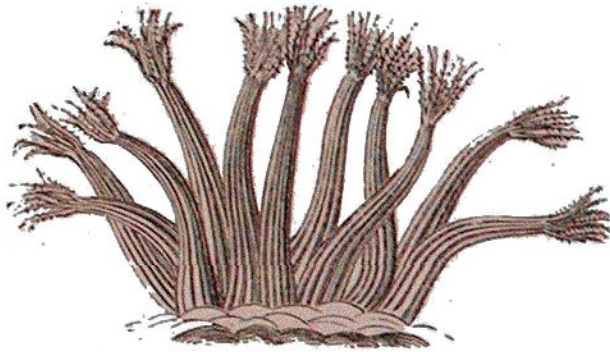


Other Alcyonoids are much branched, with the branches thick and finger-like, and soft or flexible, and the polyps small



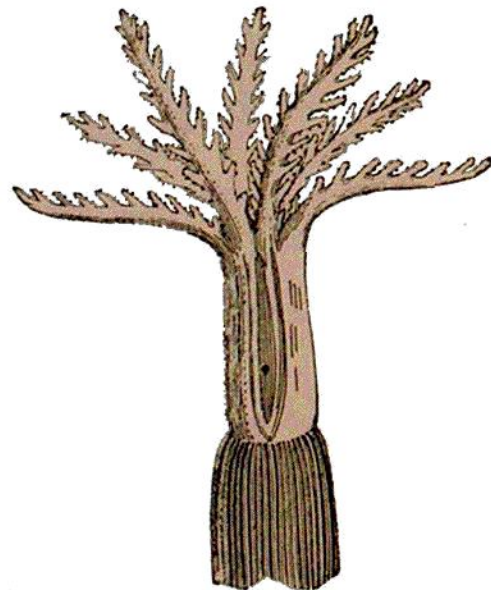
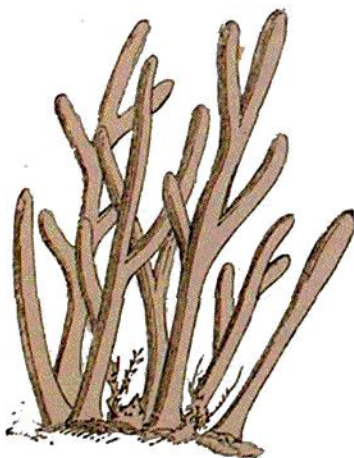
ANTHELIA LINEATA, ST.

and wholly retractile into the mass. The branches, bare of polyps, are usually of some dull pale colour, and on account of this fact some of these Alcyonia go by the common name of *dead-men's fingers*.

Some of the species form thick-lobed plates over the rocks; and occasionally they are brightly coloured, even when the polyps are unexpanded.

The above kinds secrete granules or spicules of carbonate of lime in the tissues, and are harsher or softer in texture according to the proportion of these granules.

Some species form branching tubes, rising from an incrusting base, which are rather firm owing to the calcareous spicules present. Such species are referred to the genus *Telesto*—one



TELSTO RAMICULOSA, V.

of which, from Hong Kong, from the collection made by Dr. Stimpson, is here figured (from Verrill). The second figure shows the form of the expanded polyps. The unbranched species of this kind make up the genus *Cornularia*.