella, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 0.5 mm apart. The dissepimentarium is composed of 1 to 2 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. There are 2 to 4 dissepiments in 2 mm. The ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter is about 0.6 to 0.7. The mode of increase is peripheral. Septal microstructure is obscure, seemingly amorphous.

*Discussion.*—The transverse section of this species looks like that of a *Stelechophyllum*. It is placed in *Petalaxis* because of its horizontal tabulae. The species differs from *P. wyomingensis* in having a serrated, less thickened columella, to which more major septa are attached, thinner corallite walls, a larger ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter, more extensions of the major septa into the tabularium, and well-developed minor septa.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Carboniferous, upper Viséan. Aspen Range Formation, Idaho, U.S.A.

*Petalaxis bailliei* (Nelson)

*Lithostrotionella bailliei* Nelson, 1960, p. 114, pl. 21, figs. 7, 8; 1962, pl. 14, figs. 1, 2.

*Lithostrotionella* cf. *bailliei* Nelson. Bamber, 1961, p. 126, pl. 10, figs. 1a-g.

**Diagnosis.**—*Petalaxis* with corallites 5 to 6 mm in diameter and 17 to 18 major septa that ordinarily extend to the columella but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa ordinarily well developed. Columella a simple thickened axial rod or plate formed by extension of the counter septum. Dissepimentarium composed of a single row of large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae ordinarily complete, essentially horizontal, and irregularly spaced 3 in 1 mm. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.5. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of holotype.**—See Nelson (1960).

**Discussion.**—This species is distinguished from *P. wyomingensis* and *P. tabulatus* by its smaller corallite diameter.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, Viséan. Mount Head Formation, Alberta, Canada; and Prophet Formation, British Columbia, Canada (E. W. Bamber, written commun., 1980).

*Petalaxis tschucoticus* (Onoprienko)

*Lithostrotionella tschucotica* Onoprienko, 1976, p. 30, pl. 10, fig. 6, pl. 11, figs. 1, 2.

**Diagnosis.**—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 5 to 7 mm and 15 to 17 major septa that ordinarily extend to the columella but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa poorly developed. Columella a simple axial plate connected to cardinal and counter septa. Dissepimentarium composed of a single row of large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae ordinarily complete, horizontal, commonly turned up at columella, regularly spaced 0.3 to 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.5 to 0.6. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of type material.**—See Onoprienko (1976).

**Discussion.**—This species differs from *P. bailliei* by having fewer major septa, a less robust columella, and weaker minor septa.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Carboniferous, Namurian. Yunon Suite, West Chukotka, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis flexuosus* species group*Petalaxis flexuosus* (Trautschold)

*Lithostrotion flexuosum* Trautschold, 1879, p. 37, pl. 5, figs. 7a, b.

*Lithostrotionella flexuosa* (Trautschold). Dobrolyubova, 1935a, p. 11, pl. 3, figs. 1, 2; 1935b, p. 18, pl. 3, figs. 1, 2.

?*Lithostrotionella flexuosa* (Trautschold). Heritsch, 1939, p. 30, pl. 13, fig. 5, pl. 19, fig. 5.

?*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *flexuosum* Trautschold. Bassler, 1950, p. 235.

**Diagnosis.**—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 5 to 7 mm and 14 to 17 major septa that approach the columella but seldom reach it and commonly extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella a simple thickened axial plate ordinarily connected to the counter septum and to the cardinal septum in some corallites. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 2 rows of generally small inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete and incomplete, horizontal to inclined, flat, concave or convex, irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.6 to 0.7. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of type material.**—See Trautschold (1879). The diagnosis is taken largely from Dobrolyubova's (1935b) descriptions and illustrations of topotypes.

**Discussion.**—*Petalaxis flexuosus* differs from *P. stylaxis* by lacking a complex columella and by having better development of the minor septa, more extensions of the major septa into the dissepimentarium, and generally smaller dissepiments.

Fomichev (1953, p. 453) and Kozyreva (1974, p. 25) placed *P. flexuosus* in the synonymy of *P. maccoyanus* Milne-Edwards and Haime because of general similarity in morphology. I regard these two species as distinct because *P. flexuosus* does not seem to have axial tabellae like *P. maccoyanus*. However, Sutherland (1977, p. 187) pointed out that the complexity of the axial structure is a variable feature in topotypes of *P. maccoyanus*; hence, Dobrolyubova's (1935b) description may be based on simple corallites in a variable colony.

Heritsch's (1939) specimen is referred questionably to the species because no longitudinal section is available.

**Occurrence.**—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Myachkovo Horizon (C<sub>2</sub><sup>4</sup>), Moscow Basin, U.S.S.R. Kings Bay, Spitzbergen(?).

*Petalaxis donbassicus* (Fomichev)

*Lithostrotionella donbassica* Fomichev, 1939, p. 60, pl. 9, figs. 4a, b.

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *donbassica* (Fomichev). Bassler, 1950, p. 222.

**Diagnosis.**—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 5 to 7 mm and 14 to 17 major septa that approach the columella but seldom reach it and commonly extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella a strongly thickened axial plate ordinarily connected to the counter septum. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 2 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae ordinarily complete, horizontal, irregularly spaced 0.25 to 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.5 to 0.6. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of type material.**—See Fomichev (1939).

**Discussion.**—This species is very similar to *Petalaxis flexuosus*, from which it differs in having better develop-

ment of the minor septa, a thicker columella, a wider dissepimentarium (smaller ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter), and more complete tabulae.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Svita C<sub>2</sub><sup>6</sup> (L<sub>5</sub>), Donetz Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis mokomokensis* (Easton)

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *mokomokensis* Easton, 1960, p. 578, text-figs. 9, 10.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter about 7 mm and 15 major septa that ordinarily are short and do not extend to the columella or into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa poorly developed. Columella a thin axial plate connected to the counter septum. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 2 rows of large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete and incomplete, essentially horizontal, mostly concave, irregularly spaced 0.25 to 0.75 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.7. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of type material.*—See Easton (1960).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from Middle Carboniferous species from the Soviet Union by its thinner columella and more generally concave tabulae.

*Occurrence.*—Permian. Arcturus Formation, Nevada, U.S.A.

*Petalaxis exiguus* n. sp.

Plate 19, figures 1–4

*Lithostrotionella girtyi* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 65 [part].

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *girtyi* (Hayasaka). Bassler, 1950, p. 220 [part].

*Material studied.*—USNM 162002B (holotype) and USNM 162002A (paratype).

*Description of holotype.*—The specimen is a small complete silicified corallum 3.5 cm in diameter and 2 cm in height.

Corallites are polygonal, have straight to rounded, beaded, sinuous, double-layered walls as much as 0.4 mm thick, and range from 10 to 12 mm in diameter at maturity. Except for the counter and cardinal septa, the major septa extend about halfway to the columella and are present in the dissepimentarium only as crests. There are 14 to 15 major septa at maturity. Minor septa are absent. The columella is a simple thickened axial plate, commonly connected to both counter and cardinal septa. Tabulae are complete or incomplete, essentially horizontal, concave to convex, and irregularly spaced 0.5 to 1 mm apart. The dissepimentarium is strongly lonsdaleoid and consists of 1 to 2 rows of mostly large inflated dissepiments. The ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter is about 0.6. Increase is peripheral. Septal microstructure is fibronormal.

*Discussion.*—The holotype and paratype of this new species were paratypes of *Lithostrotionella girtyi*

Hayasaka. The two type specimens are so small that they may actually represent immature coralla, although no larger coralla were found at the type locality. The description of the holotype serves as a diagnosis for the species, because the paratype is essentially identical with the holotype.

*Petalaxis exiguus* is distinguished from *P. mokomokensis*, another Permian form, by its diminutive corallum, thickened columella, larger corallite diameter, and smaller ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter.

*Occurrence.*—Permian. McCloud Limestone, California, U.S.A.

*Petalaxis brokawi* (Wilson and Langenheim)

*Lithostrotionella* sp. Langenheim and others, 1960, p. 151.

*Lithostrotionella brokawi* Wilson and Langenheim, 1962, p. 512, pl. 88, figs. 7, 8.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 4 to 5 mm and 10 to 15 major septa that ordinarily are short and do not extend to the columella and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa ordinarily well developed. Columella a simple thickened axial plate ordinarily connected to the counter septum. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 2 rows of mostly large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae mostly complete, inclined slightly toward columella, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.5. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of type specimens.*—See Wilson and Langenheim (1962).

*Discussion.*—*Petalaxis brokawi* is distinguished from *P. mokomokensis* by its smaller corallites, thickened columella, well-developed minor septa, and smaller ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter.

*Occurrence.*—Lower Permian. Ely Limestone, Nevada, U.S.A.

*Petalaxis monocyclicus* (de Groot)

*Lithostrotionella monocyclica* de Groot, 1963, p. 85, pl. 17, figs. 1a–c.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 5 to 8 mm and 20 to 24 major septa that ordinarily approach the columella but do not reach it and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent. Columella a simple thin axial plate connected to the counter septum and to the cardinal septum in some corallites. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of elongate dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete, essentially horizontal, concave, turned up at the columella, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.4 to 0.5. Mode of increase peripheral.

*Description of holotype.*—See de Groot (1964 [1963]).

*Discussion.*—This species differs from the Middle Carboniferous and Permian species diagnosed on previous pages in this report by having tabulae that are regularly

concave and turned up at the columella. It also has more major septa.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Santa Maria Limestone, Palencia, Spain.

*Petalaxis sexangulus* (de Groot)

*Lithostrotionella sexangulus* de Groot, 1963, p. 84, pl. 16, figs. 3a-c, 4a, b.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 3 to 4 mm and 13 to 15 major septa that ordinarily extend about halfway to the columella and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa poorly developed. Columella a simple slightly thickened axial plate connected to the counter septum and to the cardinal septum in some corallites. Dissepimentarium composed of a single row of small dissepiments. Tabulae mostly complete, essentially horizontal, but commonly nearly tent-shaped, turned up at the columella, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.8. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of type material.*—See de Groot (1964 [1963]).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from other members of the *P. flexuosus* species group by its very large ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter and its tabulae that are commonly nearly tent-shaped and turned up at the columella.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Palencia, Spain.

*Petalaxis taishakuensis* (Yokoyama)

*Lithostrotionella taishakuensis* Yokoyama, 1957, p. 78, pl. 10, figs. 1-4.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 3 to 4 mm and 13 to 15 major septa that ordinarily are short and do not extend to the columella and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella a simple axial plate connected to the counter septum and joined by 2 or 3 other major septa. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 2 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete and incomplete, essentially horizontal, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6 to 0.7. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of holotype.*—See Yokoyama (1957).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from *P. sexangulus* by having its columella joined by several major septa, by having stronger major septa, by its tabulae not being turned up at the columella, by its smaller ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter, and by having more rows of dissepiments.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous. Dangyokei Formation, Hiroshima, Japan.

*Petalaxis immanis* Kozyreva

*Petalaxis immanis* Kozyreva, 1974, p. 30, pl. 2, figs. 4a-c, 5a, b.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 8 to 18 mm and 17 to 18 major septa that ordinarily approach the columella but do not reach it and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent or poorly developed. Columella a simple, strongly thickened axial plate connected to counter septum. Dissepimentarium composed of 2 rows of small inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete, essentially horizontal, turned up at columella, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.5 to 0.6. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of type material.*—See Kozyreva (1974).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from all other members of the *P. flexuosus* species group by its very large corallites and its strongly thickened columella.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Horizon b<sub>1</sub>-b<sub>2</sub>, Voronezh antecline, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis belinskiensis* Fomichev

*Petalaxis mccoyana* var. *belinskiensis* Fomichev, 1953, p. 457, pl. 31, figs. 3a, b.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 7 to 12 mm and 16 to 24 major septa that approach the columella but seldom reach it and commonly extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella a simple thickened axial plate ordinarily connected to the counter septum. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae mostly complete, essentially horizontal, and spaced 0.25 to 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.4 to 0.5. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of type material.*—See Fomichev (1953).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from *P. donbassicus* by having larger corallites, more major septa, and a broader dissepimentarium. It lacks the complex columella that characterizes *P. mccoyana*.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. L<sub>5</sub> Limestone, Donetsk Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis major* (de Groot)

*Lithostrotionella mccoyana* forma *major* de Groot, 1963, p. 83, pl. 16, figs. 2a, b.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 5 to 9 mm and 17 to 22 major septa that closely approach the columella but seldom reach it and that commonly extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella a simple axial plate, seldom dilated, connected to the counter septum. A few septal lamellae present in some corallites but no axial tabellae. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of inflated

dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae mostly incomplete, horizontal, concave, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6. Increase peripheral.

*Description of holotype.*—See de Groot (1964 [1963]). The holotype is RGM 112726.

*Discussion.*—This species differs from *P. maccoyanus* by lacking a complex columella and by its larger corallite diameter and more numerous major septa. It differs from *P. vesiculosus* by having longer major septa, more major septa, by the presence of septal lamellae, and by having more rows of dissepiments.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Vañes Formation, Palencia, Spain.

*Petalaxis fomichevi* n. sp.

*Petalaxis maccoyana* Milne-Edwards and Haime. Fomichev, 1953, p. 453, pl. 31, figs. 1a-d, 2a-d.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 5 to 8 mm and 13 to 22 major septa that extend about half way to the columella and commonly extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella a simple thickened axial plate ordinarily connected to the counter septum and to the cardinal septum in some corallites. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete and incomplete, flat to convex, horizontal, and spaced 0.25 to 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.5 to 0.7. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of type material.*—See Fomichev (1953). The holotype is here designated specimen number 57 of Fomichev (1953, p. 456).

*Discussion.*—This species differs from *P. maccoyanus* by lacking a complex columella and other morphological details. It is distinguished from *P. flexuosus* by having more major septa, more regular tabulae, and more rows of dissepiments.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. L<sub>5</sub> Limestone, Donetz Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis grootae*, n. sp.

*Lithostrotionella maccoyana* (Edwards and Haime). De Groot, 1963, p. 82, pl. 16, fig. 1a, b.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 4 to 6 mm and 14 to 16 major septa that approach the columella but seldom reach it and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella a simple axial plate, curved in some corallites, and ordinarily connected to the counter septum. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete and incomplete, essentially horizontal, flat, concave or convex, and spaced 0.25 to 0.75 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium

width to corallite diameter about 0.6 to 0.7. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of type material.*—See de Groot (1964 [1963], p. 83). The holotype is here designated RGM 112721.

*Discussion.*—This species differs from *P. maccoyanus* by lacking a complex columella. It is distinguished from *P. flexuosus* by having longer major septa, a thinner, commonly curved columella, more rows of dissepiments, and more regularly spaced tabulae.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Vañes Formation and Cotarraso Limestone, Palencia, Spain.

*Petalaxis wagneri* species group

*Petalaxis wagneri* (de Groot)

*Lithostrotionella* (*Hillia*) *wagneri* de Groot, 1963, p. 88, pl. 18, figs. 1-3.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 3 to 4.5 mm and 14 to 16 major septa that closely approach the columella but seldom reach it and extend into the dissepimentarium, ordinarily being attached to the corallite wall. Minor septa ordinarily well developed. Columella a simple axial plate connected to counter or cardinal septum. Dissepimentarium weakly lonsdaleoid, composed of a single row of small inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete or incomplete, essentially horizontal, mostly concave, and spaced 0.5 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.7 to 0.8. Increase peripheral.

*Description of type material.*—See de Groot (1964 [1963]).

*Discussion.*—This species is similar to *P. maccoyanus* but has smaller corallites, fewer major septa, a weakly lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium, and a simple columella.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Perapertú Formation, Palencia, Spain.

*Petalaxis perapertuensis* (de Groot)

*Lithostrotionella* (*Hillia*) *perapertuensis* de Groot, 1963, p. 89, pl. 19, figs. 1a-c, 2a-d.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 3.5 to 4.5 mm and 14 to 19 major septa that closely approach the columella but seldom reach it and ordinarily extend across the dissepimentarium to the corallite wall. Minor septa ordinarily well developed. Corallite walls strongly dilated. Columella a simple thickened axial plate connected to counter or cardinal septum. Dissepimentarium weakly lonsdaleoid, composed of 1 to 2 rows of small inflated dissepiments. Tabulae incomplete, essentially horizontal, mostly concave, and spaced 0.25 to 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.6 to 0.8. Increase peripheral.

*Description of type material.*—See de Groot (1964 [1963]).



*Discussion.*—This species differs from *P. wagneri* by having more major septa, more tabulae, and strongly dilated corallite walls.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Perapertú Formation, Palencia, Spain.

*Petalaxis radians* (de Groot)

*Lithostrotionella* (*Hillia*) *radians* de Groot, 1963, p. 89, pl. 20, figs. 1a-c.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 7 to 9 mm and 15 to 18 major septa that closely approach the columella but seldom reach it and extend into the dissepimentarium, ordinarily being attached to the corallite wall. Minor septa ordinarily well developed. Columella a simple axial plate connected to the counter or cardinal septum. Dissepimentarium weakly lonsdaleoid, composed of 1 to 3 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae incomplete, horizontal, mostly convex, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.5 to 0.6. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of type material.*—See de Groot (1964 [1963]).

*Discussion.*—This species differs from *P. wagneri* by having larger corallites, more rows of dissepiments, and less regular tabulae.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Perapertú Formation, Palencia, Spain.

*Petalaxis intermedius* (de Groot)

*Lithostrotionella* (*Hillia*) *intermedia* de Groot, 1963, p. 90, pl. 20, figs. 2a, b, 3.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 5 to 7 mm and 16 to 19 major septa that closely approach the columella but seldom reach it and extend into the dissepimentarium, commonly being attached to the corallite wall. Minor septa well developed. Columella a simple axial plate connected to counter or cardinal septum. Dissepimentarium weakly lonsdaleoid, composed of 1 to 4 rows of mostly small inflated dissepiments. Tabulae mostly incomplete, flat, concave or convex, horizontal, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 0.75 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.7 to 0.8. Increase peripheral.

*Description of type material.*—See de Groot (1964 [1963]).

*Discussion.*—This species differs from *P. wagneri* by having larger corallites, more major septa, and more tabulae.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Perapertú Formation, Palencia, Spain.

*Petalaxis santaemariae* (de Groot)

*Lithostrotionella* (*Hillia*) *santaemariae* de Groot, 1963, p. 91, pl. 21, figs. 1a-e.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 3.5 to 8 mm and 16 to 19 major septa that closely approach the columella but seldom reach it and extend into the dissepimentarium, ordinarily attached to the corallite wall. Minor septa poorly developed. Corallite walls strongly dilated. Columella a simple thickened axial plate connected to counter or cardinal septum. Dissepimentarium weakly lonsdaleoid, composed of a single row of small inflated dissepiments. Tabulae mostly complete, horizontal, mostly concave, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. A peripheral zone of clinotabellae may be present. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.8. Increase peripheral.

*Description of holotype.*—See de Groot (1964 [1963]).

*Discussion.*—This species differs from *P. perapertuensis* by having larger corallites, poorly developed minor septa, and fewer tabulae.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Santa Maria Limestone, Palencia, Spain.

*Petalaxis cantabricus* (de Groot)

*Lithostrotionella* (*Hillia*) *cantabrica* de Groot, 1963, p. 92, pl. 22, figs. 1-4.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 4 to 8 mm and 19 to 28 major septa that closely approach the columella but seldom reach it and extend into the dissepimentarium, ordinarily being attached to the corallite wall. Minor septa well developed. Corallite wall strongly dilated and denticulate. Columella a simple commonly thickened axial plate connected to counter or cardinal septum. Dissepimentarium weakly lonsdaleoid, composed of 1 to 3 rows of small inflated dissepiments. Tabulae mostly complete, horizontal, concave, and spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. A peripheral zone of clinotabellae may be present. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6 to 0.7. Increase peripheral.

*Description of type material.*—See de Groot (1964 [1963]).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from all others in the *P. wagneri* species group by having more major septa.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian to Moscovian(?). Santa Maria Limestone, Perapertú Formation, and Celada Limestone, Palencia, Spain.

*Petalaxis orboensis* (de Groot)

*Lithostrotionella* *orboensis* de Groot, 1963, p. 85, pl. 17, figs. 2a-d.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 4.5 to 8 mm and 16 to 21 major septa that closely approach the columella but seldom reach it and extend into the dissepimentarium, commonly being attached to the corallite wall. Minor septa well developed. Columella a simple axial plate connected to counter or cardinal septum;

columella absent or discontinuous in some corallites. Dissepimentarium weakly lonsdaleoid, composed of 1 to 3 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete and incomplete, generally horizontal but turned up at columella, and spaced 0.25 to 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.7. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of type material.*—See de Groot (1964 [1963]).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from others in the *P. wagneri* group by having tabulae that are turned up at the columella and by having the columella absent or discontinuous in some corallites.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Orbo Limestone, Palencia, Spain.

*Petalaxis occidentalis* (Merriam)

Plate 20, figures 1, 2

*Lithostrotion* (*Lithostrotionella*) *occidentalis* Merriam, 1942, p. 377, pl. 56, figs. 2, 4, 7, 8, 11.

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *occidentale* Merriam. Bassler, 1950, p. 252.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 4.5 to 6.5 mm and 16 to 19 major septa that closely approach the columella but seldom reach it and extend into the dissepimentarium, commonly being attached to the corallite wall. Minor septa well developed. Corallite wall dilated and denticulate. Columella a simple thickened axial plate connected to the counter or cardinal septum. Dissepimentarium weakly lonsdaleoid, composed of 1 to 2 rows of small inflated dissepiments. Tabularium consists of a peripheral zone of clinotabellae and a periaxial zone of mostly complete, horizontal, flat or concave tabulae spaced 0.25 to 0.75 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of holotype.*—See Merriam (1942). The holotype is USNM 143440; new thin sections of this specimen are illustrated herein for clarification of morphologic details.

*Discussion.*—This species differs from *P. perapertuensis* by having larger corallites, a thicker columella, and well-developed clinotabellae.

*Occurrence.*—Permian. Coyote Butte Formation, Oregon, U.S.A.

*Petalaxis vesiculosus* species group

*Petalaxis vesiculosus* (Dobrolyubova)

*Lithostrotionella vesiculosa* Dobrolyubova, 1935a, p. 11, pl. 2, figs. 3, 4; 1935b, p. 19, pl. 2, figs. 3, 4.

*Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *vesiculosa* Dobrolyubova. Bassler, 1950, p. 222.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 6 to 12 mm and 10 to 14 major septa that may or may not extend to the columella and seldom extend into the

dissepimentarium. Minor septa ordinarily well developed. Columella a simple thickened axial plate ordinarily connected to the counter and cardinal septa. Dissepimentarium composed of 2 to 6 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete or incomplete, horizontal, concave or convex, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.3 to 0.4. Mode of increase peripheral.

*Description of holotype.*—See Dobrolyubova (1935b).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from all species of the *P. flexuosus* and *P. wagneri* groups by its broader dissepimentarium.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Myachkovo Horizon (C<sub>2</sub><sup>4</sup>), Moscow Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis lisitschanskensis* Fomichev

*Petalaxis vesiculosa* (Dobrolyubova) var. *lisitschanskensis* Fomichev, 1953, p. 462, pl. 32, figs. 3a, b.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 12 to 15 mm and 16 to 21 major septa that approach the columella and may or may not reach it and do not extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa ordinarily well developed. Columella a simple thickened axial plate ordinarily connected to the counter septum. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 5 rows of inflated dissepiments of variable size. Tabulae complete or incomplete, horizontal, concave or convex, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 0.75 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.4. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of holotype.*—See Fomichev (1953).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from *P. vesiculosus* by having larger corallites, more major septa, and generally fewer rows of dissepiments.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. L<sub>4</sub> and L<sub>5</sub> Limestones, Donetz Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis exilis* Kozyreva

*Petalaxis exilis* Kozyreva, 1974, p. 26, pl. 1, figs. 1a-d.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 5 to 11 mm and 10 to 14 major septa that ordinarily are short and do not extend to the columella or into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent. Columella a simple thickened axial plate ordinarily connected to the counter septum and to the cardinal septum in some corallites. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of mostly large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete, horizontal or slightly elevated toward columella, and irregularly spaced 0.5 to 1.25 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.4. Increase probably peripheral.

*Description of holotype.*—See Kozyreva (1974).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from *P. vesiculosus* by having fewer septa that extend to the col-

umella, by lacking minor septa, by having fewer rows of dissepiments, and by having fewer tabulae.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Horizon b<sub>4</sub>, Voronezh anteklise, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis confertus* Kozyreva

*Petalaxis confertus* Kozyreva, 1974, p. 27, pl. 1, figs. 2a, b, 3a, b.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 8 to 12 mm and 19 to 20 major septa that commonly approach the columella but do not extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent. Columella a simple thickened axial plate connected to the counter septum. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae mostly incomplete, varying in attitude, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.4 to 0.5. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of type material.*—See Kozyreva (1974).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from *P. exilis* by having more major septa, longer major septa, and by its incomplete tabulae.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Voronezh anteklise, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis persubtilis* Kozyreva

*Petalaxis persubtilis* Kozyreva, 1974, p. 27, pl. 1, figs. 4a-c, 5, 6.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 9 to 15 mm and 15 to 17 major septa that commonly approach the columella and may or may not extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent or variably developed. Columella absent or weakly developed as a simple axial plate connected to the counter septum. Dissepimentarium composed of 2 to 4 rows of large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete, horizontal, commonly weakly turned up at columella, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.3 to 0.4. Increase peripheral.

*Description of type material.*—See Kozyreva (1974).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from *P. confertus* by having larger corallites, more major septa, more rows of dissepiments, and a smaller ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Horizon b<sub>1</sub>, Voronezh anteklise, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis korkhovae* Kozyreva

*Petalaxis korkhovae* Kozyreva, 1974, p. 28, pl. 1, figs. 7a-c.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 9 to 15 mm and 16 to 18 major septa that ordinarily extend about halfway to the columella but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent or poorly developed. Columella a simple thickened axial plate connected to the counter septum. Dissepimentarium com-

posed of 3 to 4 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete, horizontal, mostly flat, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.3 to 0.4. Increase peripheral.

*Description of type material.*—See Kozyreva (1974).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from *P. persubtilis* by having a stronger columella, shorter major septa, and flatter tabulae.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Horizon b<sub>1</sub>, Voronezh anteklise, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis mirus* Kozyreva

*Petalaxis mirus* Kozyreva, 1974, p. 29, pl. 2, figs. 1a-c.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 7 to 15 mm and 16 to 18 major septa that ordinarily extend about halfway to the columella but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent or very poorly developed. Columella a simple thickened axial plate connected to the counter septum in most corallites but absent in some. Dissepimentarium consists of 1 to 3 rows of large elongate dissepiments. Tabulae complete, horizontal, and spaced about 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.3 to 0.4. Increase peripheral and intermural.

*Description of type material.*—See Kozyreva (1974).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished by its polymorphic coralla, which include the morphologies of *Petalaxis*, *Sciophyllum*, and *Thysanophyllum*.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Horizon b<sub>4</sub>, Voronezh anteklise, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis evidens* Kozyreva

*Petalaxis evidens* Kozyreva, 1974, p. 30, pl. 2, figs. 2a, b, 3.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 8 to 16 mm and 18 to 22 major septa that extend about two-thirds of the way to the columella but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent or very poorly developed. Columella a simple thickened axial plate connected to the counter septum. Dissepimentarium consists of 1 to 3 rows of large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete and incomplete, horizontal, concave, turned up at the columella, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.3 to 0.4. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of type material.*—See Kozyreva (1974).

*Discussion.*—This species is distinguished from *P. korkhovae* by having more major septa, longer major septa, and by having its tabulae turned up at the columella.

*Occurrence.* Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Horizon b<sub>4</sub>, Voronezh anteklise, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis maccoyanus* species group*Petalaxis maccoyanus* Milne-Edwards and Haime

- Stylaxis M'coyana* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 453, pl. 12, figs. 5, 5a.  
*Petalaxis M'coyana* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1852, p. 205; Milne-Edwards, 1860, p. 440; Roemer, 1883, p. 387.  
*Lithostrotion Portlocki* Milne-Edwards and Haime. Eichwald, 1861, p. 149, 150.  
*Lithostrotion Mac-Coyanum* Milne-Edwards and Haime. Eichwald, 1861, p. 150.  
*Lithostrotion maccoyanum* (Milne-Edwards and Haime). Bassler, 1950, p. 222.  
*Petalaxis mccoynana* Milne-Edwards and Haime. Fedorowski and Gorianov, 1973, p. 58, pl. 12, figs. 4a, b, text-figs. 20a, b; Sutherland, 1977, p. 185, figs. 1-7.  
Not *Petalaxis maccoyana* Milne-Edwards and Haime. Fomichev, 1953, p. 453, pl. 31, figs. 1a-d, 2a-d.  
Not *Lithostrotionella maccoyana* (Edwards and Haime). de Groot, 1963, p. 82, pl. 16, figs. 1a, b.

**Diagnosis.**—*Petalaxis* with maximum corallite diameter 5.4 to 7.8 mm and 13 to 18 major septa that approach the columella but seldom reach it and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa poorly developed. Columella a thickened axial plate connected to the counter septum augmented in some corallites by vertical axial tabellae and rare, poorly developed septal lamellae. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 2 rows of small inflated dissepiments. Tabulae mostly incomplete, essentially horizontal, flat, concave, or convex, and irregularly spaced 0.5 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6. Increase peripheral.

**Description of type material.**—See Milne-Edwards and Haime (1851). According to Sutherland (1977, p. 185), the holotype and paratype are lost and a neotype may have to be designated from a topotype lot in the collections of the Paleontological Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR in Moscow. Pending further work by Sutherland, the diagnosis is based largely on descriptions and illustrations of topotypes published by Fedorowski and Gorianov (1973) and Sutherland (1977).

**Discussion.**—This species, the type of *Petalaxis*, has a narrow dissepimentarium like species of the *P. flexuosus* group but is distinguished by its variable columella, which ranges from a simple thickened axial plate to a complex structure made up of axial plate, vertical tabellae, and rare septal lamellae. Specimens of similar general morphology but lacking a complex axial structure were referred to the species by Fomichev (1953) and de Groot (1964) but are here excluded from the species. The only described material included in the species is from the Moscow Basin.

**Occurrence.**—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Myachkovo Horizon, Moscow Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis stylaxis* (Trautschold)

- Lithostrotion stylaxis* Trautschold, 1879, p. 36, pl. 5, figs. 6a-c.  
*Petalaxis stylaxis* Stuckenberg, 1888, p. 21, pl. 3, figs. 17-21.  
? *Petalaxis stylaxis* Trautschold. Bolkhovitinova, 1915, p. 63, pl. 5, fig. 1.  
*Lithostrotionella stylaxis* (Trautschold). Dobrolyubova, 1935a, p. 10, pl. 1, figs. 1-5, pl. 2, figs. 1, 2, 5; pl. 13, figs. 1-3; 1935b, p. 14, pl. 1, figs. 1-5, pl. 2, figs. 1, 2, 5, pl. 13, figs. 1-3; Fomichev, 1939, p. 60, pl. 9, figs. 6a, b; not Wu and Zhao, 1974, p. 271, pl. 137, figs. 5, 6.  
? *Lithostrotionella stylaxis* (Trautschold). Heritsch, 1937, p. 164, figs. 1-4; 1939, p. 29, pl. 18, fig. 7, pl. 21, figs. 17, 18.  
? *Lithostrotion* [*Lithostrotionella*] *stylaxis* (Trautschold). Bassler, 1950, p. 235.

**Diagnosis.**—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 3.5 to 9 mm and 11 to 18 major septa that approach the columella but seldom reach it and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent to well developed. Columella ranging from a simple axial plate ordinarily connected to the counter septum to a complex structure in which the axial plate is augmented by impersistent vertical axial tabellae and rare septal lamellae. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae complete and incomplete, horizontal, flat, concave or convex, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 2 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter 0.4 to 0.7. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of type material.**—See Trautschold (1879). The diagnosis is taken largely from Dobrolyubova's (1935b) descriptions and illustrations of topotypes.

**Discussion.**—Dobrolyubova (1935a, b) recognized three morphological variants in her study of topotypes: *Lithostrotionella stylaxis*, *L. stylaxis* var. 1, and *L. stylaxis* var. 2. These were treated like separate species in a morphological series. The three morphotypes were collected from the same horizon at different geographic locations, all in the Moscow Basin. Pending further study, I have included all three morphotypes in the concept of *Petalaxis stylaxis*.

Bolkhovitinova's (1915) specimen is included here with a question because of inadequate description and illustration. Heritsch's (1937, 1939) specimens are referred questionably to the species because no longitudinal sections are available.

*Petalaxis stylaxis* differs from *P. maccoyanus* by having slightly larger corallites, an unthickened columella, and some well-developed minor septa.

**Occurrence.**—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Myachkovo Horizon (C<sub>2</sub><sup>4</sup>), Moscow Basin, U.S.S.R. Corakalk, Kings Bay, Spitzbergen(?). Arabian Desert(?).

*Petalaxis mohikanus* (Fomichev)

- Lithostrotionella mohikana* Fomichev, 1939, p. 60, pl. 9, figs. 5a, b.  
*Petalaxis mohikana* Fomichev, 1953, p. 459, pl. 32, figs. 1a, b, 2a, b, pl. 33, fig. 1.

**Diagnosis.**—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 6 to 10 mm and 13 to 18 major septa that closely approach the columella and commonly extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa well developed. Columella ordinarily a simple axial plate but augmented by rare short septal lamellae and a few vertical axial tabellae in some corallites. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 3 rows of mostly large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae complete and incomplete, essentially horizontal, commonly turned up at columella, and spaced 0.25 to 0.5 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.4 to 0.5. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of type material.**—See Fomichev (1953).

**Discussion.**—This species differs from *P. maccoyanus* by having larger corallites, more extensions of the major septa into the dissepimentarium, well-developed minor septa, and more tabulae.

**Occurrence.**—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. M<sub>3</sub> Limestone, Donetz Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis celadensis* (de Groot)

*Lithostrotionella celadensis* de Groot, 1963, p. 82, pl. 15, figs. 2a-d.

**Diagnosis.**—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 3.5 to 6 mm and 12 to 16 major septa that extend about halfway to the columella but seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent or poorly developed. Columella ranging from a simple axial plate connected to the counter septum to a complex structure composed of an axial plate, vertical axial tabellae, and a few septal lamellae. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 2 rows of large inflated dissepiments. Tabulae mostly incomplete, flat to concave, horizontal, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 0.75 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of holotype.**—See de Groot (1964 [1963]).

**Discussion.**—This species differs from *P. maccoyanus* by having smaller corallites, fewer and shorter major septa, weaker minor septa, and more tabulae.

**Occurrence.**—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Celada Limestone, Palencia, Spain.

*Petalaxis elyensis* (Wilson and Langenheim)

*Eastonoides elyensis* Wilson and Langenheim, 1962, p. 512, pl. 88, figs. 4-6.

**Diagnosis.**—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 4 to 5 mm and 10 to 15 major septa that extend about halfway to the columella. Major septa are attached to the corallite wall except where impersistent lonsdaleoid dissepiments are present. Minor septa poorly developed, contratingent. Columella a thickened axial plate connected to the counter septum and augmented by rare impersistent vertical axial tabellae and very rare septal lamellae. Dissepimentarium consists of a single row of impersistent inflated dissepiments. Tabulae mostly complete, generally flat, locally sagging or domed, and

spaced 0.5 to 1 mm apart. Tabularium width equals corallite diameter, except where dissepiments are developed. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of type material.**—See Wilson and Langenheim (1962).

**Discussion.**—This species is distinguished from most other species of *Petalaxis* by having an impersistent lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium and impersistent axial tabellae. *P. elyensis* is the type species of *Eastonoides* Wilson and Langenheim, which was proposed to include the type species and *Lonsdaleia ivanovi* Dobrolyubova, which Fomichev (1953, p. 464) included in *Cystolonsdaleia*. These species have the general morphology of *P. maccoyanus*, the type species of *Petalaxis*, which also has impersistent axial tabellae. Thus, *Eastonoides* is regarded as a junior synonym of *Petalaxis*, and *P. elyensis* is included in the *P. maccoyanus* species group.

**Occurrence.**—Lower Permian. Ely Limestone, Nevada, U.S.A.

*Petalaxis dobrolyubovae* n. sp.

Not *Stylaxis portlocki* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1851, p. 453.

Not *Petalaxis portlocki* Milne-Edwards and Haime, 1852, p. 204, pl. 38, figs. 44, 4a; Haime, 1860, p. 441.

*Petalaxis portlocki* Edwards and Haime. Stuckenberg, 1888, p. 22, pl. 2, figs. 44-49.

*Lonsdaleia portlocki* (Stuckenberg). Dobrolyubova, 1935a, p. 12, pl. 9, figs. 1-4, not pl. 10, figs. 1, 2; 1935b, p. 29, pl. 9, figs. 1-4, not pl. 10, figs. 1, 2.

Not *Cystolonsdaleia portlocki* (Dobrolyubova). Fomichev, 1953, p. 467, pl. 32, figs. 4a-v.

Not *Lonsdaleia portlocki* (Stuckenberg) *densicomus* de Groot, 1963, p. 79, pl. 15, fig. 1.

**Diagnosis.**—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 5 to 11 mm and 11 to 17 major septa that extend halfway to or closely approach the columella but seldom reach it and commonly extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent to well developed. Columella ranging from a simple axial plate connected to the counter septum to a complex structure composed of axial plate, vertical axial tabellae, and rare septal lamellae augmented by stereoplasm in some corallites to produce a netlike structure in transverse section. Dissepimentarium composed of 1 to 2 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae mostly incomplete, flat, concave, or convex, horizontal, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.6 to 0.7. Mode of increase unknown.

**Description of type material.**—See Dobrolyubova (1935b). The holotype is the specimen illustrated by Dobrolyubova (1936b) as her plate 9, figures 1 and 2.

**Discussion.**—Dobrolyubova's illustrations suggest that more than one species may be present in the type lot. I exclude the specimen figured as her plate 10, figures 1 and 2, because it seems much more complex

than the other two specimens illustrated. The remaining figured specimens are notably different from one another but are retained in the species concept pending further work on the type material.

*Cystolonsdaleia portlocki* (Dobrolyubova) Fomichev does not belong here and is described below as a new species. *Lonsdaleia portlocki* (Stuckenberg) *densiconus* de Groot is a separate species assigned to *Cystolonsdaleia* Fomichev.

*P. dobrolyubovae* differs from *P. maccoyanus* by having larger corallites, more abundant complex columellae, and more extensions of the major septa into the dissepimentarium.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Myachkovo Horizon, Moscow Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis donetsensis* n. sp.

*Cystolonsdaleia portlocki* (Dobrolyubova). Fomichev, 1953, p. 467, pl. 32, figs. 4a–v.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 8 to 10 mm and 13 to 16 major septa that approach the columella but do not ordinarily reach it and seldom extend into the dissepimentarium. Minor septa absent or poorly developed. Columella ranging from a simple axial plate connected to the counter septum to a more complex structure composed of axial plate and impersistent vertical axial tabellae. Dissepimentarium composed of 2 to 4 rows of inflated dissepiments of varying sizes. Tabulae mostly incomplete, mostly concave, horizontal, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter about 0.3 to 0.6. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of holotype.*—See Fomichev (1953). The holotype is specimen number 36 of Fomichev.

*Discussion.*—This species differs from *P. dobrolyubovae* by having more rows of dissepiments, weaker minor septa, a smaller ratio of tabularium width to corallite diameter, and by its less abundant complex columellae.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. N<sub>1</sub> Limestone, Donetz Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis ivanovi* (Dobrolyubova)

*Lonsdaleia ivanovi* Dobrolyubova, 1935a, p. 12, pl. 11, figs. 1, 2; 1935b, p. 31, pl. 11, figs. 1, 2.

*Diagnosis.*—*Petalaxis* with corallite diameter 6 to 6.5 mm and 13 to 14 major septa that closely approach the columella but seldom reach it. Major septa are attached to the corallite wall, except where impersistent lonsdaleoid dissepiments are present. Minor septa well developed. Columella ranging from a simple axial plate to a complex structure consisting of axial plate, vertical axial tabellae, and a few septal lamellae commonly reinforced by stereoplasm to form a thick rod or netlike

structure in transverse section. Dissepimentarium impersistent, composed of a single row of dissepiments of varying sizes where present. Tabulae mostly incomplete, horizontal, flat, concave, or convex, and irregularly spaced 0.25 to 1 mm apart. Tabularium width equals corallite diameter except where dissepiments are present. Mode of increase unknown.

*Description of holotype.*—See Dobrolyubova (1935b).

*Discussion.*—This species differs from *P. elyensis* by having larger corallites, stronger minor septa, and a better developed complex columella.

*Occurrence.*—Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Myachkovo Horizon, Moscow Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis?* spp. indet.

The following taxa are referred questionably to *Petalaxis* and are not diagnosed because of insufficient illustration or description of morphological details:

*Lithostrotionella tingi* Chi, 1931, p. 28, pl. 4, figs. 6a, b;

Wu in Yü and others, 1963, p. 86, pl. 24, figs. 6a, b.

Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. Laokunchai Limestone, Kueichou, China.

*Lithostrotionella* aff. *stylaxis* Trautschold.

Dobrolyubova, 1936b, p. 127, figs. 55, 56. Middle

Carboniferous, Moscovian. Ural Mountains, U.S.S.R.

*Lithostrotionella* sp. indet. Yamagiwa, 1961, p. 102, pl.

5, figs. 1–3. Lower Permian. Atetsu Limestone, Okayama, Japan.

*Lithostrotionella kitakamiensis* Minato, 1955, p. 88, pl.

4, figs. 2, 7, 8, 10, pl. 34, figs. 2, 3. Middle Carboniferous, Bashkirian. Nagaiwa Series, Iwate, Japan.

*Lithostrotionella spiniformis* Yü, 1933 [1934], p. 102, pl.

21, figs. 2a, b; Wu in Yü and others, 1963, p. 87, pl. 24, figs. 5a, b. Lower Carboniferous, Viséan.

Shangssu Limestone, Kueichou, China.

*Petalaxis timanicus* Stuckenberg. Heritsch, 1939, p. 18,

pl. 2, fig. 8, pl. 3, fig. 1, pl. 15, figs. 2, 3, pl. 21, figs. 8–16. Carboniferous or Permian. Cora Limestone, Spitzbergen.

*Petalaxis timanicus* Stuckenberg. Kolosvary, 1951, p.

39, pl. 9, figs. 5–7. Permian, Hungary.

*Petalaxis maccoyana* var. *multiseptata* Fomichev, 1953,

p. 458, pl. 31, fig. 4. Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. L<sub>5</sub> Limestone, Donetz Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis maccoyana* forma *orlovkensis* Fomichev, 1953,

p. 456. Middle Carboniferous, Moscovian. L<sub>5</sub> and L<sub>6</sub> Limestone, Donetz Basin, U.S.S.R.

Family LONSDALEIIDAE Chapman, 1893

Genus THYSANOPHYLLUM Nicholson and Thomson, 1876

*Thysanophyllum* Nicholson and Thomson, 1876, p. 150; Hill, 1940, p. 160.

*Type species.*—*Thysanophyllum orientale* Nicholson and Thomson, 1876, p. 150. Lower Carboniferous, Scotland.

*Discussion.*—*Thysanophyllum* is distinguished by its cerioid corallum having corallites with a lonsdaleoid dissepimentarium and lacking an axial structure or having a weak impersistent axial plate. The genus is probably polyphyletic like other colonial rugose corals without a persistent axial structure, corals such as *Diphyphyllum* and *Pseudodorlodotia*.

*Thysanophyllum astraeiforme* (Warren)

- Diphyphyllum astraeiformis* Warren, 1927, p. 44, pl. 3, figs. 2, 3.  
*Lithostrotionella astraeiformis* (Warren). Kelly, 1942, p. 352; Bamber, 1961, p. 152, pl. 12, figs. 1a, b; Nelson, 1961, pl. 18, figs. 1–3.  
*Lithostrotionella* (*Thysanophyllum*) *astraeiformis* (Warren). Nelson, 1960, p. 115, pl. 22, figs. 7–10.  
*Thysanophyllum astraeiforme* (Warren). Bamber, 1966, p. 23, pl. 4, figs. 3a–b, 4a–c; Armstrong, 1970a, p. 37, pl. 11, figs. 5–8; 1970b, p. 28, pl. 9, figs. 1–6, text-fig. 33.

*Description of lectotype.*—See Bamber (1966).

*Discussion.*—This species is rather common in western Canada and Alaska, where it ranges from Mamet Zone 13 into 16i; it is most common in Mamet Zones 14 and 15. These occurrences are of middle and late Viséan age. The structure of the columella, where present, suggests relationship to *Acrocyathus*.

Genus LONSDALEIA McCoy, 1849

- Lonsdaleia* McCoy, 1849, p. 11; Smith, 1916, p. 218; Hill, 1940, p. 151; Sando, 1975, p. C20.

*Type species.*—*Erismatolithus Madreporites* (*duplicatus*) Martin, 1809, equals *Lonsdaleia duplicata* (Martin). Lower Carboniferous, England.

*Diagnosis.*—See Cotton (1973, p. 117).

*Discussion.*—The genus is subdivided into two subgenera on the basis of growth form: *Lonsdaleia* (*Lonsdaleia*), phaceloid, and *Lonsdaleia* (*Actinocyathus*), cerioid.

Subgenus ACTINOCYATHUS d'Orbigny, 1849

- Actinocyathus* d'Orbigny, 1849a, p. 12.  
*Stylidophyllum* de Fromental, 1861, p. 316.  
 ?*Protolonsdalia* Lisitsyn, 1925, p. 68.  
 ?*Sublonsdalia* Lisitsyn, 1925, p. 68.  
 ?*Protolonsdalia* Lang, Smith, and Thomas, 1940, p. 106.  
 ?*Sublonsdalia* Lang, Smith, and Thomas, 1940, p. 128

*Type species.*—*Cyathophyllum crenulare* Phillips, 1836, equals *Erismatolithus Madreporites* (*floriformis*) Martin, 1809, equals *Lonsdaleia floriformis* (Martin). Lower Carboniferous, England.

*Diagnosis.*—Cerioid *Lonsdaleia*.

*Discussion.*—See Sando (1975, p. C20) for discussion of the type species and synonymic placement of *Stylidophyllum*. *Protolonsdalia* (nomen vanum *Protolonsdalia*) and *Sublonsdalia* (nomen vanum *Sublonsdalia*) are both inadequately founded on type

material that has been lost (N. P. Vasilyuk, oral commun., 1975); they may be junior synonyms of *Actinocyathus*, but neotypes need to be described before a final decision can be made.

*Lonsdaleia* (*Actinocyathus*) *berthiaumi* (Merriam)

Plate 20, figures 3, 4

- Lithostrotion* (*Lithostrotionella*) *berthiaumi* Merriam, 1942, p. 378, pl. 56, figs. 9, 10; Bassler, 1950, p. 252.

*Description of holotype.*—See Merriam (1942).

*Discussion.*—*Lonsdaleia* (*Actinocyathus*) was previously represented in North America by a single species, *L. (A.) stelcki* Nelson (1960, p. 119, pl. 23, figs. 6–10), as determined by Sando (1975, p. C21). Nelson's species is restricted to the upper Viséan and lower Namurian (Mamet Zones 16s, 17, and 18). Examination of the holotype (USNM 132988) and a topotype (USNM 132989) of Merriam's species reveals that it is very similar to Nelson's species but differs in having fewer tabulae. New thin sections of Merriam's holotype (USNM 132988) are figured herein to provide a better basis for interpreting this specimen.

Merriam (1942, p. 379) stated that the type material of *L. berthiaumi* is from the Permian Coyote Butte Formation of Oregon, a stratigraphic level that is inconsistent with other North American occurrences of the genus to which it is now assigned. According to E. C. Wilson (written commun., 1979), exposures in the type area are poor, geologic structure is complex, and beds in the area range from Devonian to Permian. I conclude that the specimens are probably from beds of Carboniferous (late Viséan or early Namurian) age.

*Lonsdaleia* (*Actinocyathus*) *peratrovichensis* (Armstrong)

- Lithostrotionella peratrovichensis* Armstrong, 1970a, p. 35, pl. 12, figs. 8–11.

*Description of holotype.*—See Armstrong (1970a).

*Discussion.*—Examination of the holotype (USNM 160493) of *L. peratrovichensis* reveals a morphology consistent with *Lonsdaleia* (*Actinocyathus*). The species differs from the widely distributed *L. (A.) stelcki* (Nelson) by its smaller corallite diameter, thicker corallite walls, fewer dissepiments, and tabulae of varying form, some of which are inclined upward toward the columella.

The presence of *L. (A.) peratrovichensis* in beds of late Viséan age and the nature of its tabulae suggest that it is ancestral to *L. (A.) stelcki*.

Family DURHAMINIDAE Minato and Kato, 1965

Genus KLEOPATRINA McCutcheon and Wilson, 1963

- Ptolemaia* McCutcheon and Wilson, 1961, p. 1020 (not Osborn, 1908, p. 267).  
*Kleopatrina* McCutcheon and Wilson, 1963, p. 299; Minato and Kato, 1965, p. 67 (replacement name for *Ptolemaia* McCutcheon and Wilson).



*Type species.*—*Ptolemaia flatateeta* McCutcheon and Wilson, 1961, p. 1025, pl. 123, figs. 1–6. Lower Permian, Nevada.

*Diagnosis.*—See Minato and Kato (1965).

*Discussion.*—This genus is found predominantly in Permian strata, although Bamber and Macqueen (1979, p. 11) reported *Kleopatrina* (*Porfierevella*) from beds of Moscovian Age in British Columbia. The two species questionably referred here (see below) are the first possible representatives from the Upper Carboniferous.

Subgenus KLEOPATRINA McCutcheon and Wilson, 1963

*Type species.*—As for genus *Kleopatrina*.

*Diagnosis.*—See Minato and Kato (1965).

*Kleopatrina* (*Kleopatrina*)? *dilatata* (Easton)

*Lithostrotionella* [*Lithostrotionella*] *dilatata* Easton, 1960, p. 578, text-figs. 7, 8.

*Description of holotype.*—See Easton (1960).

*Discussion.*—Judging from Easton's description and illustrations, the type material of this species has most of the essential features of *Kleopatrina* (*Kleopatrina*). However, the types do not seem to have a complex axial structure, which casts doubt on the taxonomic placement. The type material needs to be reinvestigated.

*Occurrence.*—Permian. Arcturus and Rib Hill Formations, Nevada, U.S.A.

*Kleopatrina* (*Kleopatrina*)? *uralica* (Dobrolyubova)

*Lithostrotionella uralica* Dobrolyubova, 1936a, p. 28, pl. 13, figs. 33–35.

*Description of type material.*—See Dobrolyubova (1936a).

*Discussion.*—Dobrolyubova's description and illustrations of this species suggest that it may be an early representative of *Kleopatrina* (*Kleopatrina*). This species occurs in beds of Late Carboniferous age, whereas all other known representatives of the subgenus are from the Permian. The type material needs to be reinvestigated.

*Kleopatrina* (*Kleopatrina*)? *wahoonensis* (Armstrong)

*Lithostrotionella wahoonensis* Armstrong, 1972b, p. 14, pl. 5, fig. 1, pl. 6, figs. 1–5, pl. 7, figs. 1–3.

*Description of holotype and paratypes.*—See Armstrong (1972b).

*Discussion.*—Armstrong's holotype and paratypes have the essential morphological characters of *Kleopatrina* (*Kleopatrina*). Differences between these specimens and the holotype of *K. (K.) flatateeta* seem to be of specific rank only. However, Armstrong's species is from beds that are much older than those in which other known species of the subgenus are found. The occurrence is Middle Pennsylvanian (Atokan) Mamet Zone 21, which equates with high Bashkirian or low Mosco-

vian of the U.S.S.R. Because of possible homeomorphism with the Permian forms, the placement of this species in *Kleopatrina* (*Kleopatrina*) is made with question.

#### UNDETERMINED LITHOSTROTIONELLOID CORALS

The following taxa are not identified generically because of inadequate specimens or inadequate illustrations and descriptions:

*Lithostrotionella americana* Hayasaka, 1936, p. 62 (Paratypes, USNM 174371 and 174373). Permian. McCloud Limestone, California, U.S.A.

*Lithostrotionella flexuosa* (Trautschold). Heritsch, 1940, p. 72, pl. 2, figs. 1, 2. Upper Carboniferous, Yugoslavia.

*Petalaxis grandis* Heritsch, 1939, p. 27, pl. 2, figs. 4, 5, pl. 19, fig. 11. Carboniferous or Permian, Spitzbergen.

*Petalaxis? inconfertus* Lonsdale. Yanishevskiy, 1900, p. 89. Carboniferous, Ural Mountains, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis indigae* Stuckenberg, 1895, p. 76, pl. 19, fig. 7. Upper Carboniferous, Timan, U.S.S.R.

*Lithostrotionella kueichouensis* Yü, [1933] 1934, p. 101, pl. 21, figs. 1a, b; Wu in Yü and others, 1963, p. 87, pl. 25, figs. 1a, b. Lower Carboniferous, Viséan. Shangssu Limestone, Kueichou, China.

*Petalaxis kunthi* Stuckenberg, 1888, p. 23; 1895, p. 78, pl. 12, fig. 7; Heritsch, 1939, p. 25, pl. 11, fig. 1, pl. 13, figs. 3, 7, pl. 19, fig. 4. Upper Carboniferous, Moscow Basin and Ural Mountains, U.S.S.R. Carboniferous or Permian, Spitzbergen.

*Petalaxis sibiricus* Gabounia, 1919, p. 39, pl. 2, fig. 2, pl. 3, fig. 1; Fomichev, 1931, p. 44, 72, pl. 1, figs. 2a–e; 1955, p. 303, pl. 80, figs. 5, 6. Lower Carboniferous, Kuznetsk Basin, U.S.S.R.

*Lithostrotionella stylaxis* (Trautschold). Rukhin, 1938, p. 40, pl. 5, figs. 7–9. Lower Carboniferous, Siranka River basin, U.S.S.R.

*Lithostrotionella stylaxis* (Trautschold). Wu and Zhao, 1974, p. 271, pl. 137, figs. 5, 6. Middle Carboniferous, Wei-Ling Group, Kueichou, China.

*Petalaxis timanicus* Stuckenberg, 1895, p. 76, pl. 12, fig. 5. Upper Carboniferous, Ural Mountains and Timan, U.S.S.R.

*Lithostrotionella tingi* Chi. Yü, Lin and Fan, 1962, p. 24, pl. 4, figs. 3a, b. Middle Carboniferous, Sinkiang, China.

*Styllophyllum tolmachevi* Rukhin, 1938, p. 41, pl. 5, figs. 10, 11. Lower Carboniferous, Omulevka River, U.S.S.R.

*Petalaxis uchtensis* Stuckenberg, 1895, p. 77, pl. 12, fig. 2, pl. 16, fig. 4. Upper Carboniferous, Timan, U.S.S.R.

- Lithostrotionella* cf. *spiniformis* Yü. Wu, 1964, p. 35, 79, pl. 4, figs. 7, 8. Lower Carboniferous, Viséan. Hunan, China.
- Lithostrotionella* sp. B. Lo and Chao, 1962, p. 184, pl. 22, fig. 6. Lower Carboniferous, Viséan. Ching-hai, China.
- Lithostrotionella* sp. *Kolosvary*, 1951, p. 38, pl. 10, figs. 4-9, pl. 18, figs. 1-3. Carboniferous or Permian, Hungary.
- Lithostrotionella* sp. Dobrolyubova, 1936a, p. 29, pl. 13, figs. 36, 37. Upper Carboniferous, Ural Mountains, U.S.S.R.
- Lithostrotionella* sp. undet. Minato, 1955, p. 87, pl. 1, fig. 3, pl. 34, fig. 11, pl. 37, fig. 9. Lower Carboniferous, Iwate, Japan.
- Lithostrotionella*? sp. Ross and Ross, 1963, p. 418, pl. 49, figs. 1, 2, 4, 10. Upper Carboniferous, Virgilian. Gaptank Formation, Texas, U.S.A.

## ADDITIONAL TAXA

While the manuscript was being processed for publication, several additional studies of lithostrotionelloid corals described under the names of *Hillia*, *Lithostrotionella*, *Petalaxis*, *Stelechophyllum*, and *Thysanophyllum* came to my attention. Translations of the descriptions of these taxa that are in Chinese and Russian papers were not available at the time, preventing a complete evaluation of them. Moreover, taxa in the Chinese papers are poorly illustrated. These additional taxa are listed below, by publication.

- Fan, Y. N., 1978, in Southwestern China Geological Institute, [Paleontological atlas of southwestern China, Sichuan Province]: v. 2, 684 p., 191 pls. (In Chinese.) See p. 182-184.
- Lithostrotionella maccoyana* (Edwards and Haime)
- L. sexangula* de Groot
- L. mui* (Lo)
- L. fugimotoi* (Igo)
- L. orboensis* de Groot
- L. orboensis regularis* Fan, n. subsp.
- L. pinguis* Fan, n. sp.
- L. awenggouensis* Fan, n. sp.
- L. vesiculosa vesiculosa* Fan, n. subsp.
- ?*L.* sp.
- Stelechophyllum ascendens ascendens* (Tolmachev)
- S. ascendens simplex* Dobrolyubova
- Gorskiy, I. I., 1978, Korally Srednego Karbona zapadnogo sklona Urala [The Middle Carboniferous corals of the western slope of the Urals]: Akademiya Nauk SSSR, Otdelenie Geologii, Geofiziki, i Geokhimi, Izdatelstvo "Nauka," 223 p., 23 pls., 43 figs. See p. 150-152.

- Lithostrotionella stylaxis* (Trautschold) subsp. *uralica* Gorskiy, n. subsp.
- L. flexuosa* (Trautschold)
- Guo, Z. C., 1976, in Northeastern Geological Institute and Geological Bureau of Inner Mongolia, [Paleontological atlas of northern China, part of Inner Mongolia]: v. 1, 502 p., 232 pls. (In Chinese.) See p. 86.
- Lithostrotionella ivanovi* Dobrolyubova
- L. banffense* (Warren)
- Wang, H. D., 1978, in Stratigraphic-Paleontological Working Team of Guizhou Province, [Paleontological atlas of southwestern China, Guizhou Province]: v. 2, 638 p., 165 pls. (In Chinese.) See p. 133-140.
- Lithostrotionella kueichouensis* Yü
- L. kueichouensis magna* Wang, n. subsp.
- L. baijinensis* Wang, n. sp.
- L. multivesiculata* Wang, n. sp.
- L. spiniformis* Yü
- L. changshunensis* Wang, n. sp.
- L. stylaxis* (Trautschold)
- L. tingi* Chi
- L. dushanensis* Wang, n. sp.
- L. elegantula* (Wu and Zhao)
- L. jiaruoensis* Wang, n. sp.
- Hillia perapertuensis* de Groot
- H. minor* (Wu and Zhao)
- Wilson, E. C., 1982, Wolfcampian rugose and tabulate corals (Coelenterata: Anthozoa) from the Lower Permian McCloud Limestone of northern California: Los Angeles County Natural History Museum Contributions in Science no. 337, 90 p., 48 figs. See p. 65-73.
- Petalaxis allisonae* Wilson, n. sp.
- P. besti* Wilson, n. sp.
- P. kennedyi* Wilson, n. sp.
- P. pecki* Wilson, n. sp.
- P. sutherlandi* Wilson, n. sp.
- Xu, 1977, in Central Southern Geological Institute and Geological Bureaus of Henan, Hubei, Hunan, Guangdong, and Guangxi Provinces, [Paleontological atlas of central southern China]: v. 2, 856 p., 253 pls. (In Chinese.) See p. 202-203.
- Lithostrotionella hsuijulingi* Yoh
- L. micra* Kelly
- L. maccoyana* (Edwards and Haime)
- Thysanophyllum ascendens ascendens* (Tolmachev)
- T. ascendens simplex* (Dobrolyubova)
- Yü, C. C., Lin, I. T., Huang, C. H., and Tsai, T. S., 1978, [Early Carboniferous stratigraphy and corals of eastern Xinjiang]: Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, Editorial Committee of Professional Papers of Stratigraphy and Paleontology, Profes-

sional Papers of Stratigraphy and Paleontology No. 5, p. 1-70, 10 figs., 16 pls. (In Chinese with English summary.) See p. 29, 38-40. Peking, Geological Publishing House)

*Lithostrotionella shimeri* (Crickmay)

*L. pennsylvanica* (Shimer)

*L. crassus* n. sp.

# REGISTER OF USGS LOCALITIES FOR HAYASAKA (1936) TYPE SPECIMENS OF *LITHOSTROTIONELLA* SPECIES

83-PC: Newman Limestone, St. Louis Limestone Member. West side of Roundstone Creek, 300 ft (100 m) above creek, about 0.5 mi (0.8 km) south of site of town of Langford near intersection of Roundstone Creek and Renfro Creek, southeast quarter of Wildie quadrangle, Rockcastle County, Ky. Collected by F. B. Weeks, June 29, 1896. See Gualtieri (1968) for geologic map.

104-PC: Lodgepole Limestone (Zone C<sub>1</sub> of Sando and others, 1969). Sec. 12, T. 11 S., R. 44 E., Montpelier quadrangle, Bear Lake County, Idaho. Collected by G. R. Mansfield, June 12, 1911. This collection is composed of two lots, one that has a fauna from the upper part of the Lodgepole Limestone and another that contains *Faberophyllum* and is from the Aspen Range Formation.

346C-PC: Boulders of residual chert derived from Tuscumbia Limestone (St. Louis Limestone equivalent) at unconformity at top of Tuscumbia Limestone. Along pike about 0.5 mi (0.8 km) southwest of Cherokee, probably in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 34 or SW $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 35, T. 3 S., R. 14 W., Cherokee quadrangle, Colbert County, Ala. Collected by P. V. Roundy, 1911. See Butts (1926) for geologic map of the area. See McCalley (1896, p. 152-153, 158) and Butts (1926, p. 175) for description of the geology.

490-PC: Float from Lodgepole Limestone (Zone C<sub>1</sub> of Sando and others, 1969). Old Laketown Canyon, near center of sec. 32, T. 13 N., R. 6 E., Randolph quadrangle, Rich County, Utah. Collected by G. B. Richardson, 1912. See Richardson (1941) for geologic map and Sando and others (1959) for discussion of geology.

498-PC: St. Louis Limestone, at base. Outskirts of Maeystown, probably in bed of Maeystown Creek about 1 mi (1.6 km) southeast of Maeystown in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 1, T. 4 S., R. 11 W., Selma quadrangle, Monroe County, Ill. Collected by G. H. Girty, September 8, 1912.

499-PC: St. Louis Limestone, basal beds just above cephalopod bed. Ravine in river bluff about 1 mi (1.6 km) southeast of Maeystown, probably in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 1 or NE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 12, T. 4 S., R. 11 W., Selma quadrangle, Monroe County, Ill. Collected by Weller and Girty, September 8, 1912.

643-PC: St. Louis Limestone(?). On Tebo Creek about 1.5 mi (2.4 km) east of Leesville, Leesville quadrangle, Henry County, Mo.(?). Collected by W. P. Jenney, 1891.

Original locality data indicate that the stratigraphic unit was probably the Cherokee limestone or Seneca chert of Jenney (1894), which Jenney thought to be of Warsaw or St. Louis age. According to Wilmarth (1938, p. 415), subsequent authors regarded the Cherokee limestone as Boone Formation and the Seneca chert as the Grand Falls Chert Member of the Boone. According to Wilson (1922, p. 180), most of Henry County is underlain by the Cherokee Shale of Pennsylvanian age, but the Burlington and Keokuk Limestones are exposed beneath the Cherokee in the valley of Tebo Creek.

Hayasaka's specimen attributed to this locality is surely a St. Louis Limestone form. Thus, the locality data may be erroneous or the specimen may be a residual fragment derived from the St.

Louis Limestone during post-St. Louis, pre-Cherokee erosion. There are no other specimens in the collection.

932A-PC: Float from St. Louis Limestone. In cut of St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  or SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 10, T. 4 N., R. 5 E., Kirkwood quadrangle, St. Louis County, Mo. Collected by G. H. Girty, August 8, 1904. See Fenneman (1911, pl. 1) for geologic map of the area.

970-PC: Alapah Limestone(?). 141st meridian, easterly spur from ridge between headwaters forks of Incog Creek, about 2 mi (3.2 km) northwest from station 966, Table Mountain quadrangle, northeastern Alaska. Collected by A. G. Maddren, July 1, 1912.

1148-PC: Float from St. Louis Limestone. 3 mi (4.8 km) west of Tennessee, Ill., in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 19, T. 5 N., R. 4 W., Colchester quadrangle, McDonough County, Ill. Collected by Henry Hinds, November 22, 1912. See Hinds (1919) for geologic map.

1211B-PC: Oolite in lower part of St. Louis Limestone. Mosher quarry (Ste. Genevieve Lime and Quarry Company) at Macy (Mosher Station) about 2 mi (3.2 km) southwest of Ste. Genevieve on Illinois Southern Railroad in T. 38 N., R. 9 E., Weingarten quadrangle, Ste. Genevieve County, Mo. Collected by E. O. Ulrich, November 2, 1903. See Weller and St. Clair (1928) for geologic map of the area.

1439-PC: Lodgepole Limestone, Woodhurst Member (Zone C<sub>1</sub> of Sando and others, 1969). In low saddle on west slope of hill (altitude 8,172 ft (2,490 m)) west of Georgetown Canyon, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 34, T. 10 S., R. 44 E., Slug Creek quadrangle, Bear Lake County, Idaho. Collected by G. H. Girty, November 11, 1914. This locality was mapped as Madison Limestone by Mansfield (1927, pl. 6). Megafossils associated with the coral specimen are all compatible with a Zone C<sub>1</sub> determination.

1476-PC: Aspen Formation (Mamet foraminifer Zone 14). SW $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 8, T. 5 S., R. 43 E., at altitude 6,650 ft (2,015 m) in point projecting north from ridge south of Grays Lake, Lanes Creek quadrangle, Caribou County, Idaho. Collected by E. L. Jones and G. H. Girty, November 5, 1914. This locality was mapped as Brazier Limestone by Mansfield (1927, pl. 4). The file card by Girty indicates "near top" of the Brazier, but this locality is in a fault block, so the position is doubtful. Microfossils in the collection indicate Mamet Zone 14, and megafossils indicate Zone E of Sando and others (1969).

2013B-PC: Greenbrier Limestone, Hillsdale Member, near base. In cut of Norfolk and Western Railroad along Indian Creek 1.5 mi (2.4 km) northeast of Cedar Bluff, Tazewell quadrangle (30-minute) and Pounding Mill quadrangle (15-minute), Tazewell County, Va. Collected by G. H. Girty, June 17, 1920. See Campbell (1897) for geologic map of the area.

2020-PC: Greenbrier Limestone, Hillsdale Member, at base. Forks of road 0.5 mi (2.4 km) southeast of Shrader, Tazewell quadrangle (30-minute), Tazewell County, Va. Collected by Harnsberger, September 1916. See Campbell (1897) for geologic map of the area.

2020A-PC: Greenbrier Limestone, Hillsdale Member, about 25 ft (7.5 m) above base. Same geographic location as 2020-PC. See Girty (1923, p. 470) for faunal list and description of the locality.

2222A-PC: St. Louis Limestone, 0.75 mi (1.2 km) northeast of Hicks, probably in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 19, T. 11 S., R. 8 E., Equality quadrangle, Hardin County, Ill. Collected by Charles Butts, 1916. See Weller (1920, pl. 1) for geologic map of the area.

2222C-PC: Same as 2222A-PC.

2226-PC: St. Louis Limestone. 0.75 mi (1.2 km) north of Big Creek School, probably in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 21, T. 11 S., R. 8 E., Equality quadrangle, Hardin County, Ill. Collected by Charles Butts, 1916. See Weller (1920, pl. 1) for geologic map of the area.

2333-PC: St. Louis Limestone. Near top of divide near Allen Springs, 8 to 10 mi (12.8 to 16 km) northwest of Scottsville, Allen Springs

- quadrangle, Allen County, Ky. Collected by E. W. Shaw, 1917. See Moore (1963) for geologic map of the area.
- 3024-PC: Little Flat Formation (Mamet foraminifer Zone 14). NW¼ sec. 13, T. 7 S., R. 40 E., altitude 6,650 ft (2,015 m), Henry quadrangle, Caribou County, Idaho. Collected by P. V. Roundy, June 29, 1916. This locality is mapped as Brazer Limestone by Mansfield (1927, pl. 3). Megafossils in the collection indicate Zone E of Sando and others (1969), and microfossils are Mamet Zone 14.
- 3159-PC: Newman Limestone, at base. 1.5 (2.4 km) mi northeast of Cleveland, Carbo quadrangle (7 1/2-minute), Russell County, Va. Collected by Charles Butts, March 1912. See Campbell (1899) for geologic map of the area.
- 3282-PC: Hillsdale Member of Greenbrier Limestone, lower 50-75 ft (15-23 m). In low hills and flats of the "little levels" within 1 mi (1.6 km) west and southwest of Mill Point, Marlinton quadrangle (15-minute), Pocahontas County, W. Va. Collected by W. A. Price and G. H. Girty, September 23, 1920. See Price (1929) for geologic map of the area and Girty (1923, p. 456) for faunal list and description of the locality. The collection contains corals, bryozoans, and brachiopods listed by Girty.
- 3283-PC: Hillsdale Member of Greenbrier Limestone, lower 70 ft (21.2 m). Limestone ledges at Mill Point in small hill (altitude 2,260-2,330 ft, 685-706 m) just north of residence of Mr. Wallace, east of Stamping Creek and north of highway from Mill Point to Buckeye, Marlinton quadrangle (15-minute), Pocahontas County, W. Va. Collected by W. A. Price and G. H. Girty, September 22, 1920. See 3282-PC for further information on this locality.
- 3290-PC: Lodgepole Limestone, Woodhurst Member (Zone C<sub>1</sub> of Sando and others, 1969). Near Lime Spur, probably in sec. 17, 18, 19, or 20, T. 1 N., R. 2 W., Jefferson Island quadrangle, Jefferson or Madison County, Mont. Collected by D. C. Bard. See Chelini (1965, fig. 5) for geologic map of the area. Collection contains megafossils that indicate Zone C<sub>1</sub> of Sando and others (1969) and algae that indicate Mamet Zones 7-8.
- 3747C-PC: Peratrovich Formation, limestone and chert member (upper Meramecian). South shore of Shelikof Island at entrance to Soda Bay, about on parallel 55° 15', southeastern Alaska. Collected by G. H. Girty, June 9, 1918. See Armstrong (1970a, p. 29-31) for discussion.
- 3760-PC: Peratrovich Formation, limestone and chert member (upper Meramecian). West end of south shore of Madre de Dios Island, southeastern Alaska. Collected by G. H. Girty, June 18, 1918. See Armstrong (1970a) for discussion.
- 3856-PC (green label): McCloud Limestone (Lower Permian). Crest of Limestone ridge 0.5 mi (0.8 km) north of James ranch in NE ¼ sec. 22, T. 33 N., R. 4 W., Redding quadrangle, Shasta County, Calif. Collected by J. S. Diller, July 5, 1902. The occurrence of *Heterocaninia? gabbi* (Meek) and *Omphalotrochus whitneyi* (Meek) in the collection confirm the McCloud assignment.
- 3858-PC (green label): McCloud Limestone (Lower Permian). 1 mi (1.6 km) northwest of Lillienthal, probably in NE ¼ sec. 27, T. 33 N., R. 4 W., Redding quadrangle, Shasta County, Calif. Collected by Stanton and Richardson, July 8, 1902. The locality was mapped as McCloud Limestone by Diller (1906). The only other fossil in the collection is *Heritschioides? sp.* The locality number was erroneously given as 3859 by Hayasaka (1936, p. 64).
- 3864-PC: Float from Lodgepole Limestone, Woodhurst Member (Zone C<sub>1</sub> of Sando and others, 1969). Unknown canyon on south side of Little Rocky Mountains, Phillips County(?), Mont. See Knechtel (1959, pl. 52) for geologic map of the area.
- The stratigraphic level assigned to this locality is the only one in which corals of this kind occur in the Little Rocky Mountains. The canyon in which the specimen was found was said to be the one containing the powerline to Zortman, but on recent maps of the area, I can find no powerline shown in any of the canyons on the south side of the Little Rocky Mountains.
- 3890-PC (green label): McCloud Limestone (Lower Permian). Summit of Gray Rock Ridge northwest of road above Black Diamond mine, probably in NE¼ sec. 5, T. 33 N., R. 4 W., Redding quadrangle, Shasta County, Calif. Collected by Storrs and Washburne. See Diller (1906) for geologic map of the locality. Brachiopods in the collection indicate a Permian age. The locality number was erroneously given as 3896 by Hayasaka (1936, p. 64).
- 3946-PC (green label): Probably from St. Louis Limestone of the Mississippi Valley region. The specimen was said to come from the Santa Anna Mountains, Orange County, Calif., which is an area of post-Paleozoic rocks. It is a museum specimen attributed to Dr. Steven Bowen of Los Angeles, Calif. The specimen has all the characteristics of corals that are abundant in the St. Louis Limestone of the Mississippi Valley region. The locality number was erroneously given as 3446 by Hayasaka (1936, p. 61).
- 4801H-PC (green label): Little Flat Formation (Member B of Brazer Limestone of Mullens and Izett, 1964). Probably in sec. 30, T. 10 N., R. 2 E., Paradise quadrangle, Cache County, Utah. Collected by E. M. Kindle, August 12, 1907.
- This specimen was erroneously attributed by Hayasaka (1936, p. 66) to USGS Mesozoic loc. 4801H, which is from the Monte de Oro Formation (Upper Jurassic), "western portion of the Oroville plant beds, north side of Feather River, 3 to 4 mi above Oroville, California." Foraminifera in the specimen are Mamet Zones 13-15 (probably 14) and are Western United States species.
- 5892-PC: Madison Limestone (Zone C<sub>1</sub> of Sando and others, 1969). Ridge west of Holiday Park, probably in sec. 26, 34, or 35, T. 1 N., R. 8 E., Coalville quadrangle, Summit County, Utah. The collection contains megafossils that indicate Zone C<sub>1</sub> of Sando and others (1969).
- 5893-PC: Little Flat Formation (Member B of the Brazer Limestone of Mullens and Izett, 1964). Probably in sec. 5 or 6, T. 9 N., R. 2 E., Paradise Canyon, Paradise quadrangle, Cache County, Utah. Collected by E. Finch. The collection contains *Faberophyllum sp.* (Zone F of Sando and others, 1969) and foraminifers of Mamet Zone 14.
- 5894-PC: Float probably from lower part of the Mission Canyon Limestone (Zone C<sub>2</sub> of Sando and others, 1969). Crest of ridge east of Old Baldy at altitude of about 9,000 ft (2,727 m), probably in sec. 26 or 27, T. 7 S., R. 3 W., Varney quadrangle, Madison County, Mont. Collected by R. W. Richards. See Hadley (1969) for geologic map of the area.
- 7130B-PC: Cobble in river wash derived probably from the Alapah Limestone. Along Hulahula River, Mount Michelson quadrangle, northeastern Alaska. Collected by E. de K. Leffingwell, February 1908.
- 7452-PC (green label): "Wells" Formation (this may actually be a Mississippian unit related to the Humbug Formation). South end of Cokeville Butte, just west of phosphate mine 1.5 mi (2.4 km) northeast of Cokeville, probably in NW¼ sec. 4, T. 24 N., R. 119 W., Cokeville quadrangle, Lincoln County, Wyo. Collected by G. H. Girty, July 22, 1909. Foraminifers in the specimen are Mamet Zones 18-20.

#### LOCALITY DATA FOR USNM SPECIMENS NOT HAYASAKA TYPES

| USNM No.  | Stratigraphic unit                         | Locality                                  |
|---|--|---|
| <b><i>Acrocarythus floriformis floriformis</i></b>    |  |   |
| 13669   | St. Louis Limestone -----                  | Mt. Pleasant Iowa                         |
| 71646   | St. Louis Limestone -----<br>[equivalent]. | Rainbow Mountain, Ala.                    |
| 216206  | St. Louis Limestone -----                  | Livingston, Tenn.                         |
| <b><i>Acrocarythus floriformis hemisphaericus</i></b> |  |   |
| 8211  | St. Louis Limestone -----                  | Monroe County, Ind.                       |
| 98102   | St. Louis Limestone -----<br>[equivalent]. | 1.25 mi (2 km) north of<br>Cleveland, Va. |

LOCALITY DATA FOR USNM SPECIMENS NOT  
HAYASAKA TYPES—Continued

| USNM No.  | Stratigraphic unit   | Locality   |
|---|----------------------|--|
| <b><i>Acrocyathus floriformis</i> subspecies undet.</b> |                      |  |
| 756   | St. Louis Limestone  | St. Francisville, Mo.  |
| 3779  | Lower Carboniferous  | Sugar Creek, Iowa  |
| 15526   | do                   | Near Prairie du Rocher, Ill.   |
| 17071   | do                   | Clear Springs, Harrison County, Ind.   |
| 17848   | St. Louis Limestone  | Kentucky   |
| 37466   | do                   | St. Louis, Mo.   |
| 39654   | do                   | Elizabethtown, Ky.   |
| 42695   | do                   | Eddyville, Ky.   |
| 42766   | do                   | Clarksville, Tenn.   |
| 135092  | do                   | Monroe County, Ind.  |
| 135094  | do                   | Weaver's Branch of Des Moines River, near St. Francisville, Clark County, Mo.        |
| 135096  | do                   | Livingston, Tenn.  |
| 135097  | do                   | Do.  |
| 135172  | do                   | Do.  |
| 135173  | do                   | Hillside north of South Fork of Holston River, 5 mi (8 km) north of Kingsport, Tenn. |
| 135174  | Mississippian        | Millpoint, Pocahontas County, W. Va.   |
| 135177  | St. Louis Limestone  | Iowa   |
| 135179  | do                   | Horse and Muddy Creeks, Dade County, Mo.   |
| 135300  | Mississippian        | Elgin, Ill.  |
| 135301  | do                   | Caney Fork River, Dekalb County, Tenn.   |
| 135302  | St. Louis Limestone  | Livingston, Tenn.  |
| 136704  | do                   | Do.  |
| 166604  | Mississippian        | Franklin, Ky.  |
| 166605  | do                   | Do.  |
| 216198  | St. Louis Limestone  | 1 mi (1.6 km) west of Red Hill Post Office, Marshall County, Ala.                    |
| 216199  | do                   | River bluff 1 mi (1.6 km) south of Maestown, Ill.                                    |
| 216200  | do                   | Do.  |
| 216202  | do                   | Rock Creek, Hancock County, Ill.   |
| 216203  | Mississippian        | Bloomington, Ind.  |
| 216204  | do                   | Slick Rock Creek, Barren County, Ky.   |
| 216205  | St. Louis Limestone  | 2 mi (3.2 km) west of Ste. Genevieve, Mo.  |
| 216207  | do                   | Livingston, Tenn.  |
| 216208  | do                   | Do.  |
| 216210  | Mississippian        | Near Forbuss, Fentress County, Tenn.   |
| 216211  | do                   | About 1 mi (1.6 km) east of Little Crab, Standingstone quadrangle, Tennessee         |
| 216212  | Greenbrier Limestone | 0.5 mi (0.8 km) southeast of Shrader, Pounding Mill quadrangle, Virginia             |
| 216214  | do                   | Millpoint, Pocahontas County, W. Va.   |
| <b><i>Acrocyathus proliferus</i></b>                    |                      |  |
| 841   | St. Louis Limestone  | Hardin County, Ill.  |
| 4587  | Mississippian        | Gallatin County, Ill.  |
| 37469   | St. Louis Limestone  | Marion, Ky.  |
| 37470   | Mississippian        | Saginaw Bay, Mich.   |
| 37471   | do                   | Bellevue, Mich.  |
| 39655   | St. Louis Limestone  | Elizabethtown, Ky.   |
| 42667   | do                   | Eddyville, Ky.   |
| 42705   | do                   | Do.  |
| 42714   | do                   | Clarksville, Tenn.   |

LOCALITY DATA FOR USNM SPECIMENS NOT  
HAYASAKA TYPES—Continued

| USNM No.                                       | Stratigraphic unit                            | Locality   |
|--|---|--|
| <b><i>Acrocyathus proliferus</i>—Continued</b> |   |  |
| 42845  | do  | Scott County, Ill.   |
| 49941  | do  | Clarksville, Tenn.   |
| 49942  | do  | Eddyville, Ky.   |
| 52681  | Mississippian                                 | Hardin County, Ky.   |
| 60306  | St. Louis Limestone                           | Eddyville, Ky.   |
| 71647  | St. Louis Limestone                           | Blount Springs, Bount County, Ala.                                       |
| 135085   | Hillsdale Member of the Greenbrier Limestone. | Opposite Bishop High School on Virginia Highway 16, Tazewell County, Va. |
| 135087   | St. Louis Limestone                           | 1 mi (1.6 km) east of Rockwell, Ky.                                      |
| 135091   | St. Louis Limestone                           | 2.5 mi (4 km) southeast of Bandy, Pounding Mill quadrangle, Virginia     |
| 135095   | St. Louis Limestone                           | Eddyville, Ky.   |
| 135098   | do  | St. Francisville, Mo.  |
| 135168   | do  | 0.75 mi (1.2 km) east of Columbia, Ill.                                  |
| 135176   | do  | Eddyville, Ky.   |
| 216201   | do  | Maestown, Ill.   |
| 216207   | do  | Livingston, Tenn.  |
| 216209   | do  | do.  |
| 216213   | Greenbrier Limestone                          | Right river cut, 1 mi. (1.6 km) northeast of Cedar Bluff, Va.            |
| 239233   | St. Louis Limestone                           | 2 mi (3.2 km) northeast of Mills Springs, Ky.                            |

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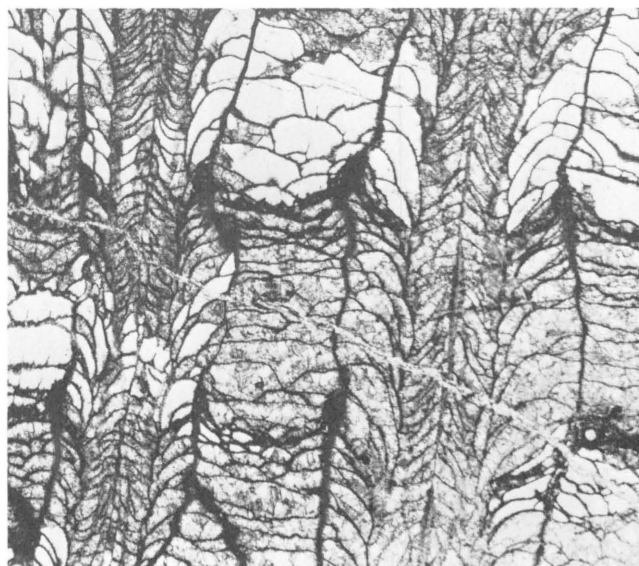
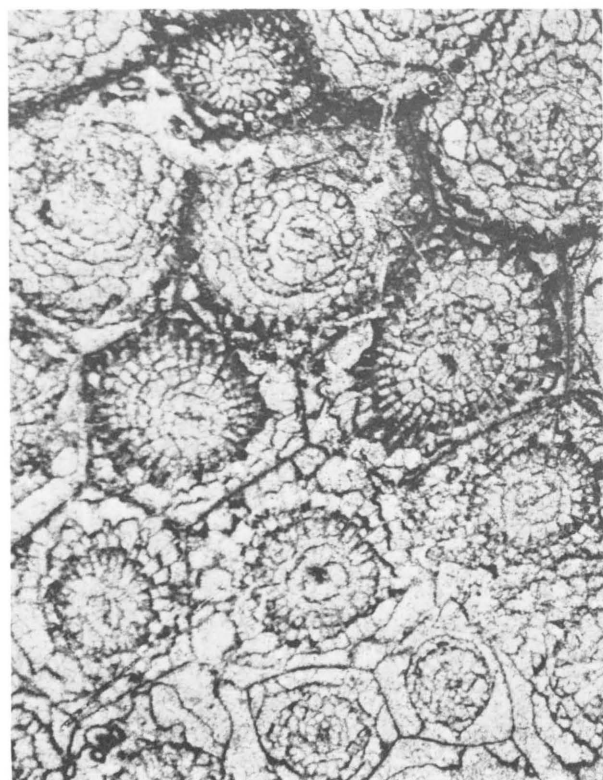
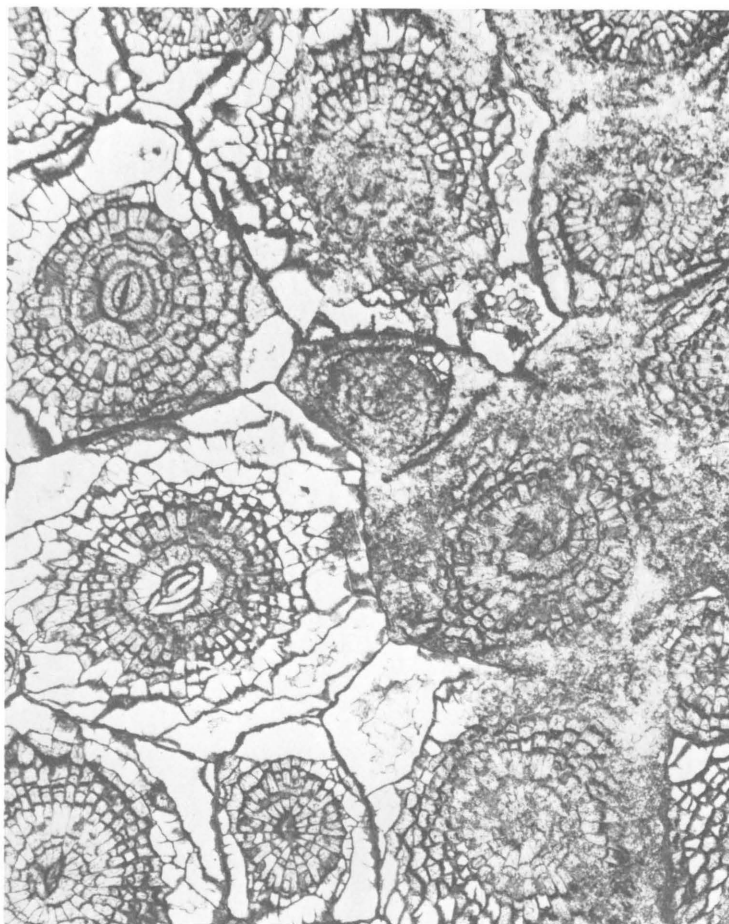
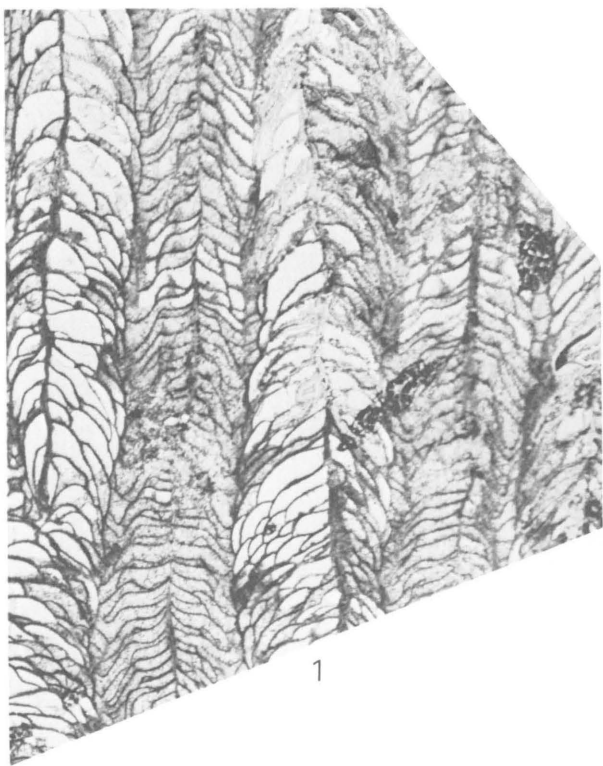
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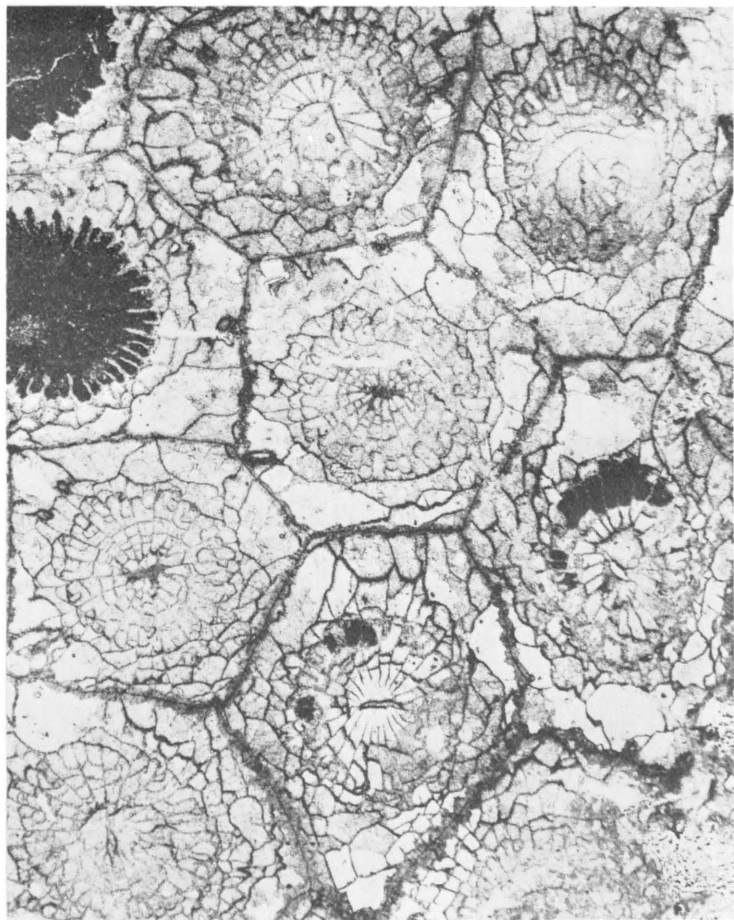


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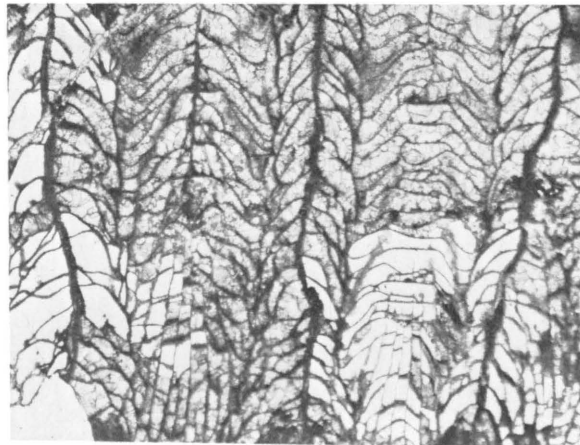
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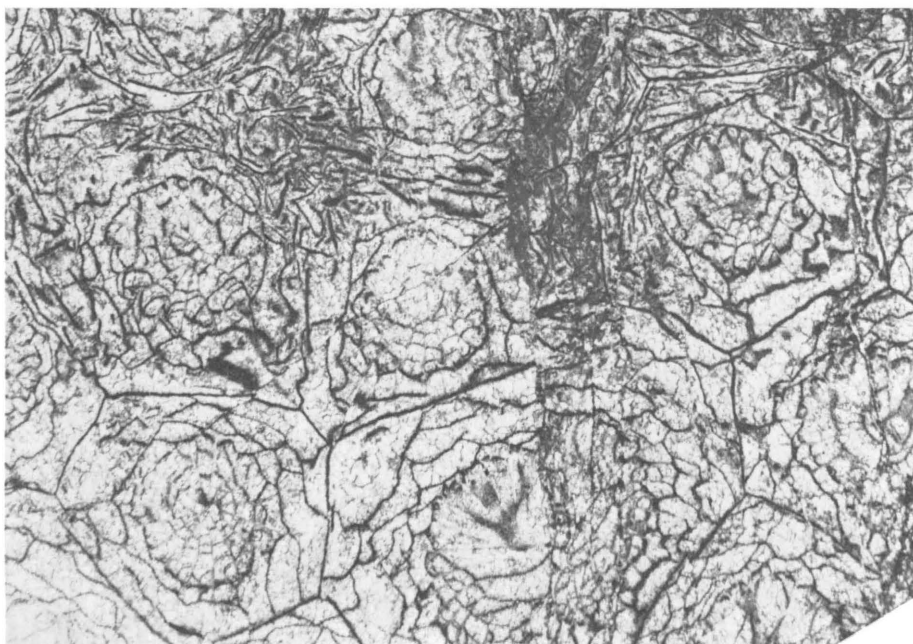
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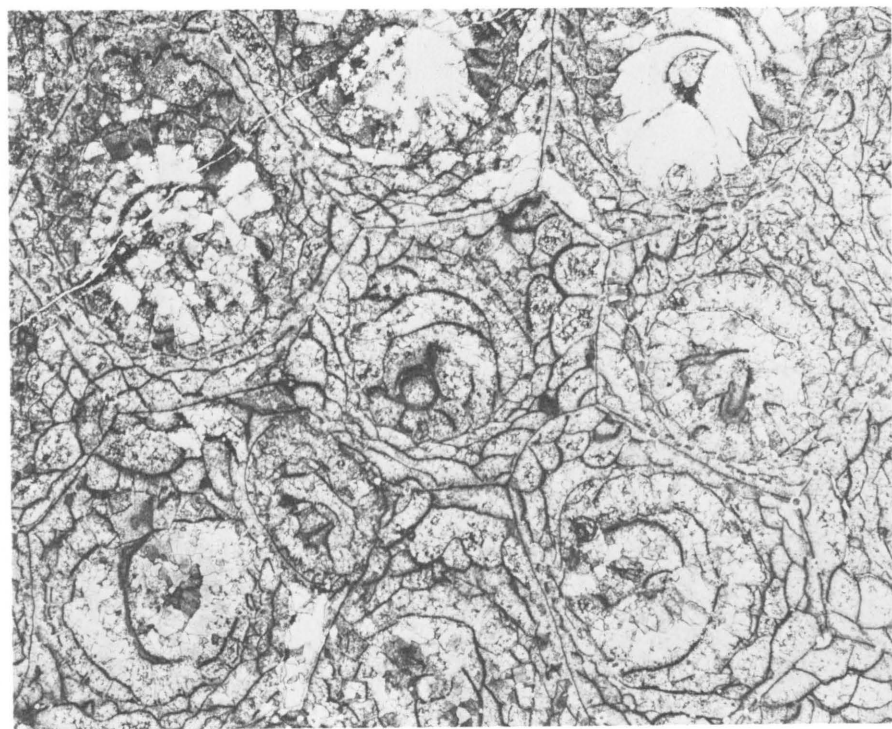
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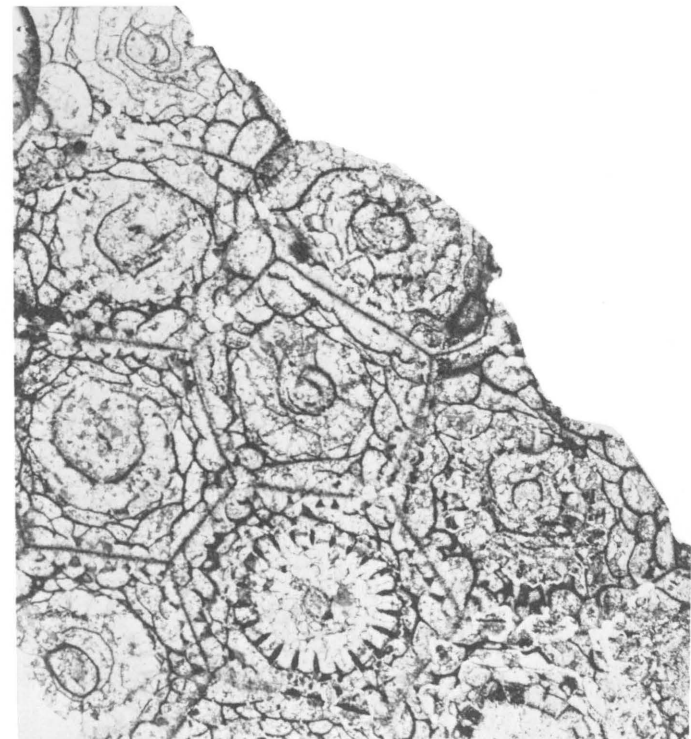




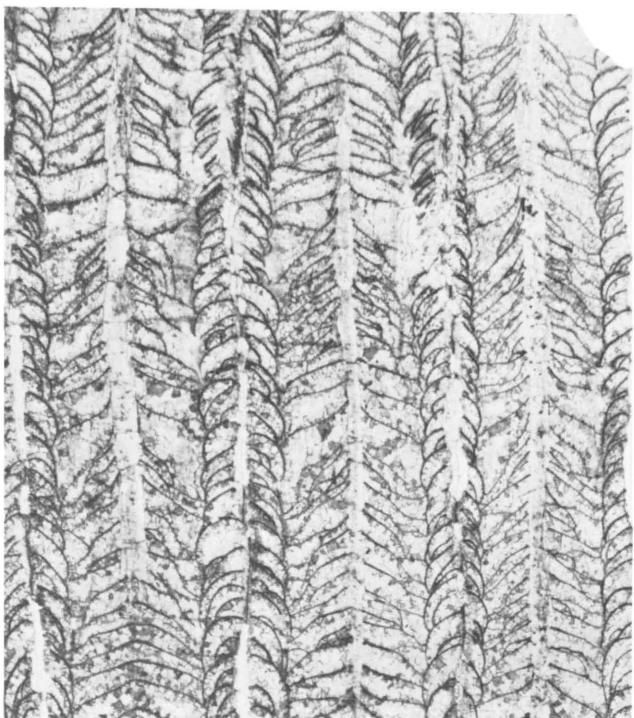
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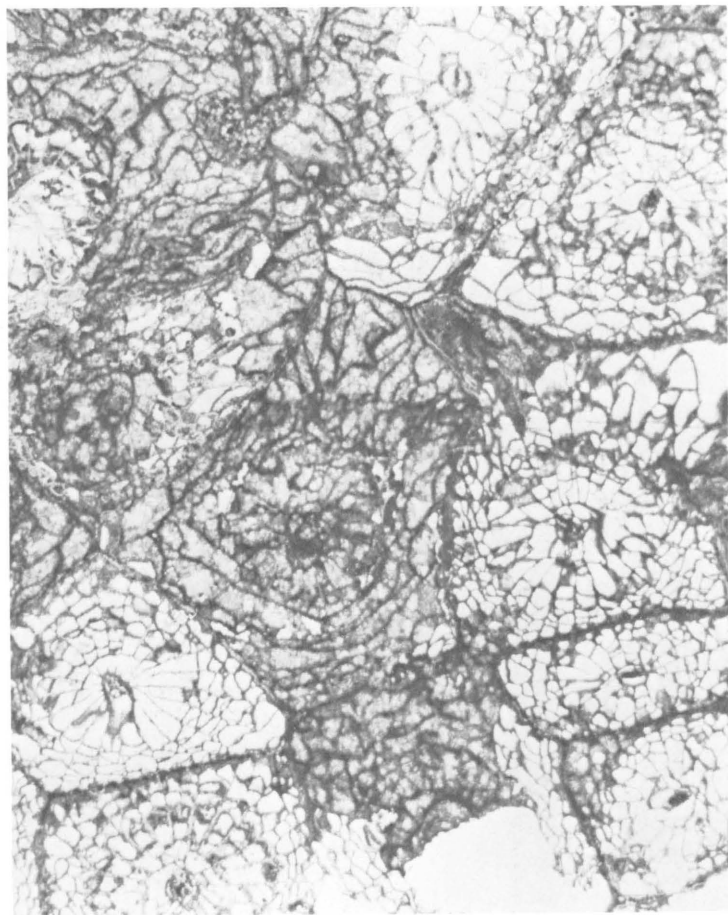
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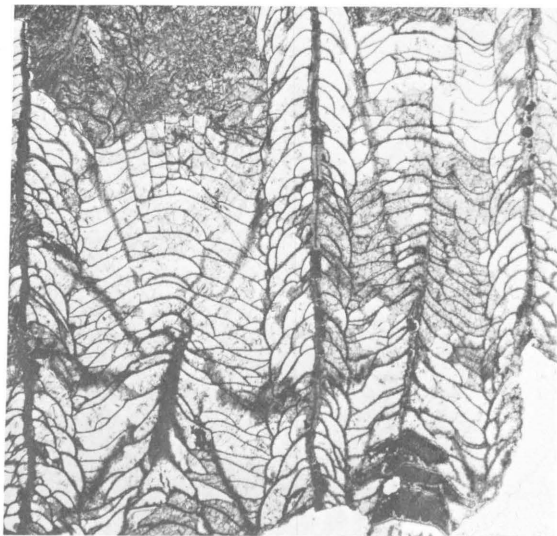
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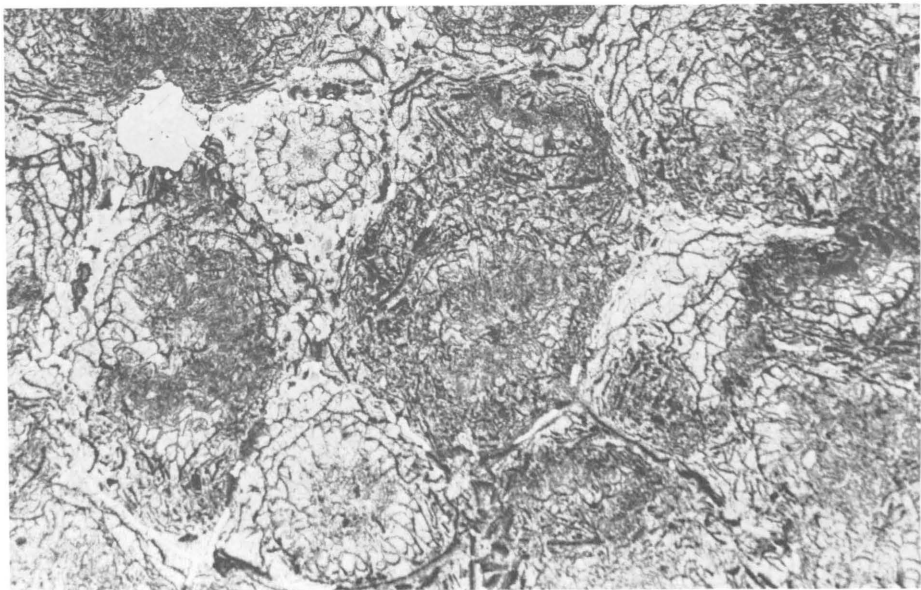
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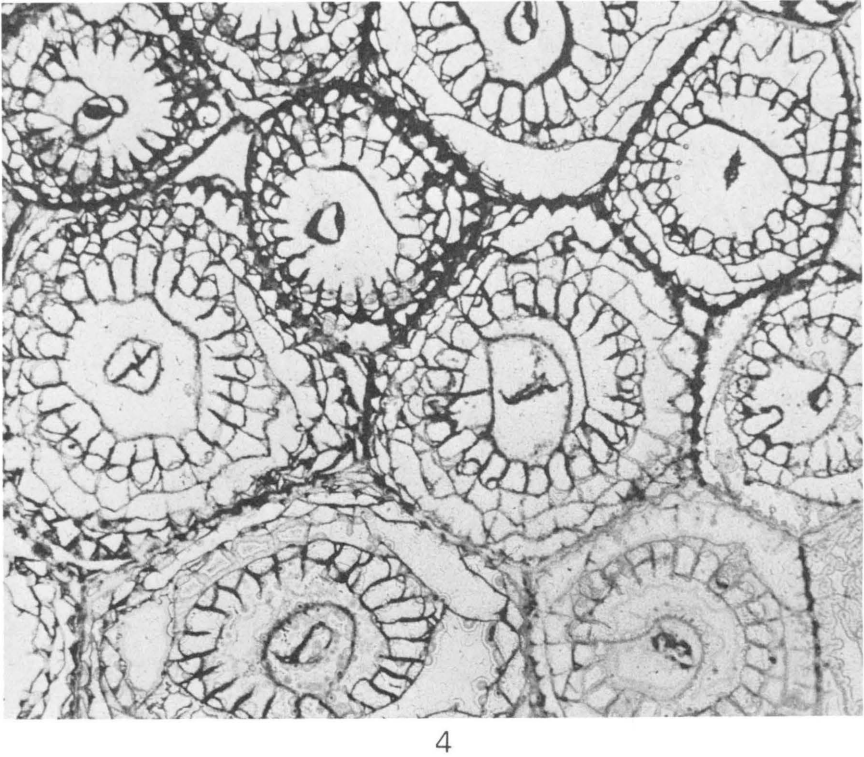
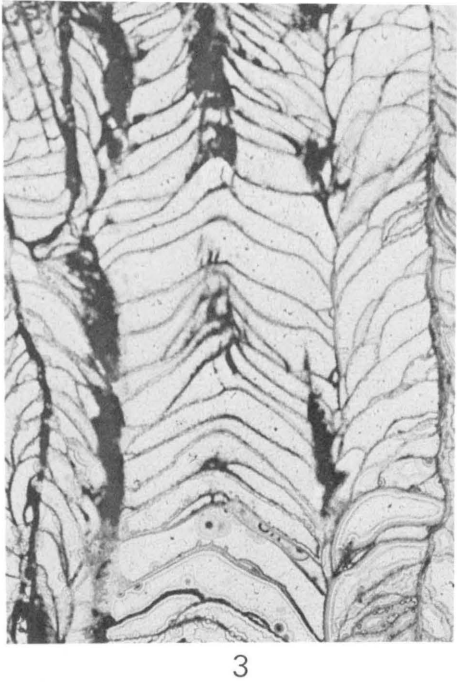
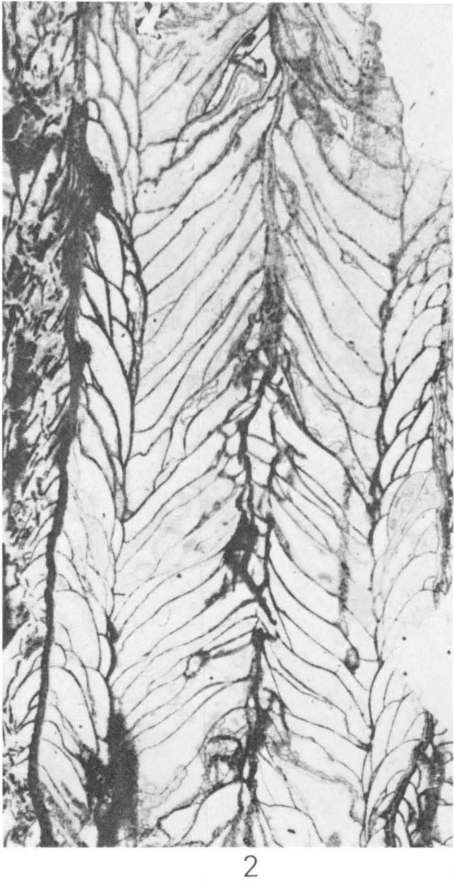
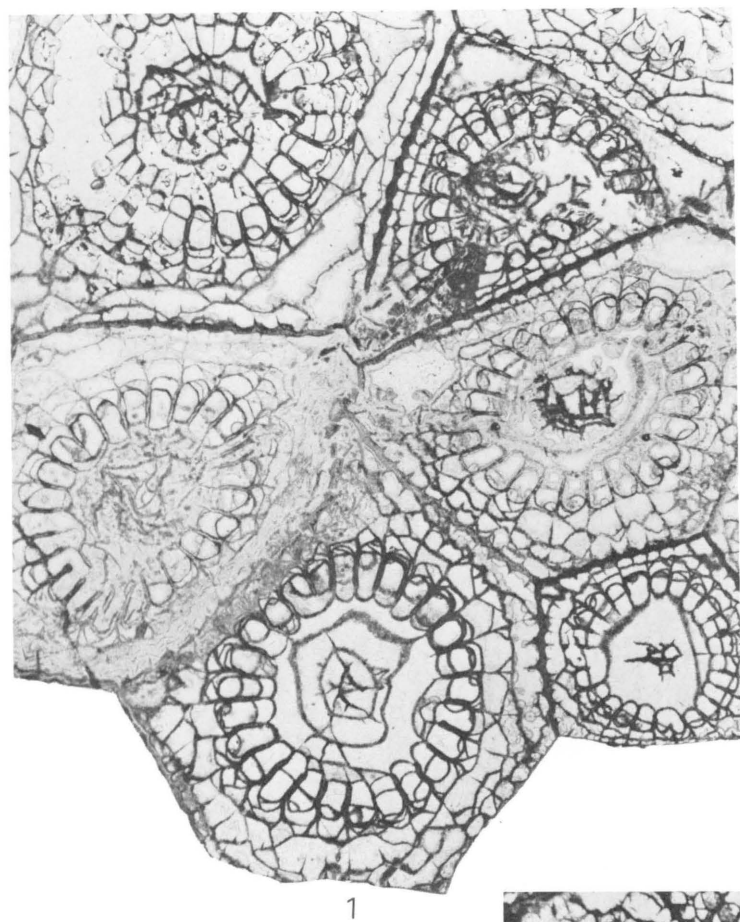
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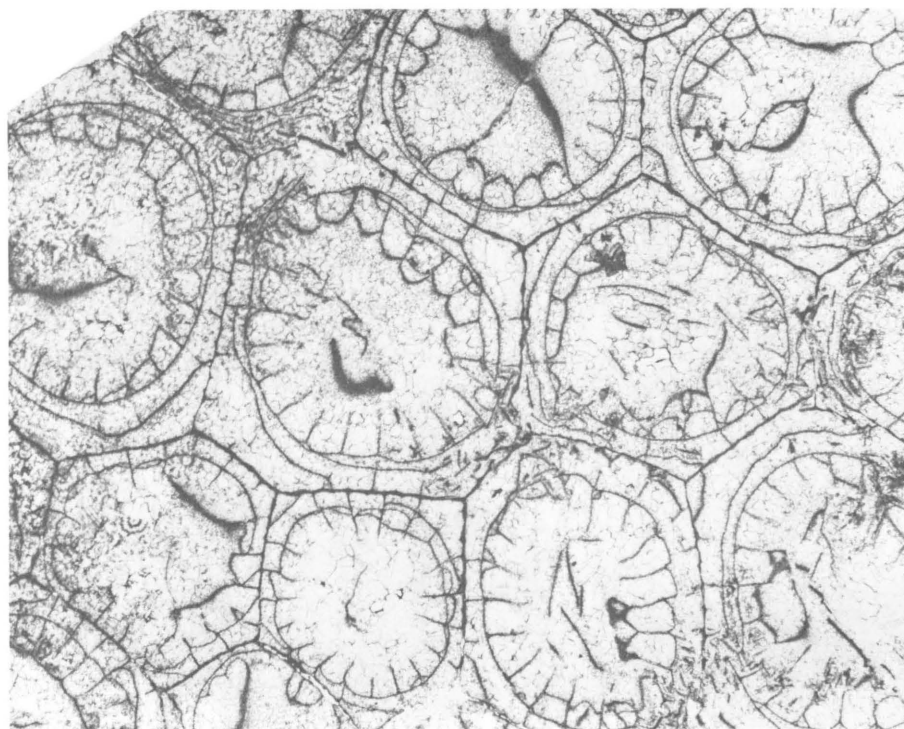
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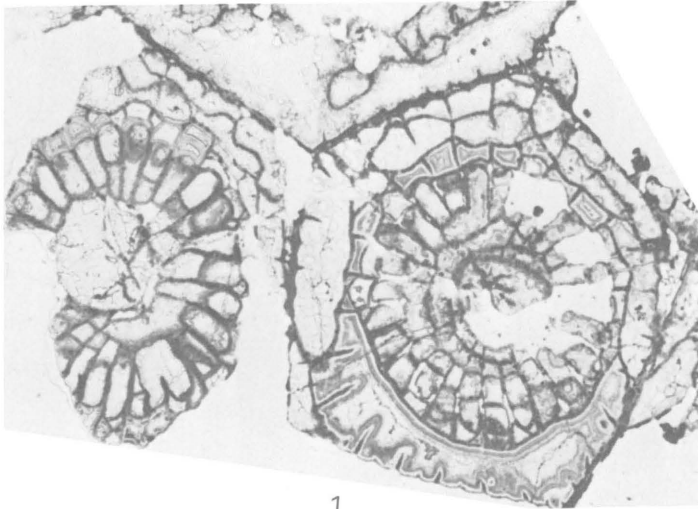
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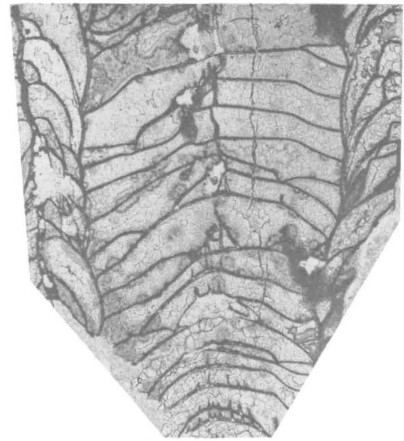
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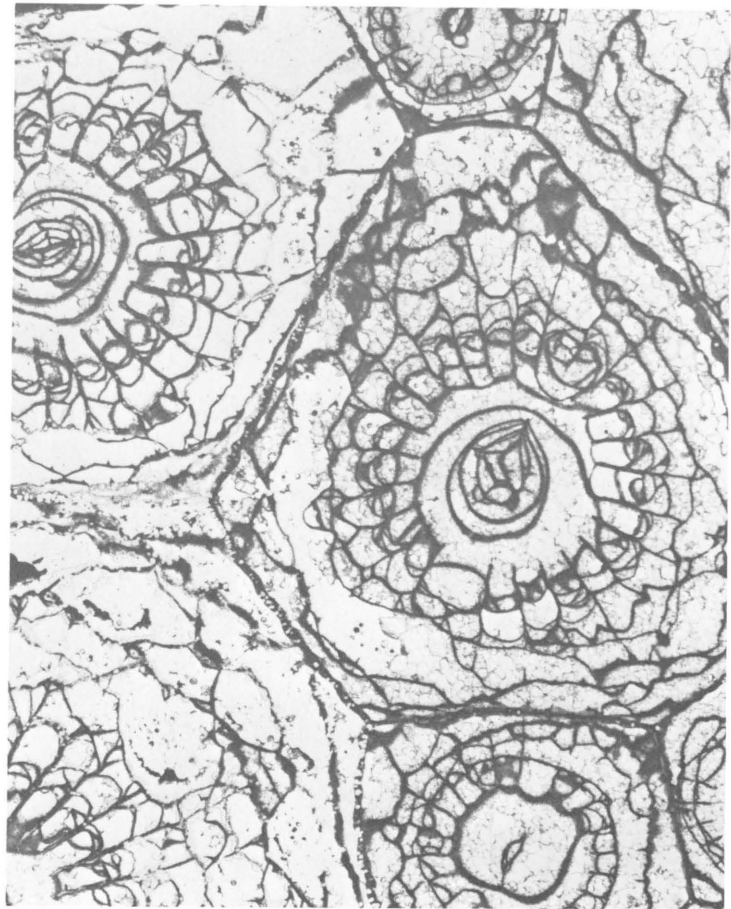
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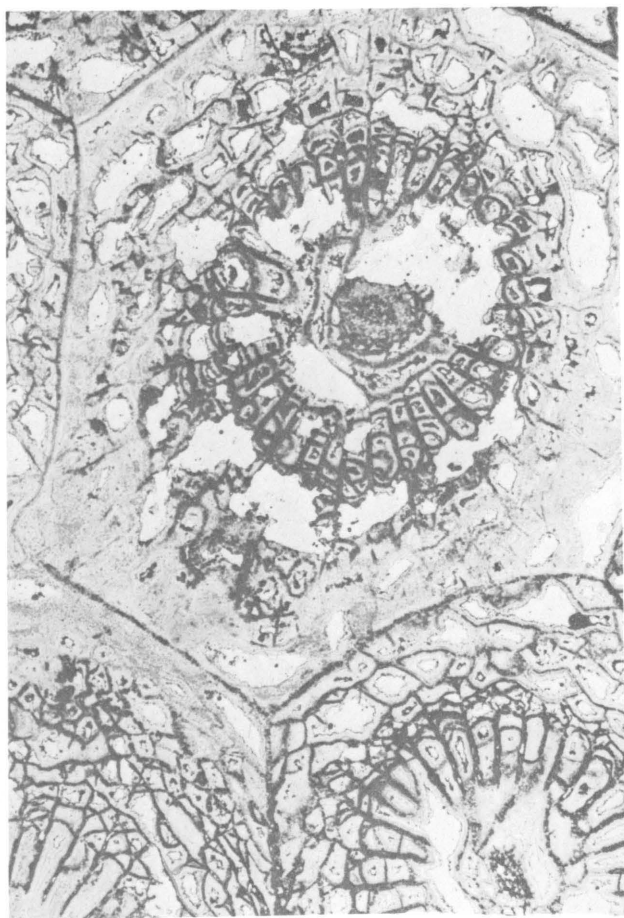
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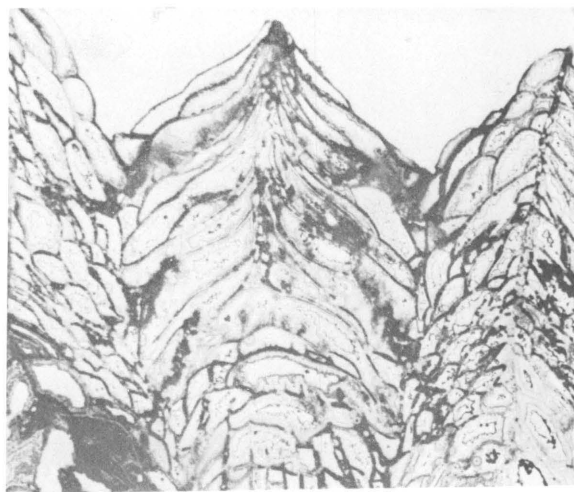
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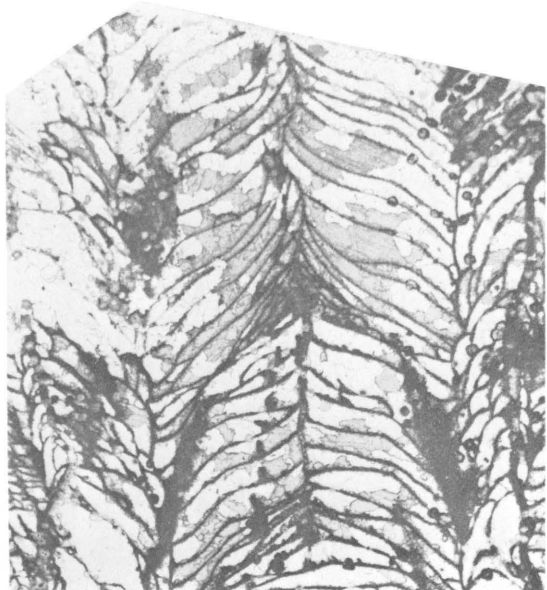
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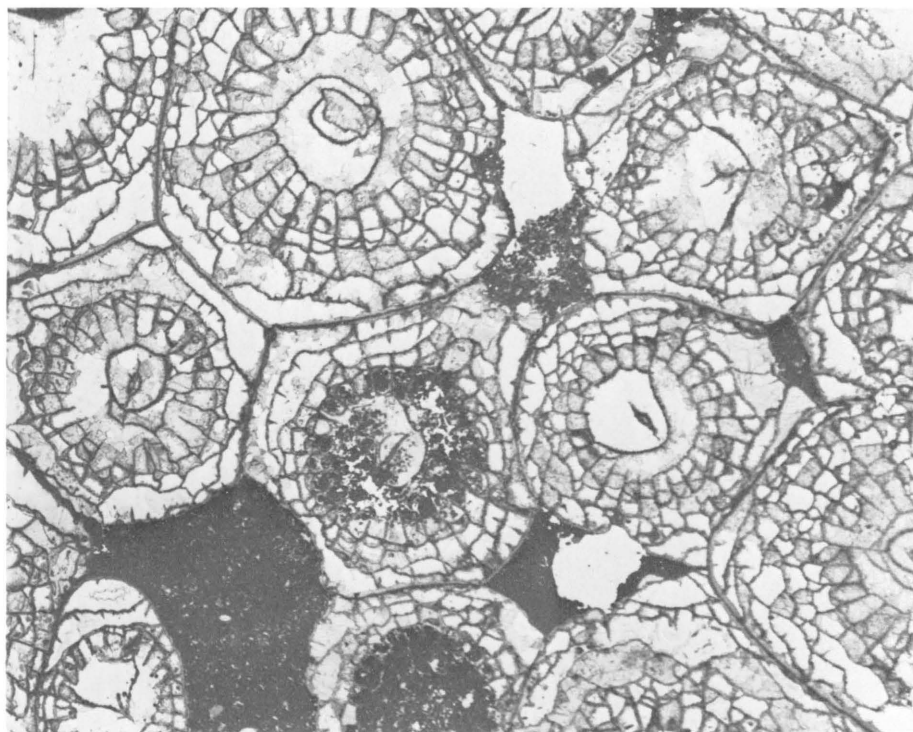
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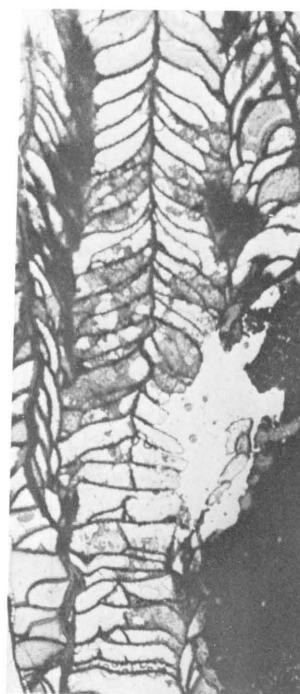
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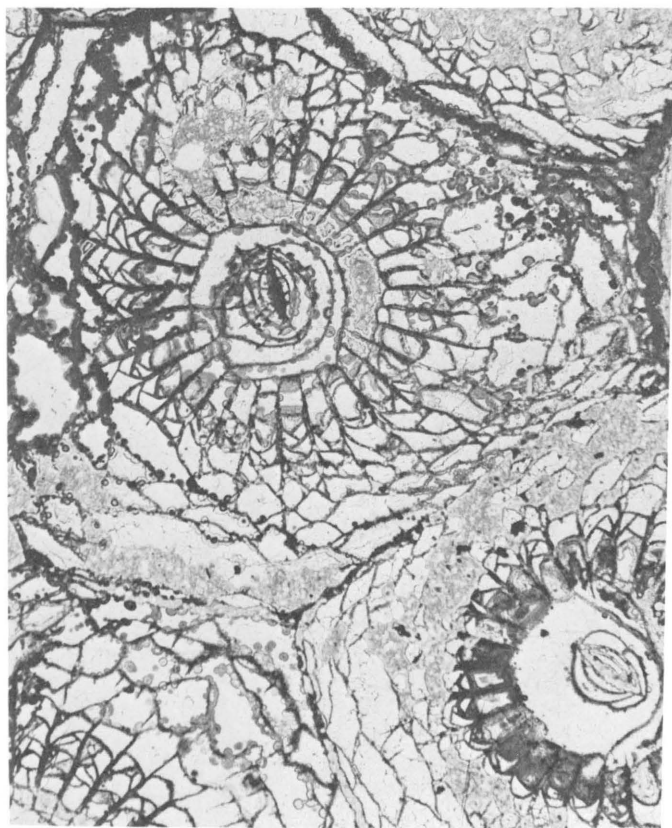
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2. Longitudinal thin section, USNM 161994b.
- 3, 4. *Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis* d'Orbigny (p. 17).  
USNM 161989 (paratype of *Lithostrotionella castelnaui* Hayasaka). USGS Loc. 2226-PC, St. Louis Limestone, Illinois.  
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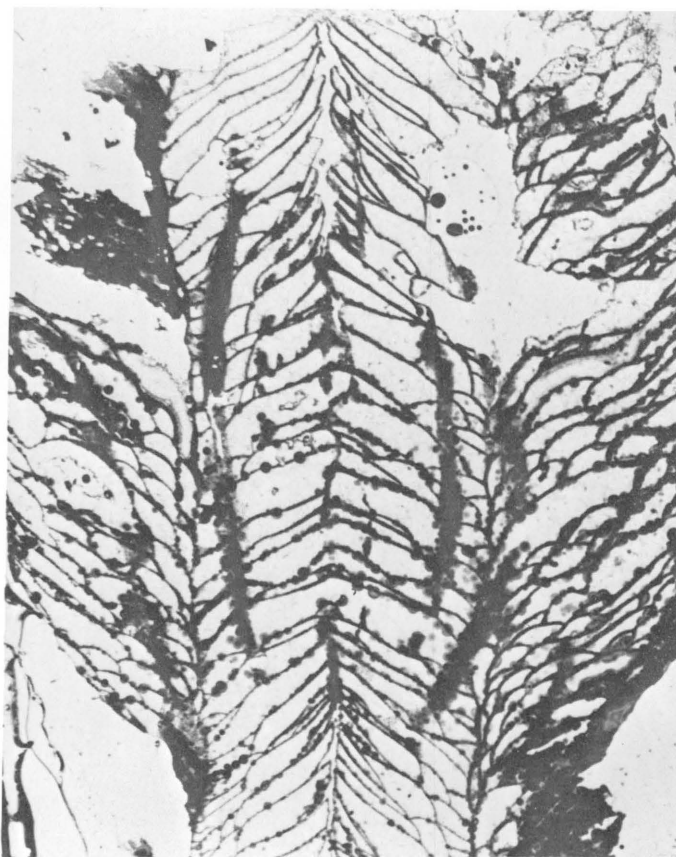
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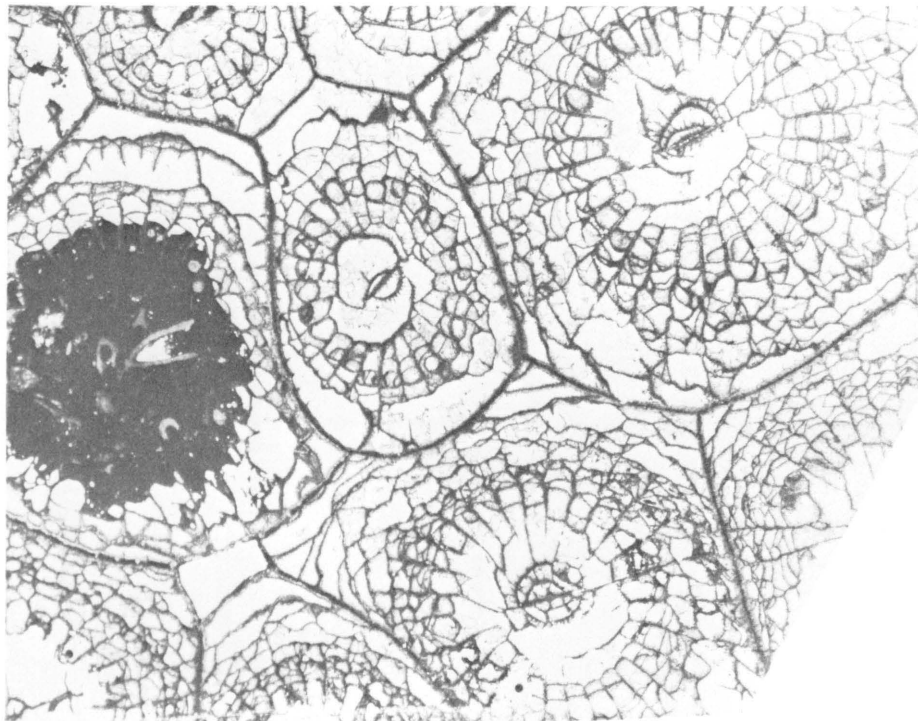
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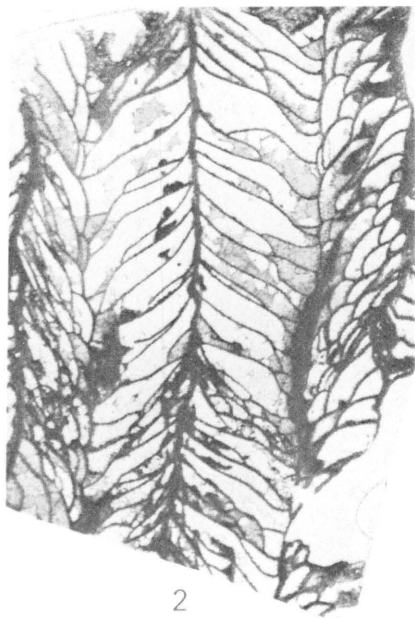
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- 3, 4. *Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis* d'Orbigny (p. 17).  
USNM 161993 (paratype of *Lithostrotionella castelnaui* Hayasaka). USGS Loc. 3159-PC, Newman Limestone, Virginia.  
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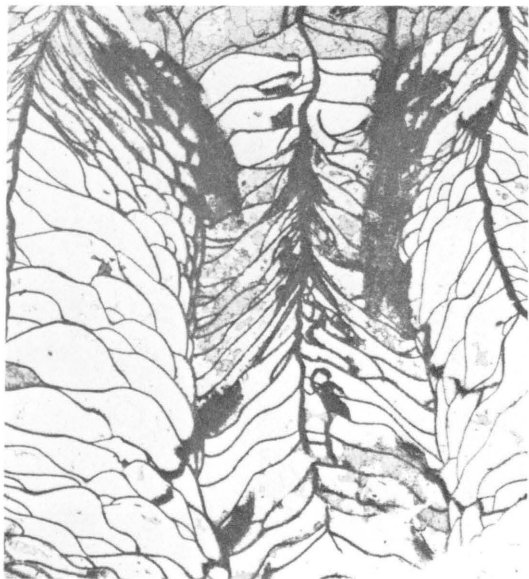




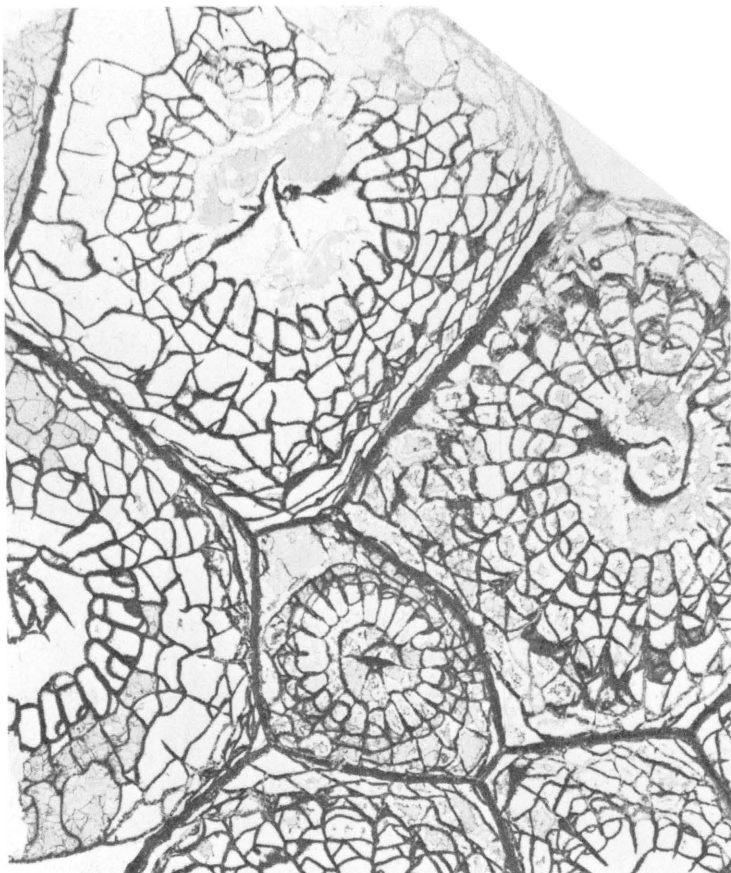
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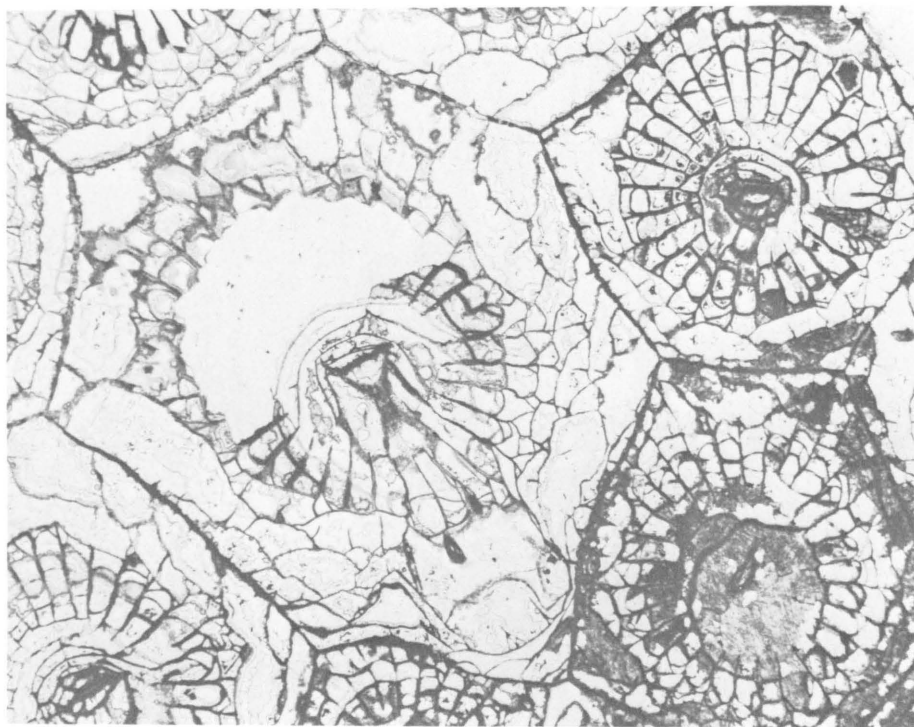
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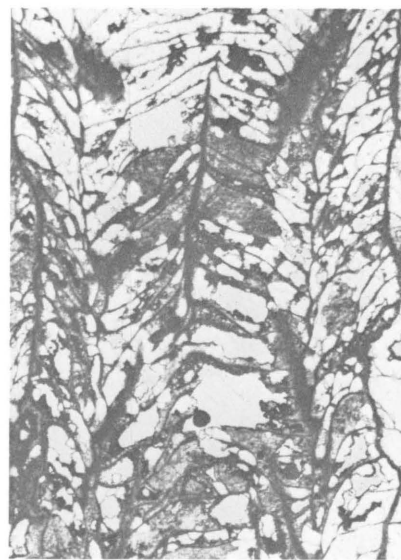
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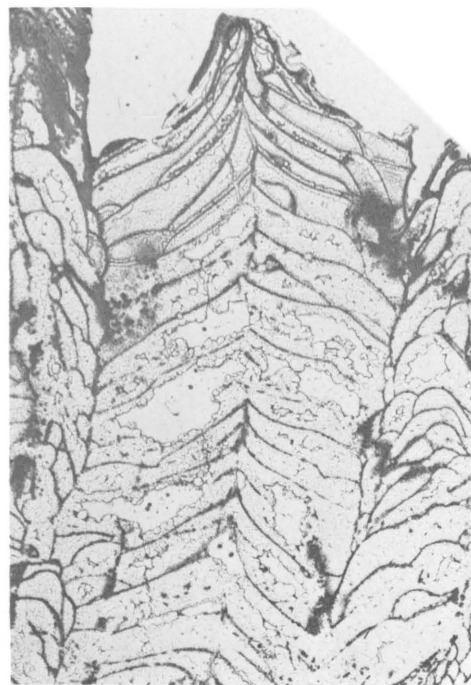
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- 3, 4. *Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis* d'Orbigny (p. 17).  
USNM 120238 (paratype of *Lithostrotionella hemisphaerica* Hayasaka). USGS Loc. 3283-PC, Hillsdale Member of Greenbrier Limestone, West Virginia.  
3. Longitudinal thin section, USNM 120238d.  
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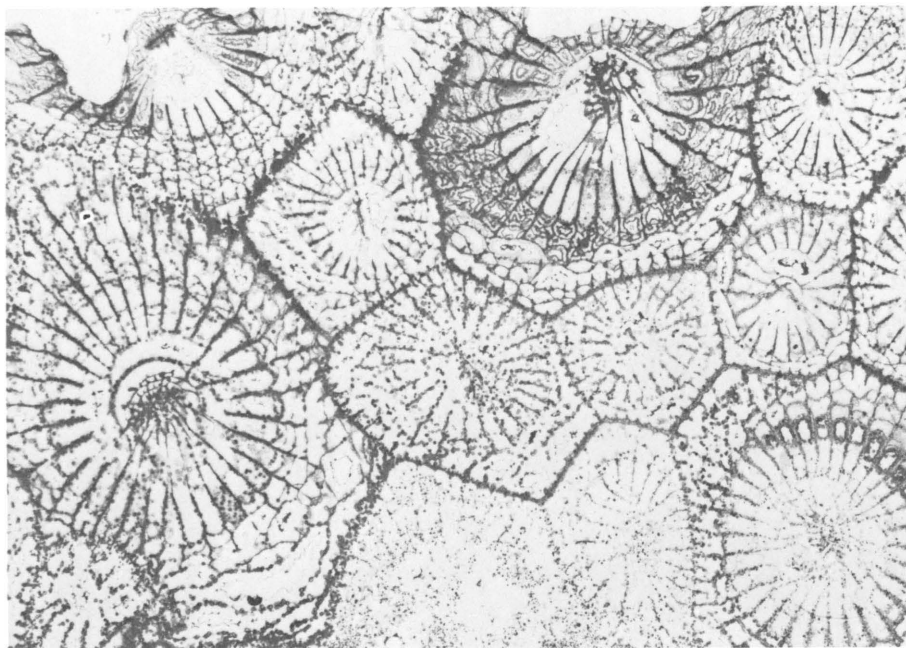
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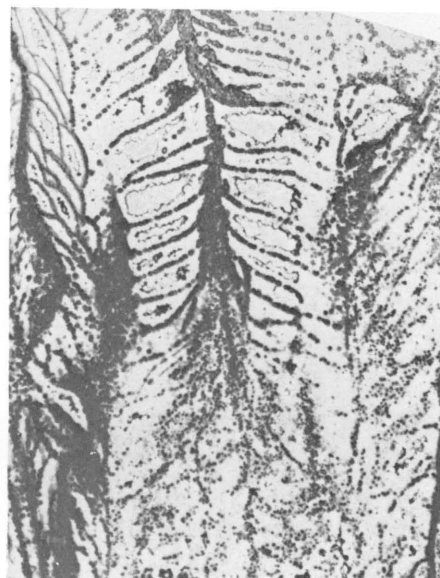
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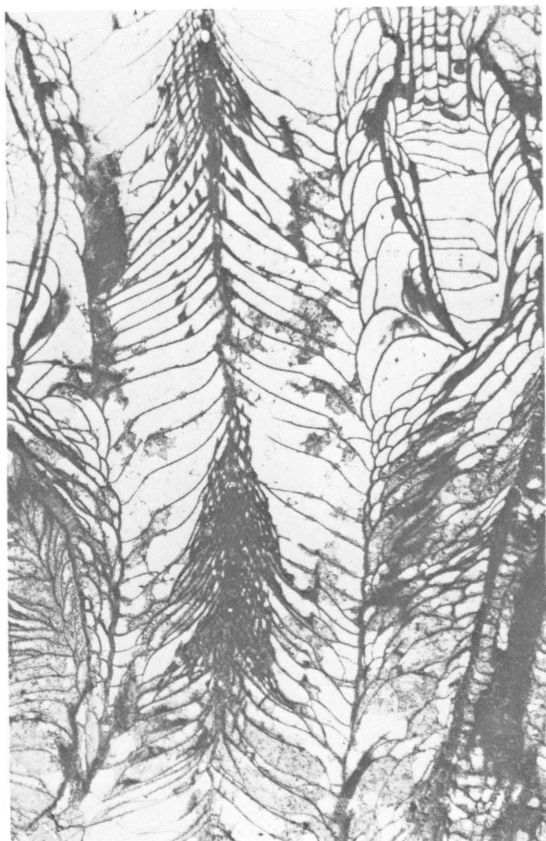
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1. Transverse thin section, USNM 120237a.  
2. Longitudinal thin section, USNM 120237c.
- 3, 4. *Acrocyathus floriformis hemisphaericus* (Hayasaka) (p. 19).  
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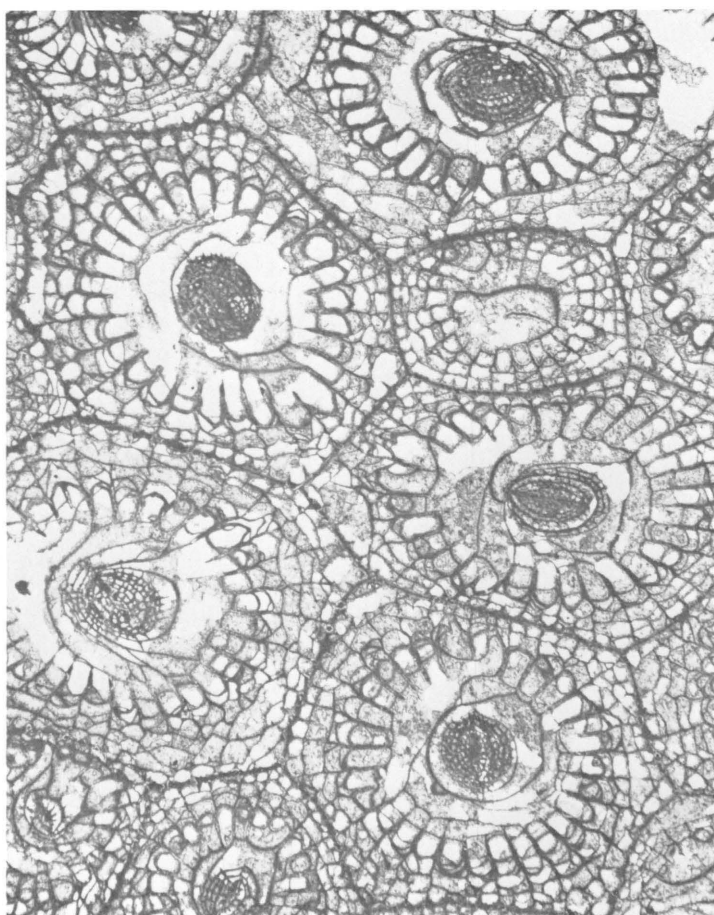
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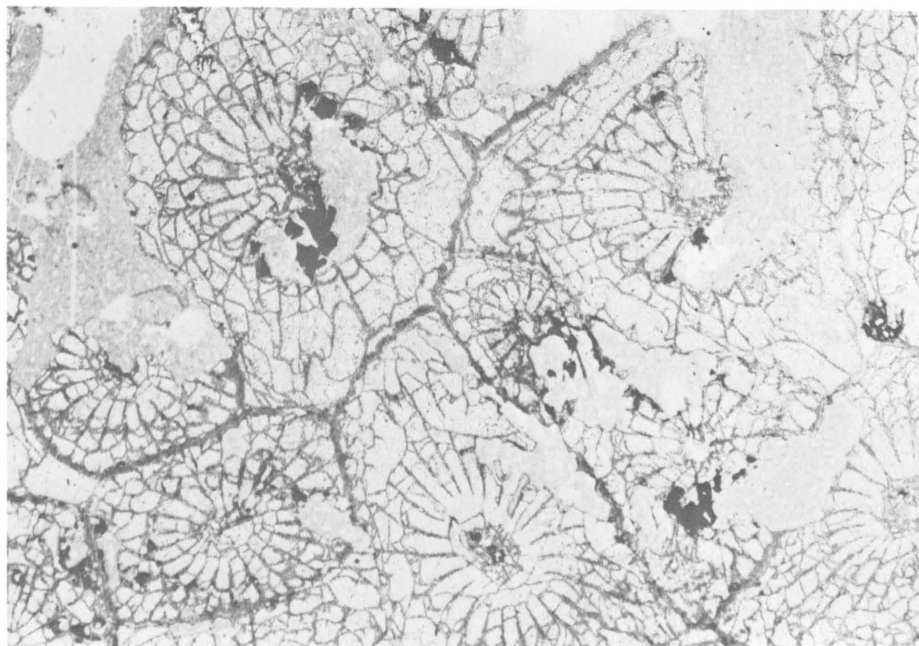
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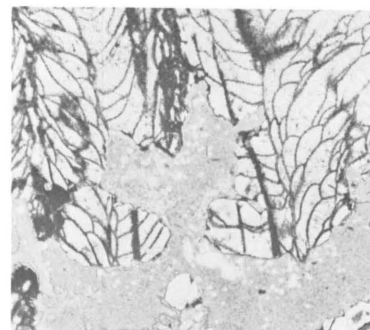
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1. Transverse thin section, USNM 161999a.  
2, 3. Longitudinal thin section, USNM 161999b.
- 4-6. *Acrocyathus floriformis hemisphaericus* (Hayasaka)? (p. 19).  
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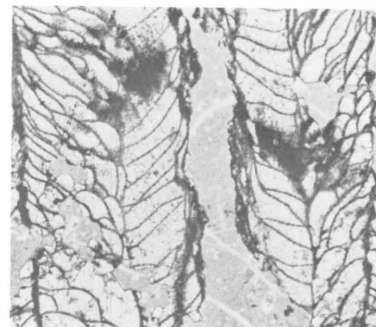




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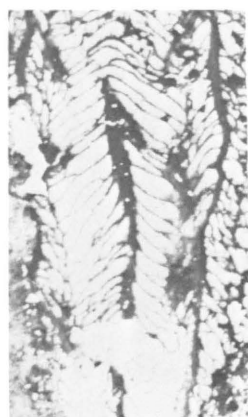
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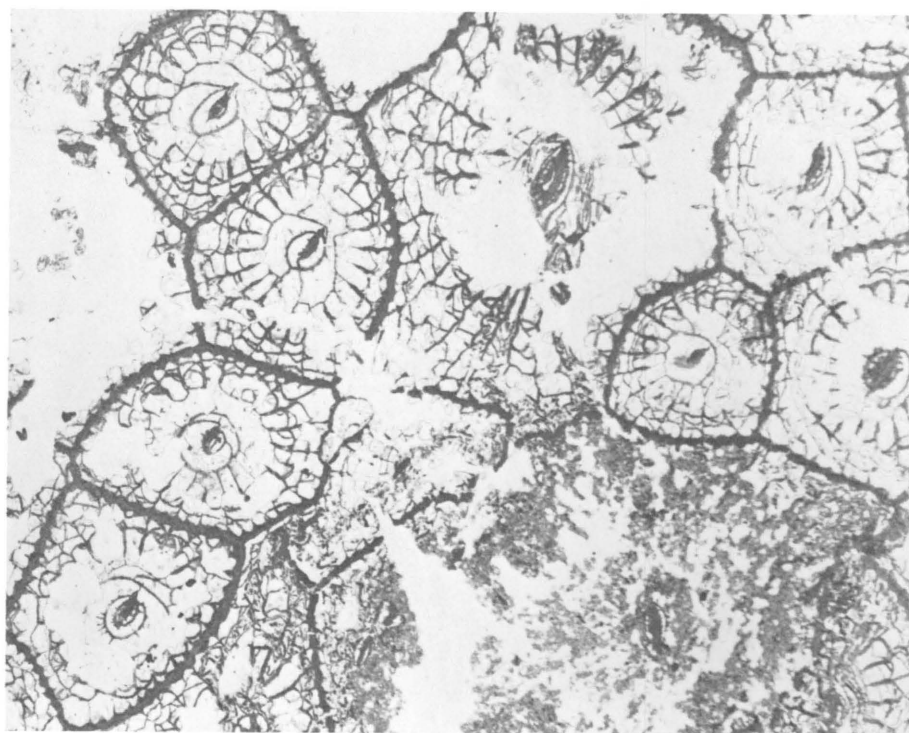
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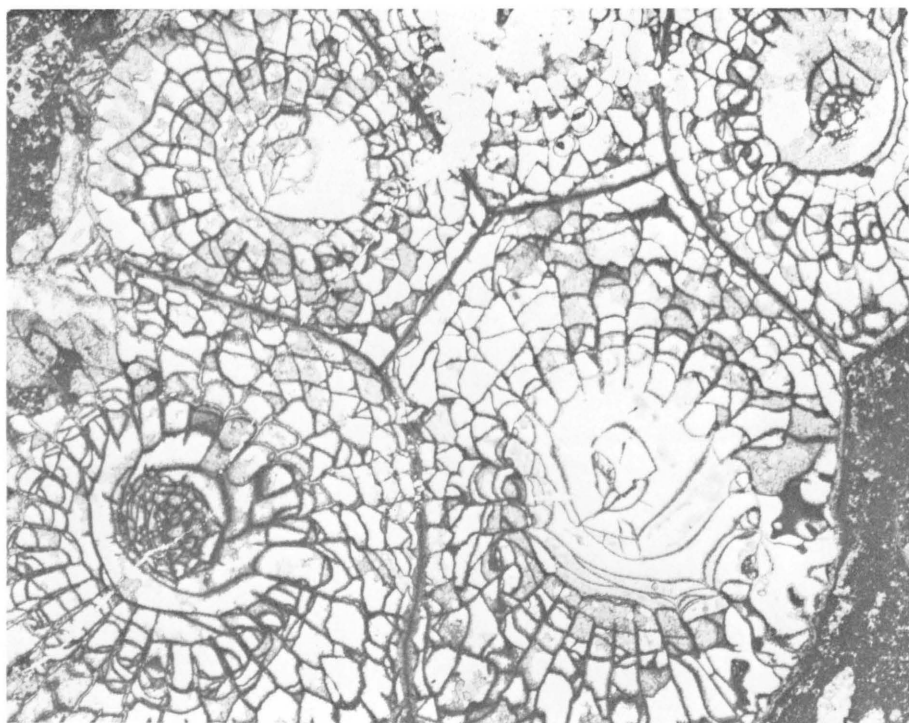
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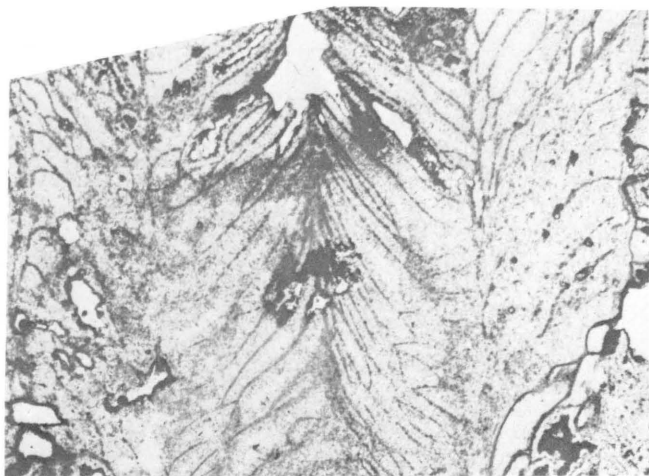
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1. Transverse thin section, USNM 161992a.  
2. Longitudinal thin section, USNM 161992b.
- 3, 4. *Acrocyathus floriformis hemisphaericus* (Hayasaka) (p. 19).  
USNM 120236 (paratype of *Lithostrotionella castelnaui* Hayasaka). USGS Loc. 3282-PC, Hillsdale Member of Greenbrier Limestone, West Virginia.  
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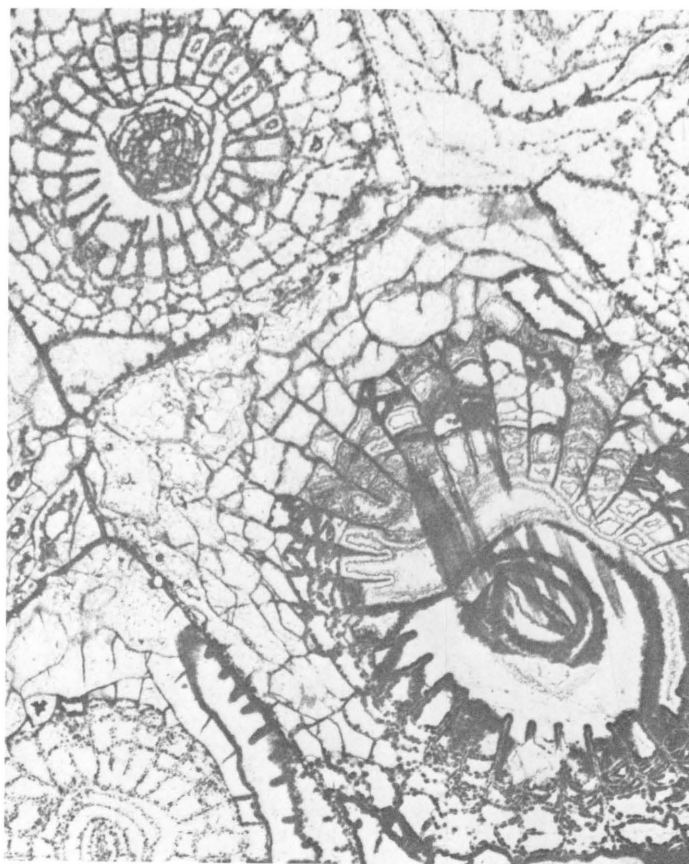
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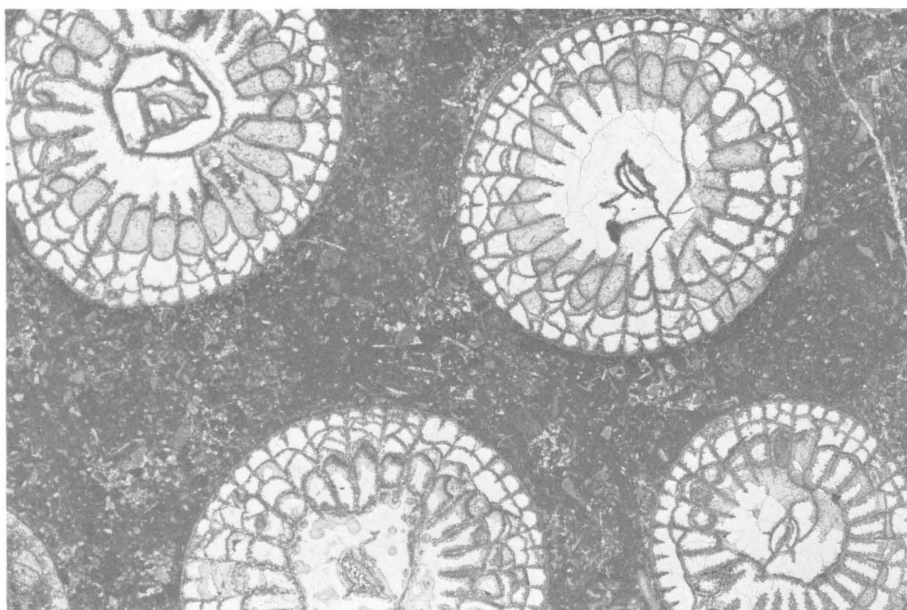


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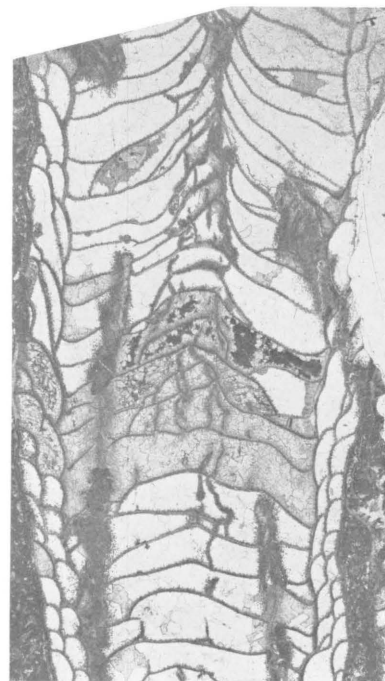
*ACROCYATHUS FLORIFORMIS HEMISPHAERICUS* (HAYASAKA)

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- FIGURES 1-3. *Acrocyathus proliferus* (Hall) (p. 20).  
Neotype, USNM 841. St. Louis Limestone, Illinois.
1. Transverse thin section,  $\times 4$ , USNM 841a.
  2. Longitudinal thin section,  $\times 4$ , USNM 841b.
  3. Side view of corallum,  $\times 1$ .



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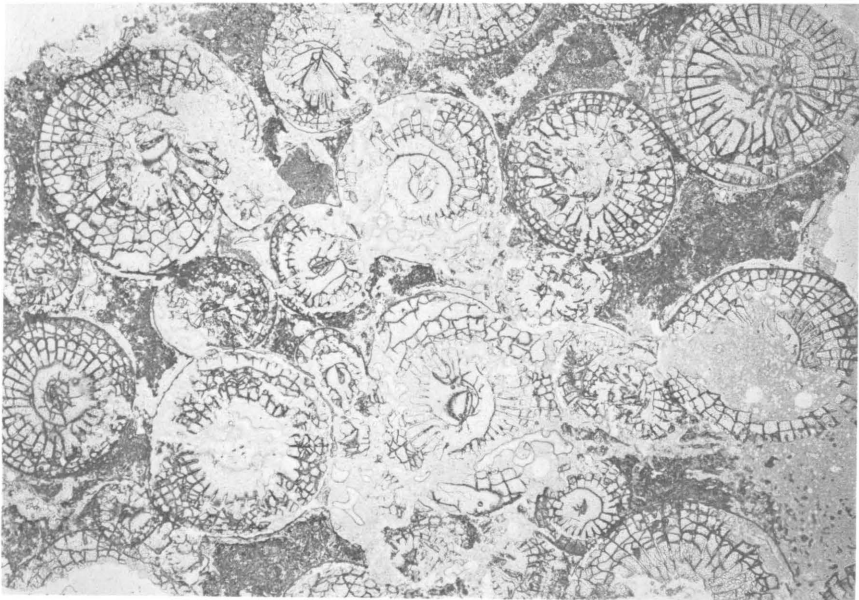


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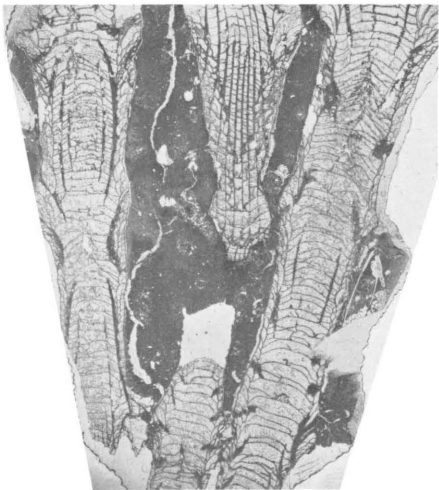
*ACROCYATHUS PROLIFERUS* (HALL)

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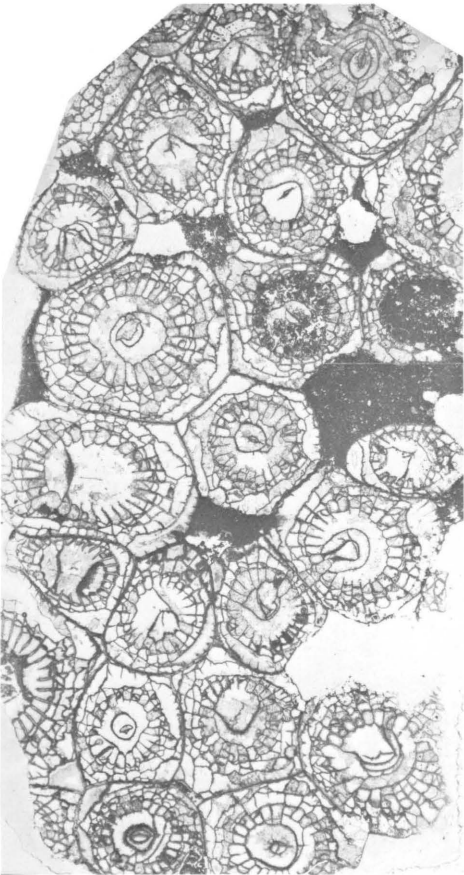
- FIGURES 1. *Acrocyathus proliferus* (Hall) (p. 20).  
USNM 216207. St. Louis Limestone, Tennessee.  
Transverse thin section,  $\times 2$ , USNM 216207a, showing crowding of corallites by profuse budding.
2. *Acrocyathus floriformis floriformis* d'Orbigny (p. 17).  
USNM 161994. Greenbrier Limestone, Virginia.  
Transverse thin section,  $\times 2$ , USNM 161994a, showing cylindrical tendency of some corallites in a predominantly cerioid corallum.
- 3, 4. *Acrocyathus proliferus* (Hall) (p. 20).  
USNM 216209. St. Louis Limestone, Tennessee.
3. Longitudinal thin section,  $\times 1$ , USNM 216209b showing cylindrical corallites in a predominantly fasciculate corallum.
4. Transverse thin section,  $\times 2$ , USNM 216209a showing prismatic tendency in crowded corallites in a predominantly fasciculate corallum.



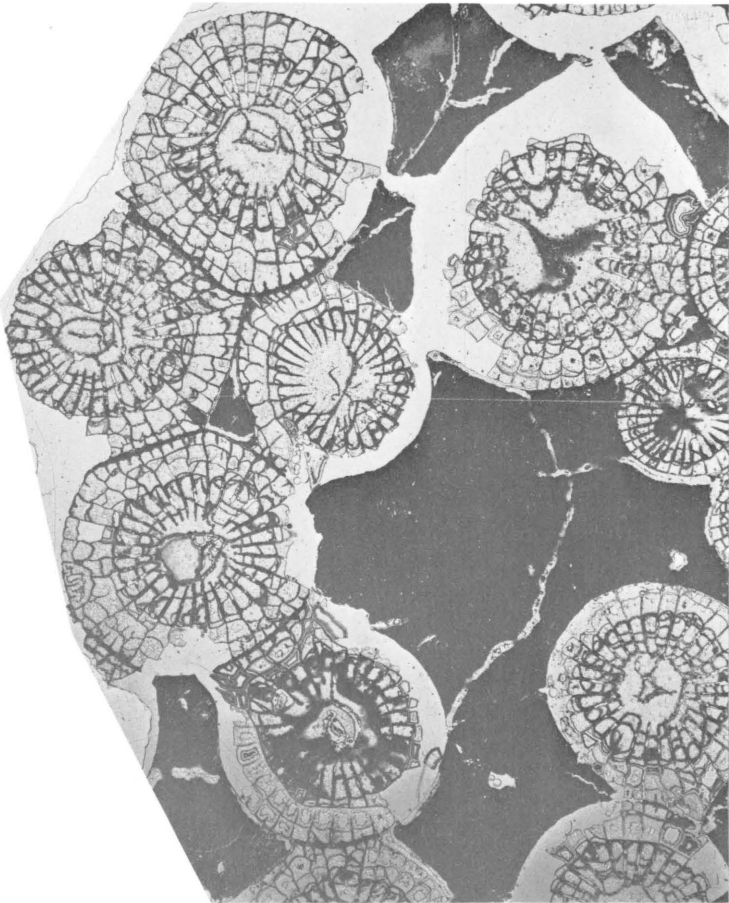
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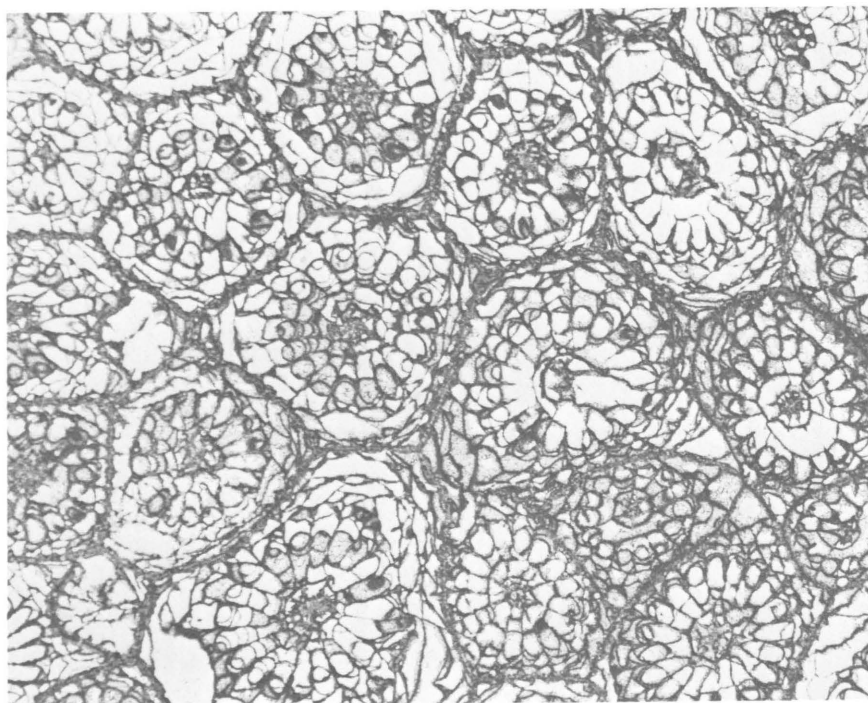
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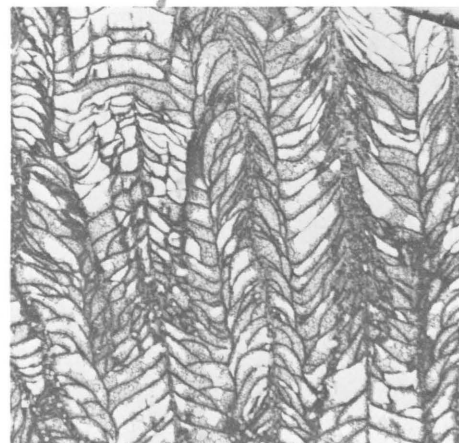
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- FIGURES 1, 2. *Acrocyathus pilatus* n. sp. (p. 19).  
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1. Transverse thin section, USNM 162004a.  
2. Longitudinal thin section, USNM 162004b.
- 3, 4. *Acrocyathus girtyi* (Hayasaka) (p. 21).  
Holotype, USNM 120243. USGS Loc. 4801H-PC (green), Little Flat Formation, Utah.  
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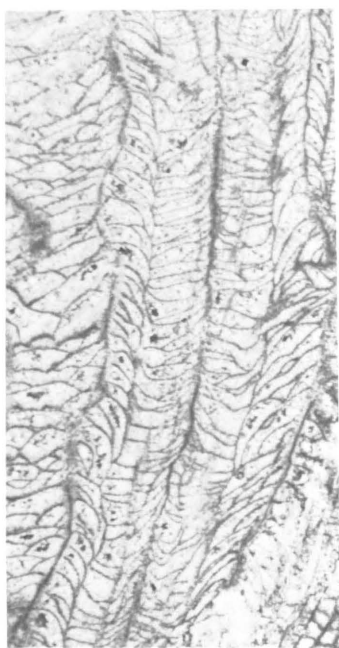
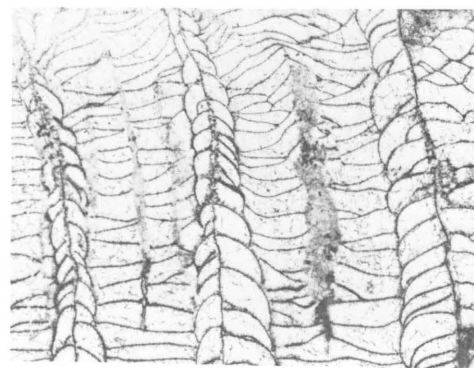
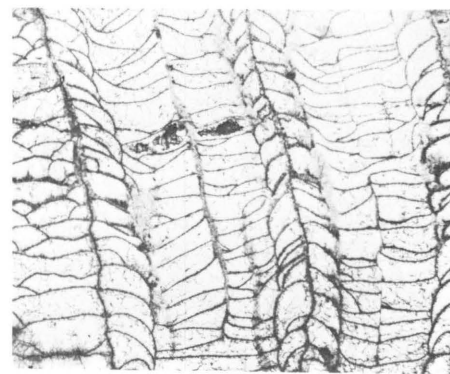
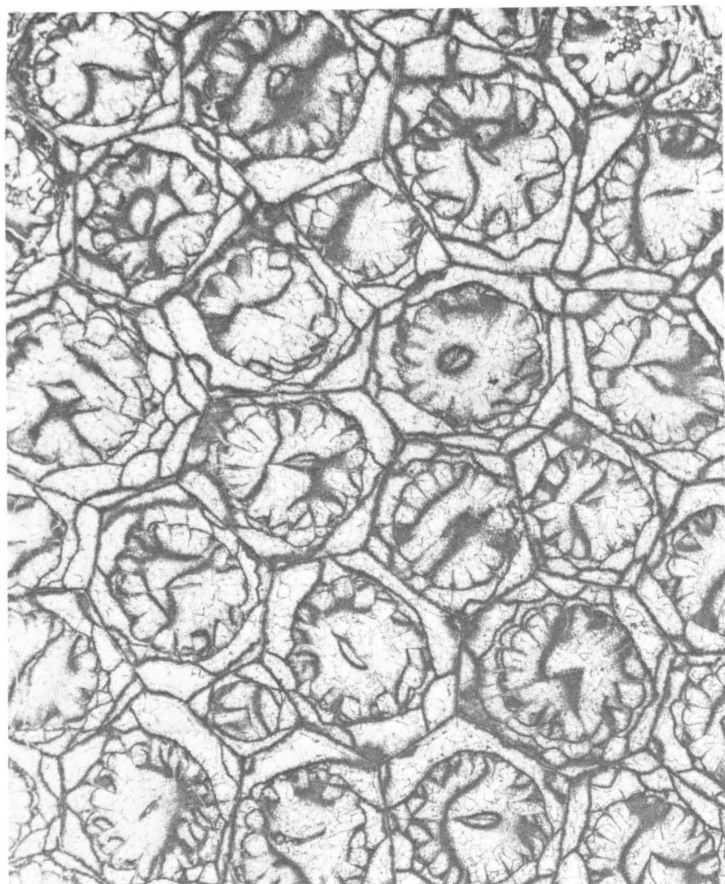
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*ACROCYATHUS PILATUS* N. SP. AND *ACROCYATHUS GIRTYI* (HAYASAKA)

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- FIGURES 1–3. *Petalaxis simplex* (Hayasaka) (p. 26).  
Holotype, USNM 120249. USGS 5893-PC, Little Flat Formation, Utah.  
1. Transverse thin section, USNM 120249a.  
2, 3. Longitudinal thin section, USNM 120249b.
- 4, 5. *Petalaxis wyomingensis* n. sp. (p. 26).  
Holotype, USNM 120675 (paratype of *Lithostrotionella simplex* Hayasaka). USGS 7452-PC (green), “Wells” Formation, Wyoming.  
4. Longitudinal thin section, USNM 120675b.  
5. Transverse thin section, USNM 120675c.



*PETALAXIS SIMPLEX* (HAYASAKA) AND *PETALAXIS WYOMINGENSIS* N. SP.

## PLATE 19

FIGURES 1-4. *Petalaxis exiguus* n. sp. (p. 28).

Holotype, USNM 162002B (paratype of *Lithostrotionella girtyi* Hayasaka). USGS Loc. 3856-PC (green), McCloud Limestone, California.

1. Transverse thin section,  $\times 4$ , USNM 162002Ba.

2, 3. Longitudinal thin section,  $\times 4$ , USNM 162002Bb.

4. Oblique view of corallum,  $\times 1$ .

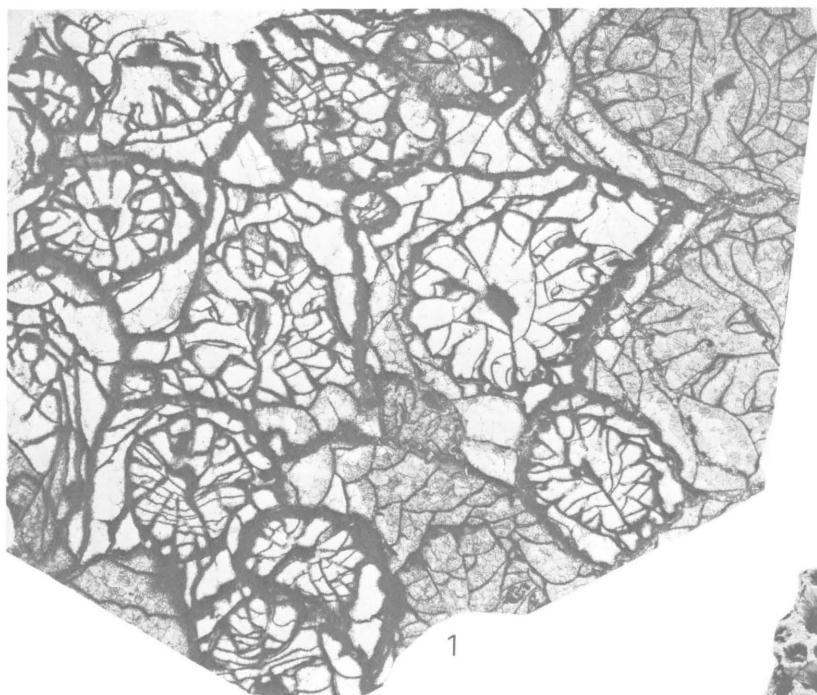
5-7. *Petalaxis tabulatus* (Hayasaka) (p. 26).

Holotype, USNM 120246. USGS Loc. 1476-PC, Aspen Range Formation, Idaho.

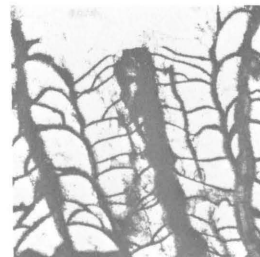
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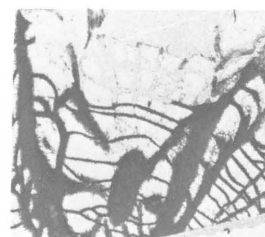
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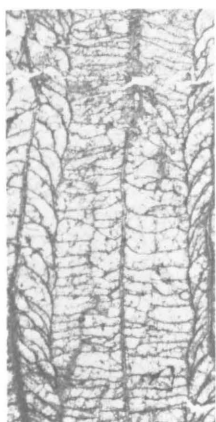
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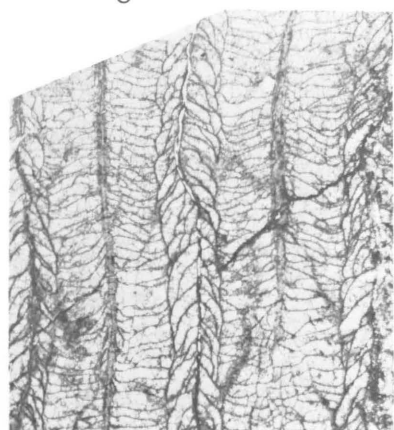
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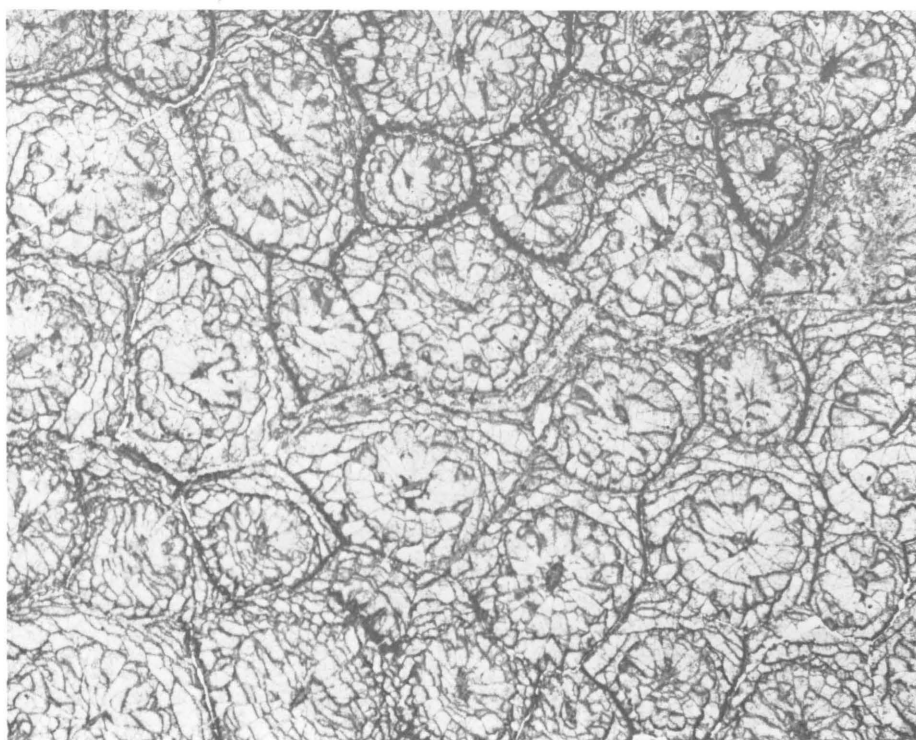
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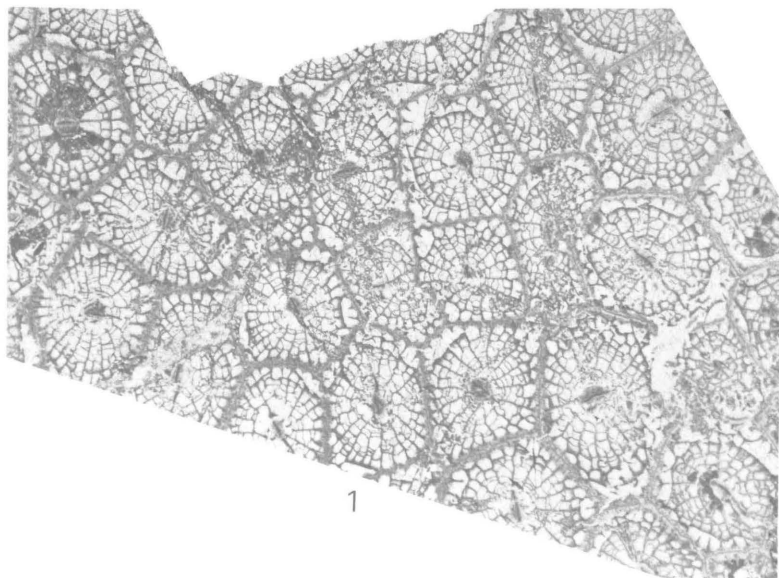
*PETALAXIS EXIGUUS* N. SP. AND *PETALAXIS TABULATUS* (HAYASAKA)

## PLATE 20

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Holotype, USNM 143440. Coyote Butte Formation, Oregon.  
1. Transverse thin section, USNM 143440c.  
2. Longitudinal thin section, USNM 143440e.
- 3, 4. *Lonsdaleia (Actinocyathus) berthiaumi* (Merriam) (p. 37).  
Holotype, USNM 132988. Unknown formation, Oregon.  
3. Longitudinal thin section, USNM 132988d.  
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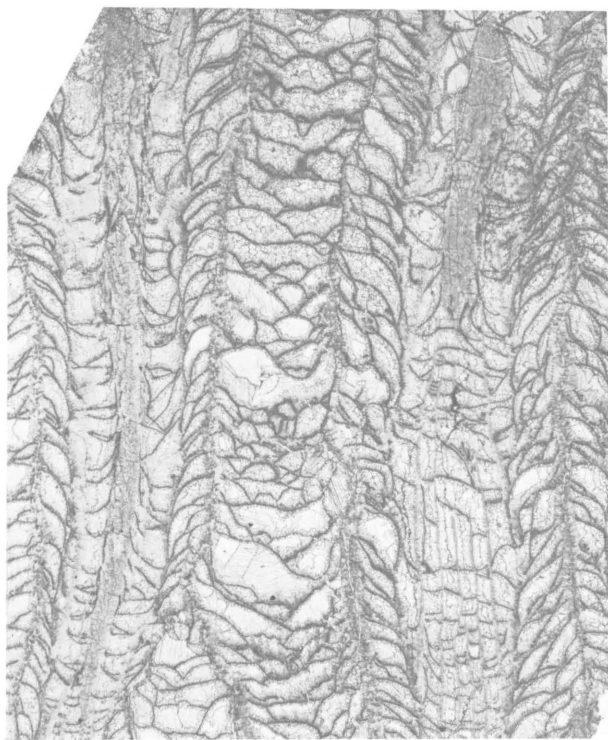




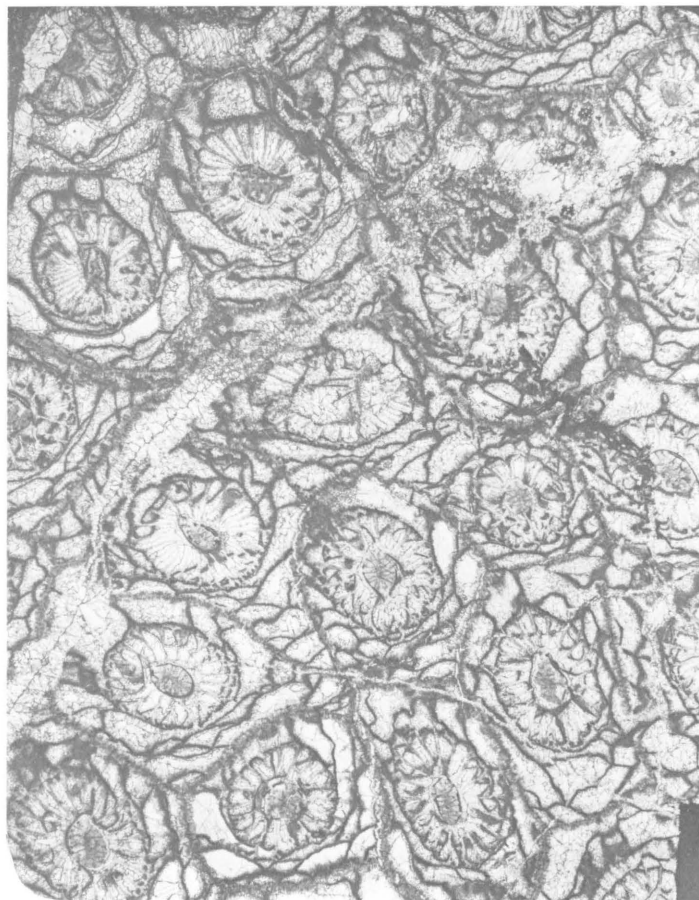
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