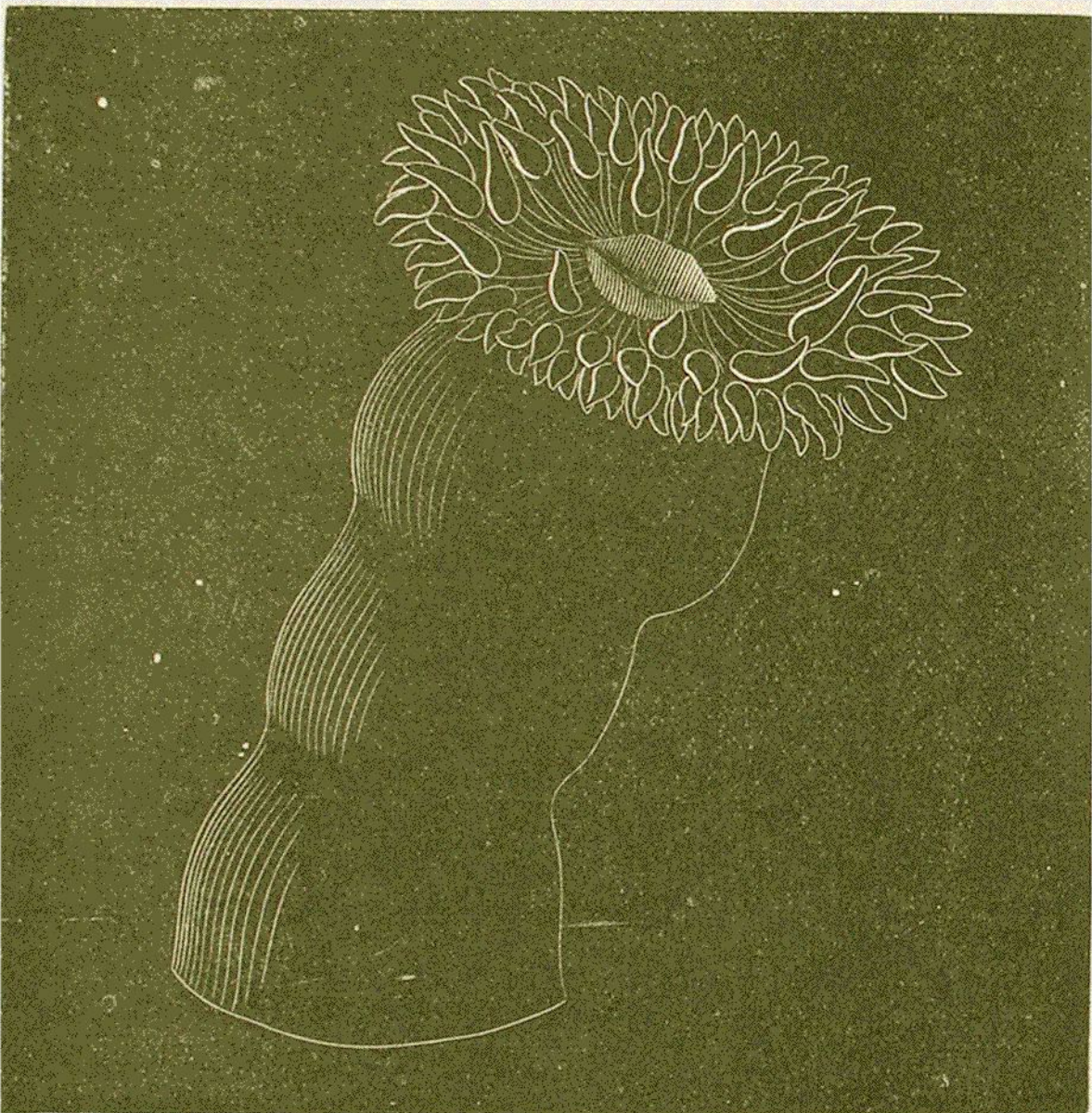


body in this species had a delicate texture throughout, its walls being so transparent that the organs within could be seen through them. It was exceedingly flexible and passed through various shapes, imitating vases of many forms, wine glasses, goblets, &c. It was generally very slow in its changes, and sometimes continued in the same vase-attitude for a whole day.



PARACTIS RAPIFORMIS, EDW.

Actinæ vary immensely in size—from an eighth of an inch and smaller in the diameter of the disk to over a foot—though commonly between half an inch and three inches. One species from the Paumotu Coral Archipelago in the