

tion of the stem enlarged, showing the cavities occupied by the retracted polyps.

In the genus *Melitæa*, and some others related, the internodes are porous and somewhat cork-like or suberous instead



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of horny. The species of this group are often bright-coloured and much branched, and resemble, in aspect, ordinary Gorgoniæ; but they are very brittle, breaking easily at the internodes.