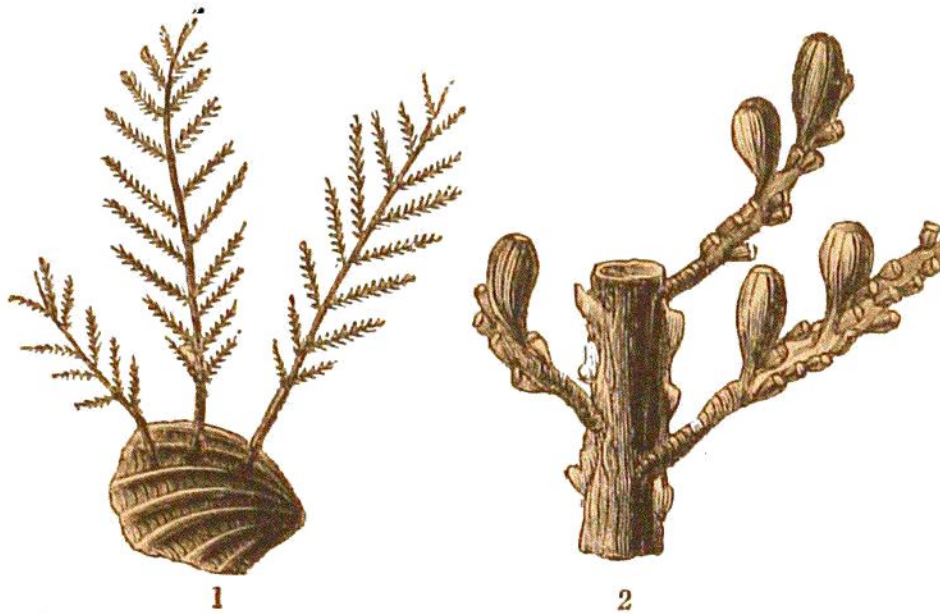


polype the atoms necessary for its subsistence.* The flustræ are very abundant in a fossil state; there is scarcely an echinus of the chalk that has not several parasitical species attached to its shell.

17. SERTULARIÆ, OR VESICULAR CORALLINES. (Plate V. fig. 3.)—The elegant arborescent forms



TAB. 100.—SERTULARIA, OR VESICULAR CORALLINE.

(*Sertularia nigra*, Dr. Johnston.†)

Fig. 1. Natural size. 2. A portion highly magnified.

of the sertulariæ must be familiar to every one who has rambled by the sea-side. This branch of the sea-pine coralline (Tab. 100), which is shown magnified in this sketch (fig. 2), exhibits the usual

* Dr. Grant's interesting observations on the gemmules of the flustra are quoted by Dr. Roget, in his Bridgewater Essay, page 169.

† History of the British Zoophytes, page 129.