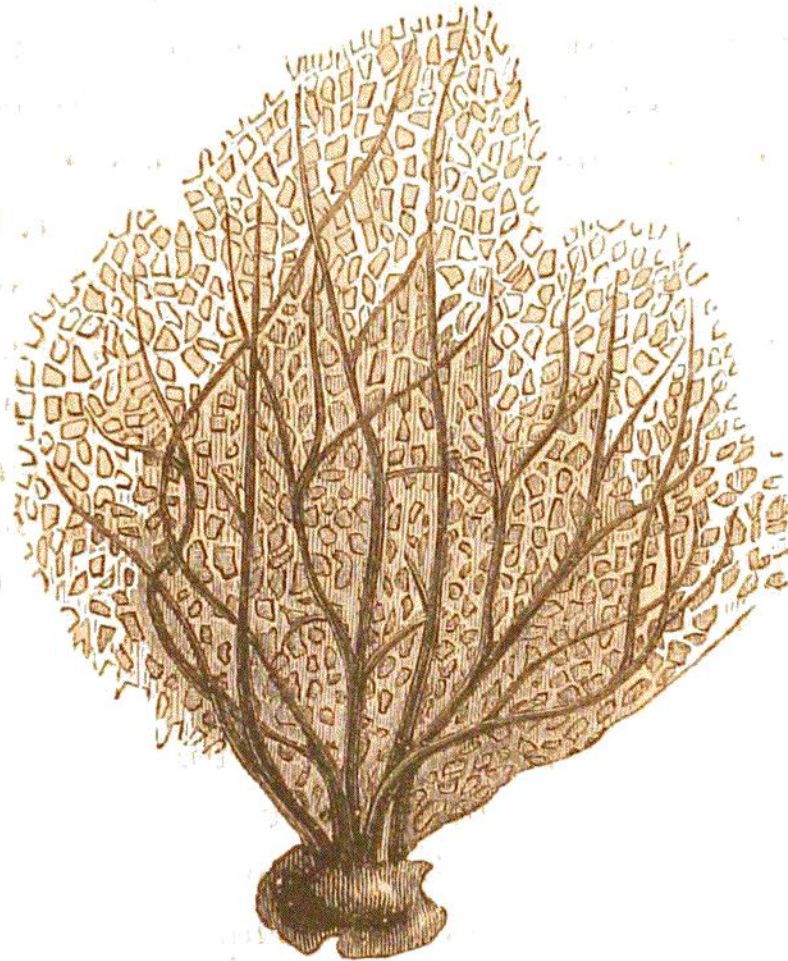


currents of minute globules are seen constantly running along the tubes, and are probably induced by the action of invisible cilia.

18. GORGONIA ; SEA-FAN OR FEATHER.—The *Gorgonia flabellum*, or Venus's fan (Tab. 101), is



TAB. 101.—GORGONIA FLABELLUM.

*(One-twentieth the natural size.)*

Drawn by Miss Ellen Maria Mantell.

a flexible coralline, that is an inhabitant of almost every sea, and frequently attains a height of four or five feet. When fresh from the water it is of a bright yellow colour. This species exhibits the usual structure of the corticiferous polyparia, or