Cellepora nitida, Fabr. Faun. Grænl. 435. Bosc, Vers, iii. 148. Lam. Anim. s. Vert. 2de edit. ii. 259. Corall. 38.—Berenicea nitida, Flem. Brit. Anim. 533. La B. brillante, Blainv. Actinol. 445.

Hab. On shells, rare, Dr Fleming. In Berwick Bay on Patella

Crust spreading circularly, closely adherent, rather thin, greyish-white, calcareous; cells contiguous, in radiating rows, large, subalternate, ovate, ventricose, silvery, the walls fissured with 6 or 7 cross slits which meet on the mesial line; aperture subquadrangular, depressed, terminal; anterior to it there is often found a globular smooth pearly oviferous operculum with a round even aperture.——The remarkable structure of the cells renders this one of the most interesting species under the microscope. There is sometimes an appearance of a spine on each side of the lower angle of the mouth, which is merely the commencement of the walls of the next cell.

3. L. COCCINEA, cells ovate, granulous, the aperture with a short tooth-like process above the superior margin. G. J.

PLATE XXXIV. Fig. 1, 2, 3.

Cellepora coccinea, Corall. 40.— Berenicea coccinea, Lam. Anim. s. Vert. 2de edit. ii. 259. Johnston in Trans. Newc. Soc. ii. 267, pl. 12, fig. 5.

Hab. On rocks near low water-mark, and on the roots of Laminaria digitata, common on the coast.

The spots formed by this species are often an inch or upwards in diameter, the crust closely adherent, thin, roughish to the naked eye, generally of a flesh-red or purplish colour, but sometimes pure white. The cells are disposed in adjacent rows, either opposite or subalternate, and lie upon the crust; they are ovate, granulated or frosted, and, when dry, sometimes appear to be perforated with minute holes. Above the aperture, and a little removed from the margin, there rises up a blunt white tooth or mucro, but the margin itself is not toothed: the aperture is roundish, emarginated above, terminal, and on each side of many of them, in some specimens, there is a small triangular slit, which seems to be the aperture of an abortive or partially developed cell. Many of the cells are usually covered with a large pearly-white striated operculum.

4. L. VARIOLOSA, crust punctured or sometimes frosted only; the cells immersed, cylindraceous, raised anteriorly, with a plain semioval aperture. G. J.

PLATE XXXIV. Fig. 4.

Hab. On shells and stones in deep water. Scarborough, Mr Bean. Berwick Bay.