CUPULADRIA CANARIENSIS (BUSK)-PORTRAIT OF A BRYOZOAN

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ABSTRACT. The lumulitiform bryozoan Cupuladria canariensis (Busk) is a benthonic marine organism, whose calcareous colonies can easily be recognized with a hand-lens or under the microscope.

This species is eurybenthic (2-> 300 fathoms), eurythermal (12-31° C.), reasonably euryhaline (28-37° m), and requires a stable quartz and/or carbonate sand bottom. It is at present widely distributed over the continental stables of the Atlantia and Facility and the stables of the Atlantia and Facility and the stables of the Atlantia and Facility and Facili shelves of the Atlantic and East Pacific between the 14° C. surface isocrymes and had an equally wide distribution

during the Late Tertiary and Quaternary.

The occurrence of C. canariensis in Miocene and Pliocene marine sediments of the southern part of the North Sea basin calls for sea-water surface temperatures at least 9° C, higher than those obtaining at present in this area. Its occurrence in the Miocene, Pliocene, and Early Pleistocene marine sediments of Spain, Italy, and Rhodes suggests that the Mediterranean was somewhat less saline in the geological past than it is at present.

Although lunulitiform Bryozoa range from the Upper Cretaceous to Recent, C. canariensis first appears in the Lower Miocene (Aquitanian). Its presence or absence among lunulitiform bryozoan assemblages may serve as a criterion for establishing the Oligocene-Miocene boundary in sequences of ancient tropical and subtropical shelf sediments on both sides of the Atlantic. On this criterion a large part of the 'Caribbean Oligocene' is to be considered as Lower Miocene.

Cupuladria canariensis was named in 1859 by the English bryozoologist George Busk, who discovered it in material collected from the sea bed in the neighbourhood of Madeira and the Canary Islands. Later in the same year he reported its occurrence in the Pliocene Coralline Crag in East Anglia. In the last hundred years the number of records has increased enormously, and the data are widely dispersed in the biological and palaeontological literature. It seemed worth while to try to assemble these widely scattered data so as to give a comprehensive picture of the species in space and time.

Such a synthesis is of considerable geological interest. It will be shown that a study of Cupuladria canariensis can not only give an insight into certain ecological, climatological, and hydrological conditions in the geological past, but can also help resolve the problem of determining the Oligocene-Miocene boundary in sequences of ancient tropical and subtropical shelf deposits.

Its interest for the palaeo-ecologist is implied in a variant of Grimsdale's golden rule for systematic palaeontologists: '... one detected synonym is worth from ten to one hundred new species' (1951, p. 467). Perhaps this account will help to establish that one ecologically well-known species is worth more than a hundred tabulae rasae.

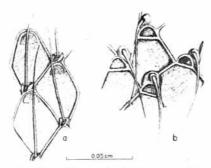
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1. Distribution

Cupuladria canariensis (Bryozoa: Cheilostomata, Anasca) belongs to the so-cailed lunulitiform Bryozoa (Pl. 25, fig. 1), all of which possess the same zoarial form as the genus Lunulites Lamarck, 1816. The fully grown colony, or zoarium, has the shape of a dome or flattened cone and consists of a single layer of cells, or zooecia, opening on the convex side of the dome. In addition to the normal cells, or autozooecia, in which [Palaeontology, Vol. 6, Part 1, 1963, pp. 172-217, pl. 25-26.]

the polypides reside, there are other cells, the vibracula, each bearing a long, whip-like vibracular seta. In the genus *Cupuladria* there is, without exception, a vibraculum situated distally to each autozooecium; the tip of each seta is capable of describing a 180° arc in the median plane of its autozooecium (text-fig. 1).

Practically nothing is known with certainty concerning the function of these setae. It has been suggested, notably by Busk (1854, pp. 100, 104, 106; 1859, p. 79), that in certain lunulitiform species the setae might be 'subservient to locomotion'. Alternative



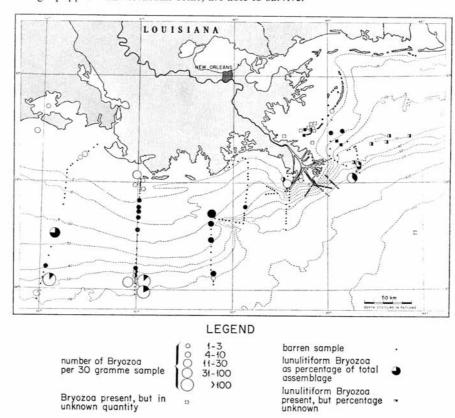
TEXT-FIG. 1. a, Cupuladria canariensis; b, Discoporella umbellata. Vibracula with vibracular setae (after Norman 1909).

views are that they function as defensive or cleansing organs (Busk 1859, p. 79). In my opinion, it is clear that they serve to stir up the water in the colony's immediate vicinity, not so much in order to fan food particles towards the polypides' mouths as to prevent clay particles settling on the colony.

If this view is correct, then the possession of these setae must be a valuable asset to the lunulitiform Bryozoa, since it would make them some of the least sensitive to clay sedimentation. It is certainly no coincidence that of all the possible zoarial growthforms it is precisely two lunulitiform genera, *Cupuladria* and *Discoporella*, that venture most closely, on both sides, to the mouths of the Mississippi distributaries (text-fig. 2). On this map the distribution pattern of the Bryozoa can clearly be divided into three zones:

- a. An inner zone between the shore and the 5 fathom line, in which swell and breakers begin to disturb the sea bottom. Here, where the water is turbulent, no lumulitiform Bryozoa occur (for reasons given on p. 187) though other types do, such as those that attach themselves to plants or shells.
- b. An outer zone between the 50 and 100 fathom lines, having a steep slope and an irregular topography and situated on the outer edge of the continental shelf. Deposition of clay along the outer margin of many continental shelves is notoriously slight to non-existent (Kuenen 1939; Shepard 1948, p. 160), and the Gulf of Mexico is no exception (Phleger 1959, p. 650; 1960, p. 288). The low rate of deposition and the local presence of hard substrata explain why Bryozoa with other growth-forms have been able to settle in this zone.

c. A middle zone, which coincides with the broad plateau lying between the 5 and 50 fathom lines. A large part of the clay brought down to the sea by the Mississippi is deposited on this plateau, and it is in this area that only lunulitiform species of Bryozoa, being equipped with vibracular setae, are able to survive.

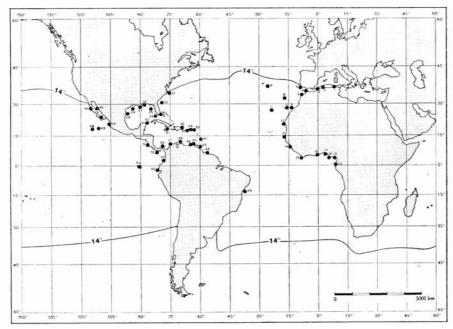


TEXT-FIG. 2. Predominance of lunulitiform Bryozoa in the bottom sediments of the Mississippi Delta area. Sources: (a) collections from the Exploration and Production Research Laboratory, Shell Development Company, Houston, Texas, now at KSEPL, Rijswijk; (b) Parker 1956.

There are five characteristics which in combination are responsible for the ability of this type of bryozoan to occupy an exceptionally wide range of environments:

- (i) The ability to tolerate a certain amount of clay sedimentation owing to the possession of vibracular setae.
- (ii) The ability to exist on almost any kind of bottom as long as the latter consists of small particles.

- (iii) The ability to withstand a wide range of temperatures (eurythermal).
- (iv) The ability to withstand moderate salinity variations (euryhaline).
- (v) An insensitivity to hydrostatic pressure, light penetration, and other factors directly concerned with depth.



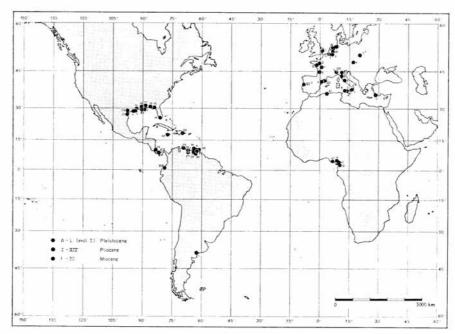
TEXT-FIG. 3. Recent distribution of *Cupuladria canariensis*, showing confinement between 14° C. surface isocrymes (isocrymes after Sverdrup, Johnson and Fleming 1960 and Wust 1960).

This combination of characteristics is the reason for the wide area of distribution of *Cupuladria canariensis*, which includes the tropical and subtropical Atlantic, the eastern Pacific, and the Mediterranean (text-fig. 3), and which has been generally the same throughout the Later Tertiary and Quaternary (text-fig. 4). Yet its distribution is not merely wide on a global scale. Within fairly restricted areas such as the Gulf of Mexico (text-figs. 5, 6) and the Nigerian shelf (text-fig. 7), or in the marine Pliocene of the Low Countries (text-fig. 8) and in the Miocene basin of eastern Venezuela (text-fig. 9), it is also widely distributed on a provincial scale.

2. Larval stage

One may wonder whether there is not perhaps a sixth characteristic contributing to this organism's wide distribution: the duration of its larval stage. Like all Bryozoa, the lunulitiforms are sessile, colonial organisms but they possess a free-swimming larval stage. The larvae are able to swim by means of their cilia, and the duration of this free-swimming stage is conceivably one of the factors contributing to the geographical distribution of a benthonic species (Cloud 1959, p. 951).

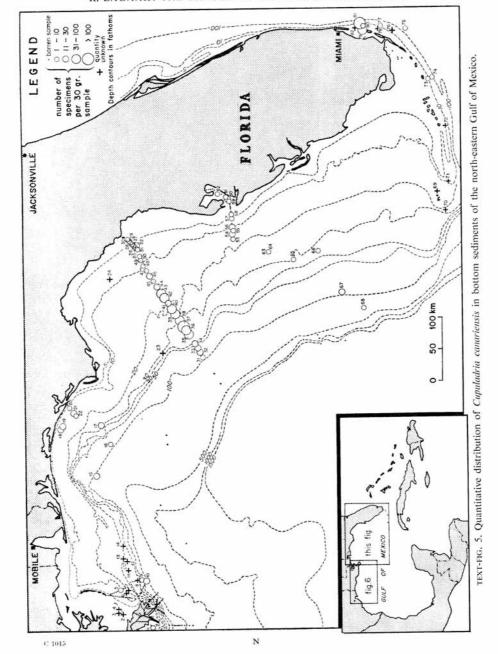
Unfortunately, the larval stage of *C. canariensis* is still unknown. Within the order Cheilostomata, however, two completely different types of larvae occur. One of these, the so-called *Cyphonautes* larva, which is characterized by the possession of a functional



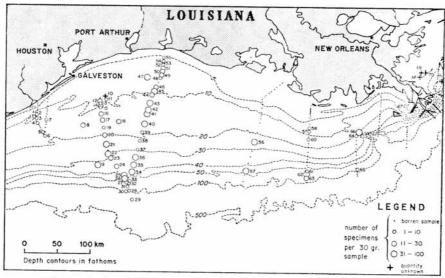
TEXT-FIG. 4. Fossil distribution of Cupuladria canariensis.

alimentary canal, may spend a period of up to two months in this condition. The large majority of the Cheilostomata, however, have the second type of larva, in which this structure is rudimentary or entirely lacking. According to current views, such larvae are therefore drastically limited in the duration of the free-swimming stage (to no more than 12–24 hours, depending on the supply of yolk), so that they do not become truly pelagic. Nevertheless, there are species of Cheilostomata that have this second type of larva and which, in spite of this, have a very wide, or almost cosmopolitan distribution (e.g. *Microporella ciliata*).

This is a baffling paradox with which every student of Bryozoa is sooner or later confronted and for which various solutions have been proposed, e.g. continental drift, dispersal via ancient archipelagos or shelf bridges, or trans-oceanic rafting on floating objects by surface currents. Recently Cheetham (1960), in a stimulating paper, discussed



the merits of each of these three hypotheses in the light of Early Tertiary cheilostome distribution. He clearly favours the third alternative, but did not fully consider the possibility of long-distance dispersal in the larval stage. Yet it is precisely this fourth alternative that most strongly suggests itself in the case of those zoarial form-groups that are most unlikely to become attached to seaweed or other 'rafts'. If the distribution of such species, including *C. canariensis*, is amphi-Atlantic, and if the Wegenerian hypothesis that the surface and bottom configuration of the Miocene Atlantic Ocean were drastically



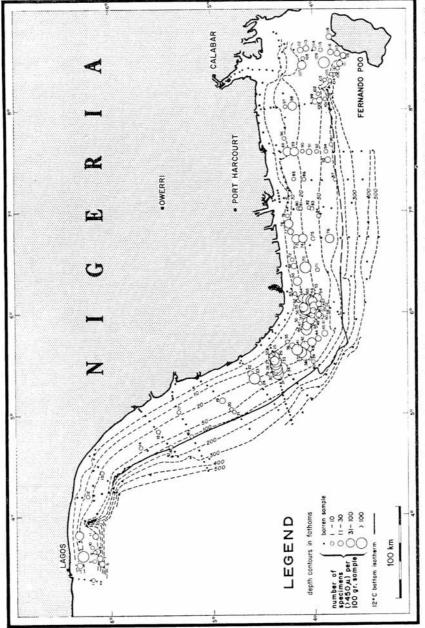
TEXT-FIG. 6. Quantitative distribution of *Cupuladria canariensis* in bottom sediments of the northwestern Gulf of Mexico.

different is rejected, the conclusion is inevitable that their free larval stage must under certain conditions be, and have been, able to last a long time.

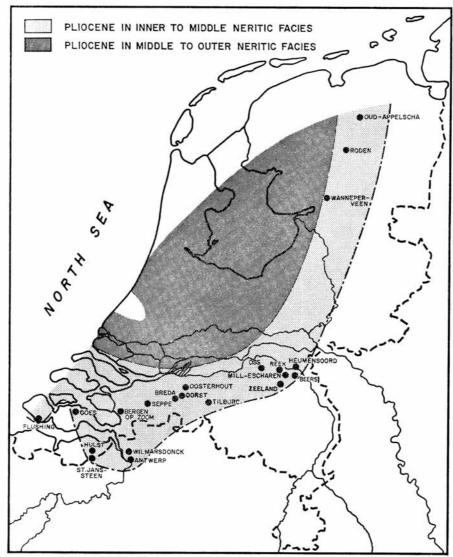
Harmer (1910, p. 520) suggested 'that it does not follow that because we know that a larva may, under favourable conditions, fix itself a few minutes after it becomes free, we should be justified in assuming that that larva would not retain for a long period the power of undergoing a normal metamorphosis should it be drifted away from suitable fixing-grounds'. Silén's (1944, pp. 30, 31) hypothetical concept of external food absorption in larvae which are devoid of an alimentary canal is also interesting in this connexion.

3. Substratum

After a brief or protracted period of wandering, the larva settles on a hard substratum. It would seem to make a very careful choice in this matter, as if it knew in advance that the substratum on which it settled would have to be raised above the sea floor and eventually become lodged in the apex of the conical structure which is the adult zoarium.

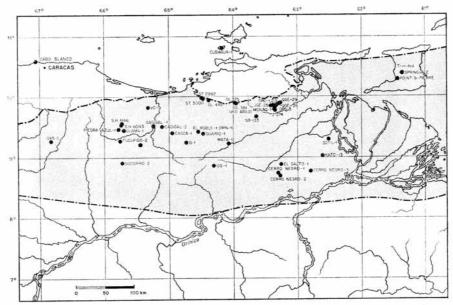


179 TEXT-FIG. 7. Quantitative distribution of Cupuladria canariensis in bottom sediments of the Nigeria shelf (12° C. bottom isotherm from data filed at KSEPL, Rijswijk).



TEXT-FIG. 8. Distribution of *Cupuladria canariensis* in the eastern part of the Pliocene North Sea basin (distribution of marine facies after van Voorthuysen 1956).

Above all, therefore, this substratum must not be too big, and it is for this reason that we usually find coarse quartz grains, glauconite pellets, small shell fragments, broken echinoid spines, even moderately large Foraminiferida such as *Amphistegina gibbosa* and *Globorotalia menardii*, or fragments of other lunulitiform Bryozoa functioning as nuclei for *Cupuladria*. The ideal biotope for the lunulitiform Bryozoa is therefore a small-particle (quartz and/or carbonate sand) bottom. They never occur on a bottom consisting



TEXT-FIG. 9. Distribution of *Cupuladria canariensis* in the Miocene basin of eastern Venezuela (shaded area).

entirely of clay, and are never found encrusting rocks, large pebbles, piles, larger shells, or other such large objects. It is not without reason that lunulitiform colonies are commonly called 'free' (though this is incorrect) as opposed to 'encrusting' forms. So unusual, in fact, is the appearance of an 'encrusting' *C. canariensis* that Silén (1942, p. 14) refers to a juvenile colony on a small stone from Anguilla in the West Indies as only 'possibly belong[ing] to this species'.

The question arises whether the larva's power of discrimination is real or apparent. On the one hand one might suppose that the larva settles indiscriminately on all kinds of substrata and that it develops into a colony only on those that are suitable. In that case the selection is the work of external circumstances and not of inherent 'intelligence' in the larvae. On the other hand, selectivity on the part of pelagic larvae has definitely been observed in other groups of marine invertebrates. According to Thorson (1955. p. 390), Wilson (1952 and earlier papers) has shown 'that the larvae of several polychaetes,

when ready to metamorphose, will critically examine the bottom substratum to which they are exposed. If they find it attractive, they settle. If they find it less attractive or directly repellent, they will continue their pelagic life for days or even weeks. During such a prolonged larval life these larvae test the substratum at intervals as they are transported by the current directly over the bottom.'

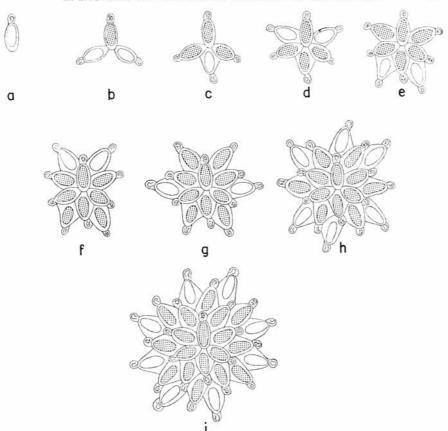
As far as *Cupuladria* is concerned, the following example is pertinent. Plate 25, figs. 2a, b, show two specimens of *Cupuladria* (not *C. canariensis*, but an allied species, having affinity with *C. pyriformis* Busk) from the subsurface Oficina formation (Miocene) of eastern Venezuela. The larvae of both specimens, and of several others from the same shale samples, originally singled out, and settled upon, specimens of *Planorbulinella trinitatensis* (Nuttall) and persistently neglected several other species of smaller Foraminiferida. This choice seems to have been prompted by the absence of quartz sand; for in a sandy facies with both quartz grains and *Planorbulinella* available in good quantities, such as is found along the southern boundary of the eastern Venezuela basin, settling invariably occurred on the quartz grains only.

4. Astogeny

Having attached itself to a suitable substratum, the larva then rapidly undergoes its metamorphosis into the first individual, the 'ancestrula', of the future colony. Further development takes place by a process of budding. It is interesting to follow the juvenile colony through the early stages of this development, especially since Harmer in 1931 (p. 162) was still able to say: 'there is no conclusive evidence with regard to the earliest stages in the discoidal or conical colonies, and a mere count of the number of surrounding zooecia is not enough to settle the matter', and no pertinent observations have been made since then.

By the time the number of zooecia has increased to twenty-six, the zoarium has passed through several separate stages of growth (text-fig. 10):

- (a) The single ancestrula. Despite prolonged searching I have never observed a single ancestrula. Thus it would seem that the process of budding sets in very soon after the metamorphosis is complete.
- (b) The three-cell zoarium. This, the earliest zoarial growth stage observed, invariably consists of three zooccia forming the pattern shown in text-fig. 10b. I have recorded several dozens of these three-cell colonies. They display distinct bilateral symmetry. From their mutual relationships it may be inferred that the ancestrula has given rise to two proximo-lateral first-generation zooccia.
- (c) The four-cell zoarium. A fourth zooecium is added proximally in the plane of symmetry (text-fig. 10c). The circle is closed and the colony is ready to start its radial growth.
- (d) The six-cell zoarium. By the addition of two zooecia in the angles between the ancestrula and the two first-generation zooecia, the colony assumes the shape of a six-pointed star (text-fig. 10d). The plane of symmetry through the ancestrula is still clearly apparent.
 - (e) The eight-cell zoarium. Two new proximo-lateral zooecia appear (text-fig. 10e).
- (f) The ten-cell zoarium. Two more zooecia are added distally, one on either side of the ancestrula (text-fig. 10f; Pl. 25, fig. 3).
- (g) The twelve-cell zoarium. Two new lateral zooecia appear (text-fig. 10g). At this stage the colony is still markedly stelliform; the bilateral symmetry can be seen without



TEXT-FIG. 10. Early stages of zoarial growth in Cupuladria canariensis (based on a series of Recent specimens from Nigeria).

difficulty. No zooecia are yet in proximal contact with the vibracula of preceding cells, but this situation changes in the next stage. This earliest, central, part of the colony is therefore relatively less densely covered by vibracular setae than later, peripheral, additions. It is therefore probably no coincidence that preferably (although not exclusively) these central zooecia sometimes regenerate into large vibracula of the type first described by Hastings (1930, p. 714; see also Silén 1942, text-fig. 8), whereas in other lunulitiform species they tend to develop a calcareous closure.

(h) The eighteen-cell zoarium. Six new zooecia have appeared at the periphery (text-fig. 10h), probably via two intermediate stages. The first slight departure from the original plan of symmetry is now apparent, since the proximal and the distal indentations

at the periphery in the median line are too large to be filled by a single zooecium and yet too small to accommodate a pair of zooecia. The filling of the gap therefore takes place asymmetrically.

(i) The twenty-six-cell zoarium. A further departure from bilateral symmetry takes place (text-fig. 10i). By now the colony has attained a diameter of 1·9 mm. and is well on its way to adulthood.

Two points emerge from these observations:

- i. Waters's (1926, p. 426 and text-fig.) concept of a double ancestrula in *Cupuladria*, the two being turned in opposite directions, and each giving off three distal zooecia, is untenable. Although Waters specifically mentioned *C. canariensis* in connexion with his observations, it is clear from the occurrence of partially closed zooecia and from the provenance of his material (Princess Charlotte Bay, Queensland, Australia), that he was actually dealing with *C. guineensis* (Busk).
- Silén's (1942) theory of spiral growth is no longer valid in the case of the genus Cupuladria.

I should like to emphasize that the astogeny outlined above only applies to ideal cases, and that deviations from this scheme are common and may appear at an early stage (Pl. 25, fig. 4). Usually such deviations are closely bound up with irregular configurations of the small-particle substratum, or with an excentric position of the ancestrula on the substratum. The eight-cell zoarium figured in Plate 25, fig. 4 deviates in that it has developed a zooecium (on the left) in a position that would normally not be occupied until the twelve-cell stage, while the usual place for the eighth zooecium (on the right-hand side) remains vacant. Occupation of the latter position, which projects beyond the edge of the particle, would have involved building a stronger dorsal wall than the extremely thin one required in the position now preferred, where it is supported by the substratum. Obviously less building energy is required for growth on the substratum than for expansion beyond its edges.

5. Mode of life of lumulitiform colonies

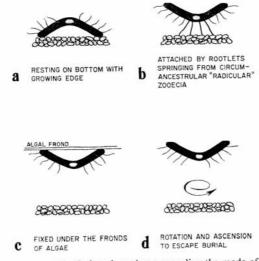
The mode of life of the adult colony and, closely connected with that, its orientation with respect to the sea bottom, are controversial matters, and widely differing suggestions

EXPLANATION OF PLATE 25

- Fig. 1. Cupuladria canariensis (Busk). Adult colony. a, View of the convex surface; b, View of the concave surface. G.S. 173, Pliocene of Proefboring 41, Reek, Netherlands, 15·00–20·00 m.×10. (After Lagaaij 1952.)
- Fig. 2. Cupuladria sp. Concave side of juvenile colonies, showing larval predilection for the foraminiferid Planorbulinella trinitatensis (Nuttall). Lower Miocene (Oficina formation) of Texas Petroleum Company well Mata-1, Estado Anzoategui, Venezuela; a, 8,160–8,170 ft.; b, 8,300–8,320 ft. × 20.
- Fig. 3. Cupuladria canariensis (Busk). Juvenile colony (ten-cell stage) in normal symmetrical development. Recent, Mees Cremer 1959 Sta. 98, Nigeria, 14 fms. × 20.
- Fig. 4. Cupuladria canariensis (Busk). Juvenile colony (eight-cell stage), showing early departure from bilateral symmetry. Recent, Mees Cremer 1959 Sta. 376, Nigeria, 11 fms. × 20.
- Fig. 5. Cupuladria canariensis (Busk). Regenerated colony, showing sector of original large flattened conical colony with peripheral outgrowth in radial direction. Recent, Râs-el-Amouch, Mediterranean, 45 fms. × 10. (After Dartevelle 1935.)

have been made, none of which, according to Harmer (1931), have been supported by pertinent observations. Four tenable hypotheses have been put forward (text-fig. 11).

As Harmer (1931, pp. 150-1) has shown, the conventional view that the colony rests on its flat 'base' (text-fig. 11a) was first disputed by Maplestone (1910, p. 3), who expressed the opinion that 'the conical forms in their living state have the base uppermost'. Although at this time Maplestone was only referring to the conical colonies of the genus



TEXT-FIG. 11. Various hypotheses regarding the mode of life of lumulitiform colonies.

Conescharellina, later authors have extended his contention to include other genera whose colonies are conical. Moreover, Maplestone was not certain whether the conical colonies (of Conescharellina) hang point downwards from some foreign object, or whether they retain this position on the bottom by means of anchoring filaments.

Canu (1915, p. 21) adopted and elaborated on both hypotheses. His early reasoning is not generally known (cf. Harmer 1931, p. 151), but later re-statements of his views have profoundly influenced later workers. It is therefore necessary to quote Canu in full on this point: 'Les espèces flottantes comme les *Lunulites* ont le zoarium conique, la pointe en bas. Tantôt il est maintenu sous les Algues [text-fig. 11c], tantôt il est attaché à de petits objects par des radicelles [text-fig. 11b]. Celles-ci proviennent de *Zoécies radiculaires* (= Zoécies avortées de d'Orbigny) disposées autour de l'ancestrule. . . . Les zoécies radiculaires sont d'abord des zoécies hydrostatiques. La larve, en effet, se fixe sur un grain de sable; l'ancestrule qui se développe émet immédiatement des zoécies radiculaires qui l'enveloppent et permettent à l'animal de commencer son ascension sous une Algue loin du sable dangereux à son développement. . . . Soit attachés par des radicelles, soit retenus sous les Algues, les *Lunulites*, par leur forme turbinée, sont de position très instable: ils chavirent au moindre filet d'eau. L'animal maintient sa position

normale à l'aide de longs filaments articulés appelés vibraculaires. Ce sont donc des appareils de stabilisation un peu analogues au balancier des danseurs de corde.

The same views, essentially unchanged, are repeated by Faura and Canu (1916), Canu and Bassler (1920, pp. 238 ff.), and Canu and Lecointre (1927, p. 35). Waters (1921) was quick to oppose these views, which have in fact largely been confined to the French school. I refer in particular to his statement (1921, p. 401): '... though sometimes the growth is on a much larger stone, as in some specimens of *Cupuladria canariensis* from Petit Tahou, Liberia. It would seem impossible for a colony so heavily weighted to float, nor can we think it could float in a reversed position.' In 1926, however, Waters (1926, p. 425) wrote more cautiously: 'What we have called the upper surface is, in the ancestrular and early stages, at the top, even though there may be a subsequent reversal....'

Finally, Canu and Bassler, realizing how difficult it was to see how a conical colony with its apex downward could 'maintain its equilibrium even in the water, in a position absolutely contrary to the ordinary laws of statics', invoked rotation as a means of conserving its position (text-fig. 11d), first for Conescharellina (1929, p. 482) and later for Lunulites (1931, p. 9): 'Ils vivent done l'apex en bas au voisinage du fond sableux. Ils s'en dégagent par rotation et ascension pour éviter l'enlissement', and (1931, p. 19) 'Les Lunulites sont de petites coupes en perpétuelle rotation pour se dégager du sable et changer de place'.

Dartevelle also attributed a planktonic mode of life to *Lunulites* (1933, p. 69) and to *Cupuladria* (1943, p. 108): 'Leur mode de vie est semblable à celui, bien connu, des *Lunulites*, c'est-à-dire que la colonie flotte entre deux eaux, les zoécies tournées vers le dessous, la face concave vers le haut. . . .' The designation 'face supérieure' for the concave side and 'face inférieure' for the convex, celluliferous side of lunulitiform colonies still persists in recent French literature (Vigneaux 1949; Buge 1957).

Dartevelle (1933, p. 57), moreover, provided a novel explanation of the role played by the small foreign particle at the downward directed apex of the cone: 'La présence de ce substratum constitué par un morceau de coquille, une nummulite, un grain de sable, contribue à maintenir l'équilibre de la colonie et à l'empêcher d'être chavirée par les vagues'; it served, in other words, as ballast, and as such would profoundly influence the shape of the colony. According to Dartevelle (loc. cit., p. 70) the lighter the substratum, the flatter the zoarial cone, and, conversely, the heavier the particle, the higher and more dome-shaped the colony would have to become in order to keep the ballast as low as possible: '... ce qui gouverne done la colonie, c'est la souci d'éviter le renversement et de maintenir le meilleur équilibre possible au sein du fluide.'

Harmer's presidential address to the Linnean Society of London in 1931 made it abundantly clear that Canu and Bassler's reasoning was based entirely on inference and not on direct observation. He added (1931, p. 151): I have failed to find any evidence that is really conclusive with regard to the question at issue. Except for Whitelegge's very brief account, I am acquainted with no observations made on living specimens, and in my judgment the matter should for the present be regarded as undecided.' Harmer's statement is still as valid today as it was thirty years ago. Here is clearly a case where laboratory experiment could be of value. It should not be too difficult to collect some living specimens of *Cupuladria* and keep them under observation in a sea-water aquarium.

Another example of reasoning by inference, the emphasis in which is laid on the

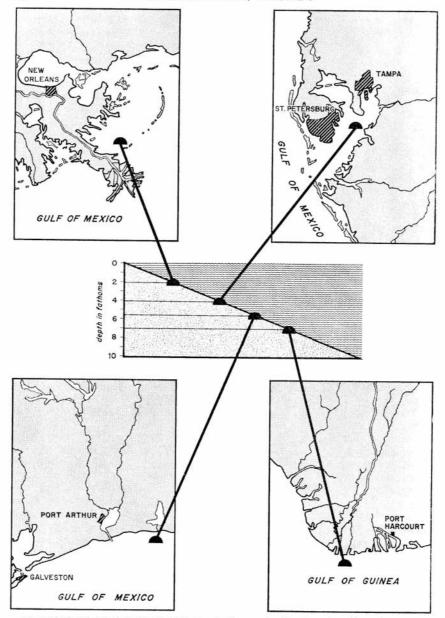
orientation of the ancestrula and of later zooecia with respect to the small-particle substratum, occurs in Silén (1947, pp. 5–6, 8, 15 and text-fig. 8). He concluded (correctly, in my opinion) that the colonies of *Cupuladria* rest freely on the sea bottom with the apex pointing upwards. Silén thereby reverted to the conventional view (see, however, Silén 1942, p. 13).

Two further arguments, both arising from the ecology of *C. canariensis*, support this conventional view, or rather conflict with the hypothesis of a planktonic mode of life postulated by Canu and his school. In the first place, if *C. canariensis* were indeed a planktonic organism, one would expect to find its skeletons distributed over different kinds of bottom and a very wide range of depths. However, its remains are found only on the small-particle bottoms to which it is confined in life by the special requirements of the larvae. Secondly, there is a direct relationship between the maximum depths at which *C. canariensis* has been observed in the various marine areas, and the temperature of the bottom water in those areas (see p. 189). Both these observations suggest that *C. canariensis* is a truly benthonic organism.

6. Minimum depth

Cupuladria canariensis occurs mainly on small-particle bottoms and is hence a full member of that rather select level-bottom community described by Petersen (cf. Thorson 1955). A type of small-particle bottom from which it is excluded, however, is one where the sand grains have a tendency to shift under the influence of water movements. The minimum depth at which the larvae of C. canariensis and other lumulitiform species, such as Discoporella umbellata (Defrance), can settle and develop into adult colonies therefore depends on the intensity of the water turbulence over the bottom, i.e. on the depth of the wave base and on the strength of the bottom currents. Since both these factors are determined by the degree of exposure of the shelf and by oceanographical factors, the minimum depth mentioned above varies from place to place (text-fig. 12).

Cupuladria colonies are therefore unlikely to be washed up on the shore, and there are no records that this has ever occurred, although 'one dead and worn' colony of D. umbellata has been found on the shore at Balboa, Panama Canal Zone (Hastings 1930, p. 718). As Stach (1936, p. 63) has put it, 'their free mode of life prohibits their existence in the littoral zone where wave action is strongly felt'. The lunulitiform Bryozoa thus seem to be confined to the stable small-particle bottoms below wave base. This conclusion is quite contrary to that of Dartevelle (1933, 1935), who inferred an agitated, currentinfested biotope from the common occurrence of broken and regenerated lunulitiform colonies in the Eocene of Belgium. Yet there is no reason why fragmentation should be due solely to mechanical breakage in a highly turbulent environment; the destructive activity of other marine organisms in deeper, quieter water might just as easily be responsible (Ginsburg 1957, p. 83). It is known that holothurians (sea cucumbers) include the lunulitiform Bryozoa in their diet. Silén (1942, p. 13) records eight colonies of C. canariensis taken from the stomach of the sea-urchin Meoma ventricosa, and I have observed the occurrence of fragments and of several entire colonies of C. canariensis among the coarser debris in the stomach of a holothurian in the north-western Gulf of Mexico (Cavalier 1956 Station 227, at a depth of 37.5 fathoms). Dartevelle (1935) gives Recent examples of regenerated zoaria of C. canariensis (Pl. 25, fig. 5) taken from the Mediterranean locality Râs-el-Amouch at a depth of 45 fathoms, which is well below that at



TEXT-FIG 12. Minimum depths at which *Cupuladria canariensis* has been found in various areas. Notice shallowest occurrences in sheltered, deepest occurrences in exposed biotopes.

which sand transport could occur, let alone transport and breakage of far larger objects such as bryozoan colonies.

7. Maximum depth (minimum temperature)

The maximum depth of occurrence of *Cupuladria canariensis* is determined by the temperature of the bottom water. The maximum depths at which *C. canariensis* has been found in three marine provinces is as follows:

	Fathoms	
NW Gulf of Mexico NE Gulf of Mexico Straits of Florida	138 117 122	Gulf of Mexico
Jamaica E of Jacksonville, Florida N of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	150 440 300–470	W and S confines of Sargasso Sea
Sénégal Nigeria	118 120	Equatorial West Africa

Since the recent geographical distribution of *C. canariensis* is roughly limited both in the Atlantic and in the eastern Pacific by the 14° C. surface isocrymes (text-fig. 3) (and it must be remembered that the bottom water at shelf depths will be a few degrees colder) it may reasonably be assumed that this approaches the minimum temperature at which *C. canariensis* can survive. The maximum depths of occurrence and the corresponding bottom-water temperatures of approximately 12° C. observed in various marine areas seem to confirm this assumption (text-fig. 13).

The deep occurrences along the western and southern confines of the Sargasso Sea are of particular interest. In all three cases the data refer to living specimens. The hydrography of this region (text-fig. 14) is almost unique in featuring a lenticular body of water of uniform temperature (18° C.) and salinity (approx. 36.5%) down to a depth of 300–400 metres (Worthington 1959). Below this depth a gradual decrease of temperature takes place down to the main thermocline. Clearly it is only the peculiar temperature conditions prevailing in this area that permit the occurrence of *C. canariensis* at such unusually great depths.

8. Maximum temperature

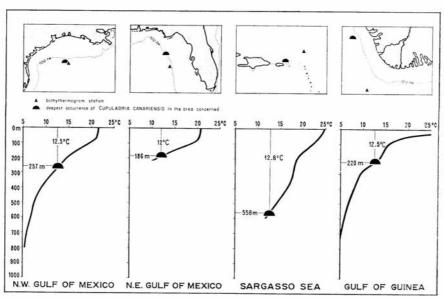
It is at the shallow end of its depth range that one has to seek the maximum temperature which the species will tolerate. This will be in shallow coastal waters, where the effects of atmospheric heat exchange are most strongly felt.

It will be readily understood, however, that the determination of this parameter will be far less precise than that of the minimum temperature, since the absolute maxima vary from year to year. Thus, *C. canariensis* may conceivably form part of the bottom fauna of a shallow bay during the normal summer of a particular year, but the following year an abnormally hot summer may bring its occupation of that bay to a sudden termination. The best approximation will therefore be found by taking the average maximum temperature in the warmest month, recorded over a number of years.

Areas where such shallow occurrences of C. canariensis coincide with the necessary amount of regularly recorded temperature data are Tampa Bay, Florida, and Breton

Sound, Louisiana, where C. canariensis occurs at minimum depths of 4 and 2 fathoms respectively (text-fig. 12).

According to the records published by the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (1955), the average maximum temperature in the warmest month (July) for the years 1947–54 at St. Petersburg (Tampa Bay) was 31° C. Since this figure is based on surface measurements, the corresponding value for the shallow bottom water is bound to be somewhat less extreme.

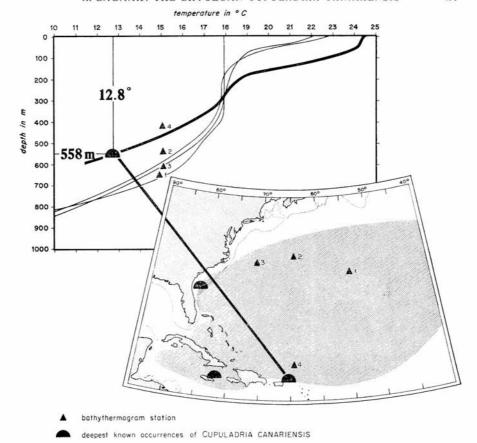


TEXT-FIG. 13. Relation between deepest occurrences of *Cupuladria canariensis* and bottom-water temperature.

In Breton Sound, where *C. canariensis* is known to occur in 2–3 fathoms depth in the lee of Breton Island (Parker 1956), surface-water temperatures during the summer reach an average absolute maximum of about 31–32° C. (Scruton 1956, p. 2937). According to Scruton (loc. cit.), 'vertical stratification is stronger in the summer than at other times, so that bottom temperatures in Breton Sound proper probably seldom reach 32°.

9. Maximum salinity

The clue to the maximum salinity that C. canariensis will tolerate lies in the Mediterranean. From its occurrences elsewhere, on the Florida shelf and in the West Indies, one may infer that it still thrives in salinities of approximately 36.5%. In the Mediterranean, on the other hand, salinities at the surface are everywhere higher than 37% (and increase with depth), except where the surface current carries water of Atlantic origin and an original salinity of about 36.25% through the Strait of Gibraltar along the



TEXT-FIG. 14. Deepest known occurrences of *Cupuladria canariensis* are found where deeply descending warm water mass of Sargasso Sea intersects with sea bottom. Shading in ocean area indicates the occurrence of water of 18° C. at 300 m. depth (map and graphs after Worthington 1959).

north coast of Africa as far east as Tunisia (Sverdrup, Johnson and Fleming 1960, pp. 643, 646).

The extent of this Atlantic water in the Mediterranean coincides exactly with the Recent Mediterranean distribution of *C. canariensis* (text-fig. 15*d*). The easternmost Mediterranean record of the species is from Cape Rosa, Algeria, 40 km. east of Bône. *C. canariensis*, like all other lunulitiform species, is conspicuously absent among the bryozoan fauna of the eastern Mediterranean, for example in Tunisia (Canu and Bassler 1930), Egypt (O'Donoghue and De Watteville 1939), and Syria (Gautier 1957). Since this entire area lies south of the 14° C. surface isocryme (text-fig. 15*d*) and since

bottom temperatures in the Mediterranean, even at great depths, nowhere drop below about 13° C. (Nielsen 1912; Furnestin 1960), it is clear that here the limiting factor is not the water temperature but the >37% salinity.

This conclusion has the interesting implication that the Miocene, Pliocene, and early Pleistocene Mediterranean (text-fig. 15a–c) was somewhat less saline than it is at present. The difference was most marked in the Sicilian, when C canariensis (and by inference salinities <37%) extended into the Levantine basin (Rhodes), where present-day salinities constantly remain about 39% (Wüst 1960, figs. 2, 5; pl. 7).

10. Minimum salinity

Data on the minimum salinity which *C. canariensis* will tolerate must be inferred from its occurrence in the shallow coastal waters, where precipitation and run-off are most effective in lowering the salinity.

Reduced salinities have been observed in the following shallow areas where *C. canariensis* is known to occur:

- a. Breton Sound, leeward of Breton Island, Louisiana; depth 2–3 fathoms (Parker 1956); bottom salinity 28.5‰, measured in the autumn of 1951 during flood tide; the ebb tide produces still lower salinities (Scruton 1956, p. 2927).
- b. South of Calcasieu Pass, Louisiana; depth 5.5 fathoms (text-fig. 12). Salinities measured at neighbouring stations (Bandy 1954, fig. 8, Sta. 106, Sta. 108) are of the order of 28–28.5%. To all appearances these figures are based on surface measurements, but in this shallow turbulent part of the Gulf of Mexico vertical stratification is bound to be slight and the corresponding bottom salinities will therefore probably be not very different

C. canariensis is absent in the Gulf of Mexico off Grand Isle, Louisiana, presumably because here salinities at 10 feet below the surface may drop periodically to as low as 21‰ in June and July, and 14‰ in February (Geyer 1950, p. 103). The lowest monthly average in this area is 22.6‰ (March 1949).

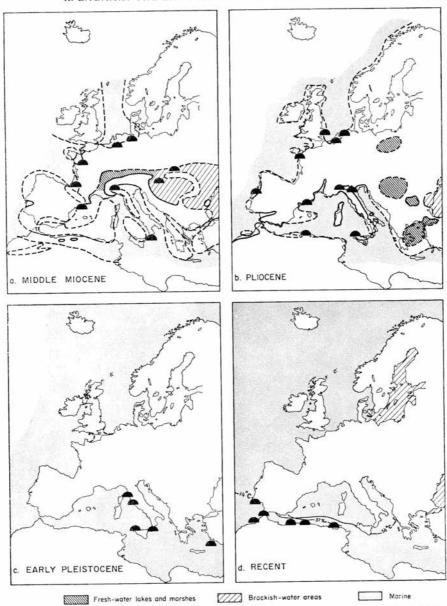
11. Recognition

Another, more subjective, factor which affects the boundaries of the known distribution of *C. canariensis* is the ease with which the species can be recognized. Large undamaged colonies may easily attain a diameter of 1.5 cm., and their aesthetically satisfying shape makes them conspicuous among the other members of the macro-fauna. Unfortunately, *C. canariensis* is rather fragile and during rough handling in nature or in

EXPLANATION OF PLATE 26

Fragments of fossil Cupuladria canariensis (Busk) from various localities.

- Fig. 1. Detail of the broken surface, showing the characteristic fine, parallel, vertical striation. Lower Miocene (Carapita formation) of Mene Grande Oil Company well SB-133, Estado Monagas, Venezuela, 3,825–3,840 ft. ×40.
- Fig. 2. Middle Miocene (Reinbek/Dingdener Stufe) of Twistringen, SSW of Bremen, Germany. × 20.
 Fig. 3. Lower Miocene of Shell-BP Petroleum Development Company well Ituk-1, Nigeria, 3,320–3,780 ft. × 20.
- Fig. 4. Lower Miocene (Chickasawhay formation) of Limestone Creek, Wayne County, Mississippi, U.S.A. ×20.
- Fig. 5. Upper Miocene (Cubagua formation) of Socony Mobil Oil Company well Cubagua-1, Cubagua, Venezuela, 218 ft. \times 20.



TEXT-FIG. 15. Fossil and recent distribution of *Cupuladria canariensis* in Europe and North Africa (Middle Miocene and Pliocene base maps after Wills 1951).

the laboratory is apt to break, almost always along the radial lines on the concave surface. The smallest recognizable fragments take the form of tiny rectangular prisms (Pl. 26, fig. 1), whose dorsal ends correspond to the rectangular compartments visible on the concave surface (text-fig. 16). These compartments are perforated, and so, consequently, are the dorsal ends of the individual prisms. The vertical faces are flat and show fine, parallel, vertical striation (Pl. 26, fig. 1). Thus even very small fragments can be recognized (Pl. 26, figs. 2–5), and for this reason *C. canariensis* may be regarded as a component of both the macro- and the microfauna.

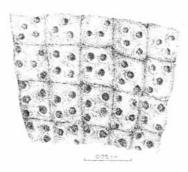
APPLICATIONS

1. Shifts in sea-water temperature since the Miocene

Palacobotany holds the key to the interpretation of Tertiary climates in north-west Europe. It is known that the north-west European climate gradually cooled from tropical (Eocene), through subtropical (Miocene and early Pliocene) to warm temperate (late Pliocene) conditions, after which even more marked and rapid cooling to subarctic conditions introduced the Pleistocene.

At present both summer and winter air temperatures in north-west Europe are strongly influenced by the temperature of the water in the eastern Atlantic and the North Sea. It is not unreasonable to assume, therefore, that the subtropical and oceanic climates prevailing in north-west Europe during the Miocene and Pliocene periods bore a direct relationship to considerably higher sea-water temperatures in these latitudes.

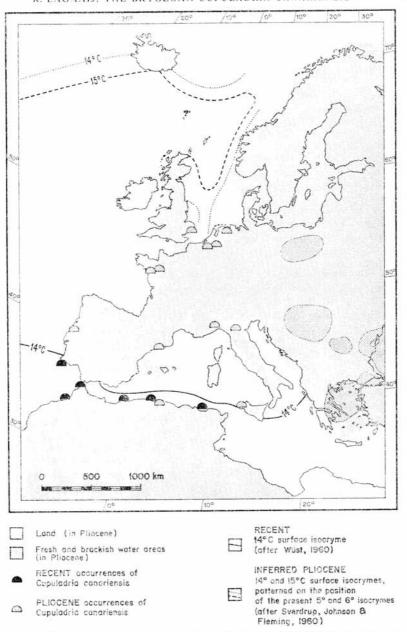
Such an hypothesis is strongly supported by a comparison of the present-day occurrences of *C. canariensis* with those during Miocene and Pliocene times (text-fig. 17). As has been already mentioned (p. 189), the northern boundary of its present area of distri-



TEXT-FIG. 16. Cupuladria canariensis. Detail of the concave surface (after Busk 1859a).

bution in the northern hemisphere coincides with the 14° C. surface isocryme (text-fig. 3). Consequently, Miocene and Pliocene winter surface-water temperatures in the North Sea basin must have been at least 14° C. February surface-water temperatures in this area now average between 5° and 6° C. (fide Sverdrup, Johnson, and Fleming 1960, chart II). In the Miocene and even in the Pliocene the water in the southern part of the North Sea must therefore have been at least 8° or 9° C, warmer than it is at present. This conclusion accords well with the figures derived by the Polish palaeobotanist Szafer for the amount by which Pliocene air temperatures in Europe north of the Alps exceeded those now pre-

vailing: January +11°, July +9°, yearly average +9° C. (fide Godwin 1956, p. 296). This conclusion is particularly interesting, however, because both in the Middle Miocene (text-fig. 15a) and in the Pliocene (text-fig. 15b) the land area at present occupied by the British Isles was connected to the continent of Europe. C. canariensis (and the entire warm-water fauna associated with it) must therefore have migrated to the North Sea area of those times by a path lying to the north of Scotland. In view of the present-



TEXT-FIG. 17. Shift of sea water temperatures in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean since the Pliocene (Pliocene base map after Wills 1951).

day confinement of the species by the 14° C. surface isocryme, this isotherm must have lain to the north of Scotland in both the Miocene and Pliocene periods and probably resembled in shape the present-day 5° C. isocryme, which under the influence of the Gulf Stream curves around Scotland and penetrates into the North Sea (text-fig. 17). The stranding of a loggerhead turtle, *Caretta caretta* (Linn.), on the Norwegian coast in December 1951 (Willgohs 1953) and the capture of a flying fish, *Cypsilurus heterurus*, in Oslo Fiord in 1848 and in 1937 (Bruun 1938) are indications that even today the Gulf Stream occasionally carries tropical and subtropical marine organisms along this ancient migration route.

During the Pleistocene *C. canariensis* did not have a chance to migrate once more into the North Sea region (text-fig. 15c). This sea-water temperature did not rise sufficiently to allow this, even in the interglacial periods, when the climate was somewhat warmer than it is now. From the composition of the molluscan fauna of the Dutch Eemian (the last, late-Pleistocene, interglacial), van Straaten (1956, pp. 224, 225) concluded that the temperature of the sea-water at that time could only have been about 4° C. higher than that of the present North Sea, and might have been no more than 2° or 3° C. higher. It is interesting to note that Spaink (1958, p. 31) concluded that the southern element of this Eemian fauna must also have reached the Dutch coastal area by the route north of Scotland.

2. The Oligocene-Miocene boundary in the Gulf Coast and Caribbean areas

During the past decade, several attempts have been made to correlate the Tertiary formations on either side of the Atlantic. The problem of defining the Oligocene–Miocene boundary in the Caribbean area has been closely connected with these attempts and has still not definitely been solved.

A detailed discussion of this problem lies outside the scope of this paper. Those who are interested are referred to the paper by Eames (1953), through whose activity the problem became critical, to the ensuing discussion between Stainforth (1954) and Eames (1954), to the later restatement of the problem by Stainforth (1960a; 1960b, with extensive bibliography) and to the renewed discussion between Eames et al. (1960a; 1960b) and Stainforth (1960c). The arguments put forward by Eames et al. have now been stated in full detail in their book on Mid-Tertiary stratigraphical correlation (1962).

Briefly, the Oligocene–Miocene boundary in the Caribbean area has undergone a progressive lowering during the past decade. All concerned agree that this move was justified; there is no agreement, however, about the level in the Caribbean sequence of planktonic foraminiferal zones where this boundary should finally be drawn. Stainforth (1960b, p. 226) is undecided 'whether the whole *Globigerina ciperoensis* zone and part of the *Globigerina dissimilis* zone or only part of the *Globigerina ciperoensis* zone represents the whole Oligocene'. Eames (1955, p. 86), on the other hand, implied complete absence of marine Oligocene sediments in Trinidad by his statement that 'probably all the Cipero formation is of Lower Miocene age'. Eames *et al.* (1960a, 1960b, 1962) have since corrobated this view and have even extended it so that not only the Cipero but also the underlying San Fernando formation is included. If their opinion is correct, a major hiatus occurs in the Trinidad sequence between the Eocene (Navet and equivalents) and the Miocene (San Fernando, Cipero and equivalents) marine deposits.

It is important to discover whether, and to what extent, the lunulitiform Bryozoa, and in particular *Cupuladria canariensis*, throw light on the matter.

Lunulitiform Bryozoa, which range from the Upper Cretaceous to Recent, have long been of interest to palaeontologists. *Lunulites*, the eponymous genus, was introduced by Lamarck in 1816 and since then a considerable number of fossil species have been recorded from Tertiary and Quaternary strata both in Europe and in North America. The accompanying range charts (text-fig. 18) show the time-stratigraphic distribution of these species in the two hemispheres.

Comparison of these two charts reveals several interesting facts:

- a. There are no Eocene and Oligocene species of *Lumdites* common to both hemispheres. It is possible that a thorough systematic revision of the group might alter this situation. But whether it would or not, it is significant that there is a similar lack of common species among the contemporaneous larger Foraminiferida of both hemispheres.
- b. The disappearance of the genus *Lunulites* clearly did not take place contemporaneously in both hemispheres. In North America it probably no longer occurs in situ in the post-Vicksburg formations, whereas in Europe it persists into the Pliocene. It should be borne in mind, however, that several living species of *Lunulites* have been recorded from Australian seas.
- c. Several names common to both charts, of which one is C. canariensis, first appear in the Miocene of Europe and in the post-Vicksburg formations of the southern U.S.A. This new appearance of modern lunulitiform genera and species, which, as has been seen in the case of C. canariensis, possess exceptional environmental tolerance leading to wide and rapid dispersal, may well serve as a criterion for establishing the Oligocene–Miocene boundary in sequences of ancient tropical and subtropical shelf sediments on both sides of the Atlantic.

By this criterion the Vicksburg group correlates with some part of the European Oligocene (absolute hegemony of *Lunulites*), whereas such post-Vicksburg formations as the Chickasawhay of Mississippi and Alabama and the subsurface Upper Frio of Texas cannot be considered older than Aquitanian (since both contain *C. canariensis*). Although most North American stratigraphers, e.g. Cooke *et al.* (1943), MacNeil (1944), and oil companies do not share this view, it is clear that it was held as long ago as 1934 by others, such as Howe (1934) and McGuirt (1941).

Some of the evidence underlying text-fig. 18b is brought out in greater detail on the correlation chart of the Gulf Coast Oligocene and Miocene formations (text-fig. 19), which shows the known occurrences of the genus *Lumulites* and *C. canariensis* according to the published records and my own observations. Conspicuous on this chart is the wide distribution of these lumulitiform Bryozoa throughout the marine Tertiary sediments, even though information on several southern states is still incomplete.

It is interesting to study the Caribbean area in the light of what is known about Europe and the Gulf Coast, where modern lumulitiform species and genera first appear in the Aquitanian and post-Vicksburg formations respectively.

It has already been shown (text-fig. 9) that lunulitiform Bryozoa, in this case *C. canariensis*, are widely distributed throughout the 'Oligocene–Miocene' basin of eastern Venezuela. The vertical distribution of *C. canariensis* in various parts of the basin is

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LUNULITES TRUNCATA DE GREGORIO

OTIONELLA TUBERGOS C. B.

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LUNULITES ENESTRATA (DE GREGORIO)

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CUPULADRIA CANARIENSIS (BUSK.)
DISCOPORELLA UMBELLATA (DEFRANCE.) CUPULADRIA DENTICULATA (CONRAD) CUPULADRIA DOMA (D'ORBIGNY) CUPULADRIA PYRIFORMIS (BUSK) OTIONELLA CAVA C. 8 B. LUNULITES DISTANS LONSDALE LUNULITES VERRUCOSA (C. 8.B.) HOLOCENE & RECENT PLEISTOCENE PLIOCENE MIOCENE 00-00 П OLIGOCENE VICKSBURG JACKSON CLAIBORNE WILCOX 000000000 EOCENE

TEXT-FIG. 18, Time-stratigraphic distribution of Tertiary and Quaternary lunulitiform species.

shown in text-fig. 20. As far as the problem of the Oligocene-Miocene boundary is concerned, the oldest occurrences are the most relevant.

In northern Guarico the earliest occurrence is to be found in the upper part of the 'Oligocene' Roblecito formation of well GXB-5. In the Rio Areo of northern Monagas *C. canariensis* occurs at the base of the Areo Shale, directly above its contact with the Los Jabillos formation (text-fig. 21). The Areo Shale is generally considered to be the lateral equivalent of the lower part of the Naricual formation of the Barcelona area,

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	ANAHUAC CATAHOULA FM.	CATANDULA FM.	CHICKASAWHAY FM.	CHICKASAWHAY FM.			
		LOWER FRIO		7 7	BUCATUNNA CLAY	BUCATUNNA CLAY	SUWANNEE LIMESTON
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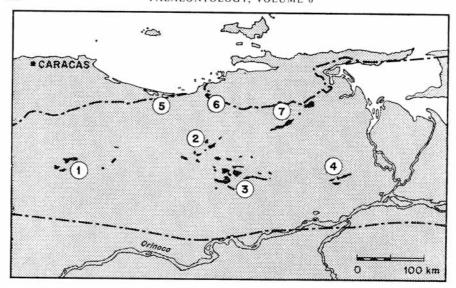
1EXT-FIG. 19. Occurrences of *Lunulites spp.* and of *Cupuladria canariensis* throughout the Oligocene and Miocene formations of the Gulf Coast.

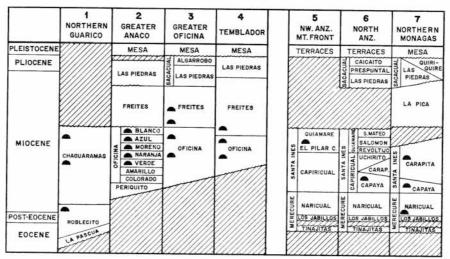
which itself was considered to be of Lower Oligocene, and possibly even Upper Eocene, age (Renz et al. 1958, p. 576). This age assessment can no longer be maintained. Since they contain C. canariensis, both the upper part of the Roblecito and the Areo Shale (and for that matter the Naricual) cannot be of more than Aquitanian (or post-Vicksburg) age. The correctness of this interpretation is reinforced by the fact that C. canariensis is accompanied in both cases by Discoporella umbellata, another 'modern' lunulitiform species.

It is interesting to compare these occurrences with the Caribbean planktonic foraminiferal zonation locally established by the Creole Petroleum Corporation.

According to Creole, the Areo Shale represents the upper two-thirds of the *Globorotalia* opima opima zone and the whole of the *Globigerina ciperoensis ciperoensis* zone. The oldest known occurrences of *C. canariensis* at the base of the Areo Shale thus fall in the lower half of the *G. opima opima* zone.

The underlying Los Jabillos formation has hitherto generally been considered as Upper Eocene (*fide* Feo-Codecido 1956, p. 331; Renz et al. 1958, p. 576). This age assessment, too, needs revision in the light of newly acquired evidence. According to Creole, the Los Jabillos formation must be post-Eocene, since its stratigraphical position falls slightly above the base of the *G. opima opima* zone.





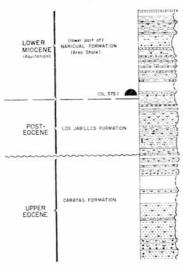
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TEXT-FIG. 20. Occurrences of *Cupuladria canariensis* throughout the Tertiary formations in the eastern Venezuela basin (map and correlation chart after Renz *et al.* 1958, modified).

Again according to Creole, the Los Jabillos formation is in turn underlain by shales with Globigerina ampliapertura (not present in the Rio Areo outcrop section shown in

text-fig. 21). It is this *G. ampliapertura* zone that on planktonic foraminiferal evidence correlates with the Vicksburg (Bolli 1957, p. 107). Thus one might expect to find a different suite of lunulitiform Bryozoa at this level. Unfortunately, there are no earlier records of this group of Bryozoa from Eastern Venezuela than those mentioned above. All one can say is that the Vicksburg, as it is defined in the southern U.S.A., is characterized, from the point of view of the lunulitiform bryozoan sequences, by the absolute hegemony of the genus *Lunulites* (text-fig. 18*b*) and therefore correlates with some part of the European Oligocene (text-fig. 18*a*). This would imply that the *G. ampliapertura* zone is also Oligocene.

In summary it appears that Eames et al. were substantially correct in lowering the Oligocene-Miocene boundary in the Caribbean area farther than any of their critics were prepared to go. From the presence of modern lunulitiform Bryozoa it must be concluded that at least the upper two-thirds of the Globorotalia opima opima zone is Miocene (Aquitanian or younger). On the other hand, Eames et al. (1960a, p. 448; 1962, pp. 48, 49, fig. 5) would definitely seem to be going too far in wishing to submit the Vicksburg to the same rejuvenation course. The Vicksburg lunulitiform bryozoan assemblages have a dis-



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TEXT-FIG. 21. Earliest occurrence of Cupuladria canariensis in the Rio Areo outcrop section, northern Monagas, eastern Venezuela (from unpublished Company reports): 1:5,000.

tinct Oligocene character, and if the planktonic foraminiferal correlation is correct, this would imply that the *Globigerina ampliapertura* zone of the Caribbean sequence of planktonic foraminiferal zones is also Oligocene. The Oligocene–Miocene boundary in the Caribbean, subject of so much discussion in the past decade, would thus be pinpointed in eastern Venezuela somewhere between the top of the *Globigerina ampliapertura* zone and the top of the lower one-third of the *Globorotalia opima opima zone*.

The earliest occurrences of *C. canariensis* in Nigeria of which I am aware have so far been found in the wells Ituk-1 (range 3,320–3,780 feet) (Pl. 26, fig. 3) and Ituk-2 (range 2.770–2,950 feet) in the Calabar flank area, and in Ihuo-1 (range 2,062–2,085 feet).

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BMNH: British Museum (Natural History).

USNM: United States National Museum.

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HAT-HG. 3. The selected localities shown are:

	Reference or repository		Reference or repository
 Cape Rosa, Algeria 	BMNH	3. Oran, Algeria	Waters 1921
Rås-el-Amouch, Algeria	Dartevelle 1935	4. Tangier Bay	BMNH

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		Reference or repository		Reference or repository
5.	Vanneau Sta. XXIX, Morocco	Canu and Bass- ler 1925b	28. Lat. 28 4' N, long. 93 44' W, 40 fms.	KSEPL
6.	Cape Sagres, Portugal	BMNH	29. Lat. 25° 47′ N, long. 96° 27′ W,	KSEPL (ex Mr
7.	Off Punta Delgada, Azores	Silén 1942	50 fms.	R. W. Barker)
8.	Madeira	Busk 1859a; Norman 1909;	30. Albatross Sta. 2361, NE of Cabo Catoche	USNM
		Silén 1942	31. Port Antonio, Jamaica	USNM
	'entrée de la Bocayna', Canary Islands	Calvet 1907	32. Caroline Sta. 55, Samaná Bay, Santo Domingo	USNM
10.	Gran Canaria, Canary Islands	Silén 1942	33. Off Guanica Harbor, Puerto	Osburn 1940
11.	Lat. 27° 16' N, long. 23° 21' W	Silén 1942	Rico	
12.	Cap Blanc, Mauritania	Calvet 1907	34. St. Thomas, West Indies	Silén 1942
13.	Cape Verde, Sénégal	BMNH	35. St. Martin, West Indies	Silén 1942
14.	Conakry, Guinée	BMNH	36. Albatross Sta. 2145, NNW of	Silén 1942
15.	Petit Tahou, Liberia	Waters 1889, 1921	Aspinwall 37. Cape la Vela, Colombia	Osburn 1947
16	Acera, Ghana	BMNH	38. Aruba, Netherlands Antilles	Osburn 1947
	SE of Lagos, Nigeria, 13 fms.	KSEPL.	39. Tortuga Island, Venezuela	Osburn 1947
	Off Fishtown River, Nigeria, 14 fms.	KSEPL	40. Margarita Island, Venezuela 41. Barbados, West Indies	Osburn 1947 Osburn 1947 BMNH
19.	N of Fernando Poo, 42 fms.	KSEPL	42. Lat. 9° 28' N, long. 60° 8' W, 39	KSEPL (ex Dr. D.
20.	Calypso Sta. 45, W of Libre- ville, Gabon	BMNH	fms. 43. Berbice, British Guiana	J. Nota)
21.	Albatross Sta. 2597, off Cape	USNM	44. Off Bahía, Brazil	Waters 1889
17318	Hatteras	(334,034)	45. Cedros Island, Lower Cali-	Osburn 1950
22.	Albatross Sta. 2415, E of Jack- sonville, Fla.	USNM	fornia	
22	Albatross Sta. 2639, Straits of	Cany and Dass	46. Albatross Sta. 3012, Gulf of	USNM
1000	Florida	ler 1928a	California	-
24.	Tortugas, Florida	Smitt 1873;	47. Albatross Sta. 2826, Gulf of California	Canu and Bass- ler, 1929
		Osburn 1914;	48. Clarion Island, Mexico	Osburn 1950
		Silén 1942	49. Socorro Island, Mexico	Osburn 1950
25.	Albatross Sta. 2405, off Cedar	Canu and Bass-	50. West coast of Mexico	Osburn 1950
	Keys, Fla.	ler 1928a	51. West coast of Costa Rica	Osburn 1950
	S of Mobile, Alabama	Parker 1956	52. West coast of Panama	Osburn 1950
27.	Lat. 28° 40′ N, long. 90° 14′ W,	KSEPL	53. Gorgona, Colombia	Hastings 1930
	19 fms.		54. Galapagos Islands	Osburn 1950
			55. Ecuador	Osburn 1950

TEXT-FIG. 4. The selected localities shown are:

Miocene

Twistringen, SSW of Bremen, Germany	Reinbek/Dingdener Stufe, Middle Miocene (Pl. 26, fig. 2)	ex Dr. C. W. Drooger
2. Beeringen, Netherlands	Diepboring 15, 154–159 m., Middle Miocene	Lagaaij 1953
 Wyneghem, near Antwerp, Belgium 	Lower Diestian (Deurnian), Upper Miocene	Lagaaij 1952
4. Vienna Basin, Austria	Tortonian, Middle Miocene	Manzoni 1877a; Canu and Bassler 1925a
4a. Benczyn, near Wadowice, Poland	Tortonian, Middle Miocene	Malecki 1951
5. Turin, Italy	Miocene	Scotti 1936
6. Reggio, Calabria, Italy	Tortonian, Middle Miocene	Seguenza 1879
7. Ferrière l'Arçon, Indre-et- Loire, France	Pontilevian, Middle Miocene	Canu and Lecointre 1925; Buge 1957
8. Dept. Gironde, France	Aquitanian and Burdigalian, Lower Miocene	Canu 1917; Duvergier 1920; Vig- neaux 1949
Barcelona province, Spain	Helvetian, Middle Miocene	Faura 1914; Faura and Canu 1916

10.	Niger	Delta,	Nigeria
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- 11. Calabar area, Nigeria
- 12. Missellele River, 10 km. N of Tiko, E of Mount Cam-eroon, Nigeria
- 13. French Cameroons
- 14. Monroe County, Florida
- 15. Jackson's Bluff, Ochlockonee River, Leon County, Florida

 16. Shell Bluff, Shoal River, N
- of Mossyhead, Walton
- County, Fla.

 17. Limestone Creek, Wayne
 County, Mississippi
 18. East Baton Rouge Parish,
- Louisiana
- 19. Laguna Atorcosa, Cameron County, Texas
- 20. Goliad County, Texas
- 21. Gulf of Mexico, off Nucces County, Texas
- 22. Bowden, Jamaica
- 23. Cercado de Mao, Santo Domingo
- 24 Port Limón, Costa Rica
- 25. Rio Coro, at Caujarao, Distr. Miranda, Estado Falcon, Venezuela
- 26. Cabo Blanco, near Maiquetia Airport, Distr. Federal, Venezuela
- 27. Estado Guarico, Venezuela
- 28. Estado Anzoategui, Venezuela
- 29. Estado Monagas, Venezuela
- 30. Estado Monagas, Venezuela
- 31. Cubagua Island, Venezuela
- Concord quarry, Point à Pierre, Trinidad

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Exploration well Oloibiri-1, 9,560- | 9,570', Miocene Exploration well Ituk-1, 3,320-

3,780', Miocene (Pl. 26, fig. 3) Lower Miocene

Middle Miocene Caloosahatchee formation, Mio-

Choctawhatchee, Miocene

Shoal River (type locality), Miocene

Chickasawhay, Miocene (Pl. 26, fig. 4) Superior Oil Prod. Company's

Duplantier Community No. 1 well, 7,671–7,687', Heterostegina zone; 8,091–8,101', Marginulina zone, Catahoula formation, Mio-

cene Shell-Continental Fee #1, 11,810-11,850', Marginulina zone, Miocene

Housh, Thompson & Crown Central C. G. Wood # 1, 3,163-3,193', updip limit of Anahuac shale wedge, Miocene

Gulf Oil Corp. and others, Block 889, 3-A, 10,300', Upper Frio, Miocene

Bowden Beds, upper Middle Miocene

Middle Miocene

Middle Miocene

Caujarao formation, upper Middle Miocene

Playa Grande formation, Upper

Creole Petroleum Corp., GXB-5, Roblecito formation, Miocene Mene Grande Oil Company, OG-1,

2,125'; 3,250', Freites formation; 3,750-4,625', Oficina formation, Miocene

Creole Petroleum Corp., ORC-2, 3,900-4,200', Carapita formation, Miocene

Compañía Shell de Venezuela, Cerro Negro-3, Freites forma-

tion; Oficina formation, Miocene Socony Mobil Oil Company, Cuba-gua-1, 218', Cubagua formation, Upper Miocene (Pl. 26, fig. 5) Concord marl, Miocene

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Canu and Bassler 1919b; 1923

Canu and Bassler 1919b; 1923

KSEPL (ex Mr. R. W. Barker)

McGuirt 1941

KSEPL (ex Dr. D. D. Bannink)

Shell Oil Company, Corpus Christi Division

KSEPL (ex Mr. E. M. Wilkins)

Canu and Bassler 1919a; 1919b;

Canu and Bassler 1919b; 1923

Canu and Bassler 1923 KSEPL

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Pliocene

I. Sutton, Suffolk, England II. Antwerp, Belgium

III. Heumensoord, Netherlands

IV. Roden, Netherlands

V. Contigné, Maine-et-Loire, France

VI. Pigeon-Blanc (Landreau), near Nantes, France VIa. Pombal, Portugal

VII. El Ampurdan, near Bar-

celona, Spain VIII. Valle Andona, Asti, Pied-

mont, Italy
IX. Province of Modena, Italy
X. Altavilla, near Palermo,

Sicily, Italy Nador, near Algiers, Algeria

XII. Terrebonne Parish, Louis-

iana XIII. Minnitimmi Creek, Bocas Island, Almirante Bay,

Panama

XIV. Camarones, 10 km. E of Esmaralda, Ecuador

Gedgravian, Pliocene

Scaldisian (prob. Luchtbal horizon), Pliocene

Boring 1928, 102·40–109·00 m., 'Scaldisian', Pliocene Boring 114/23, 184·50–215·00 m..

Pliocene Redonian, Pliocene

Redonian, Pliocene

Pliocene Pliocene

Pliocene

Astian, Pliocene

Plaisancian, Pliocene

Plaisancian, Pliocene Terrebonne Gas Company Fee #1, 2,300', Pliocene Pliocene

Pliocene

Busk 18596 Canu 1920h

Lagaaij 1952

KSEPL (ex Dr. J. H. van Voorthuysen)

Roger and Buge 1946; Buge 1957

Canu 1920a; Roger and Buge 1946; Buge 1957 Galopim de Carvalho 1961

De Angelis 1895

Manzoni 1869; Canu 1913b

Namias 1890 Cipolla 1921

Canu 1913a

McGuirt 1941

Canu and Bassler 1928a

KSEPL (ex Mr. J. Brouwer)

Pleistocene

Livorno, Italy

Monte Mario and Farnesina, near Rome, Italy Carrubare, Calabria, Italy

D Palermo, Sicily, Italy

Rhodes

F. Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi River Delta area, Louisiana

G. Gulf of Mexico, High Island

H. Gulf of Mexico, off Matagorda County, Texas

Cabo Blanco, near Maiquetia Airport, Distr. Federal, Venezuela

K. Estado Monagas, Venezuela

L. Puerto Militar, Bahia Blanca, Argentine

Sicilian, Pleistocene Calabrian

Sicilian? Sicilian? Sicilian

South Pass, Block 6 Area, State Lease 2590 1, 500–1,100', 'Upper Marine', Pleistocene

Federal Block A-104, Shell-Continental 'Neptune-1', 775-790'; 835-1,000', Pleistocene

Ohio Oil Company, State of Texas 403 # 1, 537-599'; 662-754'; 1,935-1,997', Pleistocene Mare formation, Pleistocene?

Compañía Shell de Venezuela, Guanipa-1, 640-670', Paria formation, Pleistocene Pampéan, Pleistocene

Neviani 1891

Manzoni 1869; Neviani 1895

Neviani 1905

Cipolla 1924

Manzoni 1877b; Pergens 1887; Silén 1942

KSEPL (ex Mr. J. J. Gouty)

KSEPL

Compañía Shell de Venezuela, Caracas

Canu 1908

TEXT-FIG. 5. Sources: (a) Collections from the Exploration and Production Research Laboratory, Shell Development Company, Houston, Texas, now at KSEPL, Rijswijk, Netherlands; (b) Parker 1956; and (c) various other sources (see list):

		Depth				Depth
	12 to 14 12 12 to	in		Lat. N	Long. W	in
	Lat. N Long, W		12 1.1 1051 54 169		33°39′30″	12
1. Cavalier 1956 Sta. 128	29 02'54" 89"28'26"	5-5	47. Atlantis 1951 Sta. 168 48		83 34 30	11.5
2. Parker 1956 Sta. 410	29°27′ 89°15′	2 2	1000		83 28 30"	11
3, 321	29°30′30″ 89°15′ 29°30′30″ 89°10′	2			83 22'	8
4 322	29°30′30″ 89°10′ 29°30′ 88°52′	7.5	50		83 16 30"	726?
5. G. 2074	29°24′ 88°54′	10	52 173		83 12 30"	5
6. Parker 1956 Sta. 346	29 22' 88 51'	15			83 08 57"	11.5
7 349 8 316	29°12′ 88°43′	39	54		83°04′48"	10.5
8 316 9. G. 2021	29 09' 88 43'	43	55		83°02'42"	8.5
10. G. 2028, Sandpile Bank	20 04'40" 88 43'	49	56		83°00′30″	8.5
	29°22′ 88°32′	32	57		82°53′48"	7
11. Parker 1956 Sta. 311	29°23′ 88°22′	30	58		82°51'42"	5-5
13 308	29°26′ 88°20′	30	59, Tampa Bay, Florida		82°37′27"	4.5
14 244	29°26′ 88°08′	29	60		82°36'06"	5.5
15. U.S.S. Hydrographer	27 20 00 00		61	27"41'14"		4.5
1941/2, Sta. 50	29°46'05" 86°58'	103-8	62		82°31'36"	4
16. U.S.S. Hydrographer	25 40 05 00 00		63. Vema-3 1954 BT # 18	27°08′	83°30"	23
1941/2, Sta. 23	29°31′ 86°26′	77	64. Albatross 1885 Sta. 2409			
17. U.S.S. Hydrographer	27.71		(Silén 1942)	27°04′	83°21'15"	26
1941/2, Sta. 45	29°33′ 86°08′	21	65. Vema-3 1954 Dredge # 2	26°50'	83°40'	29
18. U.S.S. Hydrographer			66. SSW of John's Pass,			
1941/2, Sta. 40	30°15′ 86°11′	15	Florida	26°25′	83 32"	34
19. U.S.S. Hydrographer			67. Vema-3 1954 BT # 2	26°10'	84°20′	96
1941/2, Sta. 39	30°13′ 86°08′	12.5	68. Vema-3 1954 Dredge # 1	25°50'	84-30'	117
20. Off Panama City, Florida	30°05'58" 85°45'39"	10	69. Tortugas, Florida (Os-			
21	30°01'24" 85°51'54"	14.5	burn 1914)			10
22	30°00'45" 85°52'45"	15	70. SW of Tortugas, Florida			
23. Albatross 1885 Sta. 2405			(Silén 1942)			40 m.
(Canu and Bassler			71. Rebecca Shoal, Florida			
1928a)	28°45′ 85°02′	30	(Silén 1942)			15 m.
24. Fish Hawk Sta. 7157			72. Albatross 1885 Sta. 2315			1023
(USNM)	29°23′ 83°41′45″	9	(Silén 1942)	24°26′	81 48 15	37
25. Off Cedar Keys, Florida	28°58'48" 83°16'42"	5-5	73. NW of Sombrero Key,			
26	29°00'06" 83°15'	5	Florida	24°39′36″	81 04 12	6-5
27	29°01′24" 83°13′20"	4.5	74. S of Sombrero Key, Flo-			
28	29°02'36" 83°11'38"	4	rida	24°35′30″	81 06 55	25
29	29°03′55" 83°09′50"	3.5	75. SE of Molasses Reef			
30	29°05′16″ 83°08″	3.5	Light, Fla.	24°54″	80°15′30″	122
31. Atlantis 1951 Sta. 152	28°09′ 85°07′	100	76. Albatross 1886 Sta. 2639			
32, 153	28°11'30" 85°02'	80	(Canu and Bassler	25004/505	00=15/10*	56
33 154	28°14′ 84°57″	64	1928a)	25 04'50"	80 15 10	30
34 155	28°16′30″ 84°52′	43	77. Due E of Carysfort Light,	25°13′15″	201071	78
35 156	28°19′ 84°46′30″		Fla.	25 15 15	80 07	1.0
36 157	28°22′ 84°14′	34	78. Off Turtle Harbor, Flo-			20
37 158	28°24′30″ 84°36′	33	rida (USNM)			20
38 159	28°27′ 84°31′	28	79. Due E of Triumph Reef,	25°28′30″	80°05'45"	45
39 160	28°30′ 84°25′30″	25 22	Fla.	23 20 30	00 00 40	7.5
40, 161	28°32′ 84°20′	20	80. Due E of Triumph Reef, Fla.	25°28'30"	80°05'	58
41 162	28°35′ 84°14′	20	81. Off Fowey Light, Florida	25 30'48"	80°03'36"	
42 163	28°38′ 84°08′	17	82. Fowey Light, Florida	23 30 40	00 00 00	
43 164	28°41′ 84°02′	17	(Canu and Bassler			
44 165	28°43′30″ 83°56′ 28°46′ 83°50′	16	1928a)			40
45 166		14	19200)			350
46 167	28°49′ 83°44′	14	1			

TEXT-FIG. 6. Sources: (a) Collections from the Exploration and Production Research Laboratory, Shell Development Company, Houston, Texas, now at KSEPL, Rijswijk, Netherlands; (b) Parker 1956:

Lat. N Long. W fms.								Depth	1						0. /
Lat. N Long. W fms.															Depth
1. Cavalier 1956 Sta. 12						Lat N	Loug W						1 N		
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3. 21 28 45'16' 95'15'24' 10-5 37. 305 28 22'12' 93'40'30' 30 44 23 29'06' 93'38'30' 24 45' 15-5 28 28'37'03' 95'08'05' 16 40. 302 28'43' 93'34'45' 15-7 20' 28' 10-5 28' 28'44'48' 95'08'05' 11-5 41. 301 28' 49' 93'33'15' 12-5 20' 28' 10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-10-1								1000							
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	34.	1000													

TEXT-FIG. 7. Source: samples kept at KSEPL, Rijswijk, Netherlands: the co-ordinates and depths are listed below:

	Mees Cremer			Depth in		Mess Cremer			Depth in
	1959 Stations	Lat. N	Long. E	fms.		1959 Stations	Lat. N	Long. E	fms.
1	158	6-11'20"	3°21′26″	44	16	206	5 24'01"	4 39'51"	120
2	320	6 20'04"	3°29'14"	1.3	17	133	5 19'58"	5 01'29"	16
3	169	6"18'24"	3°34′22″	19	18	137	5 12'46"	4 46 59	109
4	168	6°20′31″	3"46'15"	14	19	310	4 54 09"	5 08'26"	25
5	170	6°11′50″	3 32'04"	42	20	311	4 '48'55"	5 02'55"	45
6	162	6 07'25"	3°30'01"	63	21	312	4 47'34"	5 01'38"	55
7	163	6 08'45"	3"33'22"	52	22	107	4°37′17″	5"24'22"	12
8	164	6 10 24"	3 37'26"	44	23	108	4°34'47"	5 21'18"	18
9	171	6 11'25"	3°37′12″	43	24	109	4 '32'19"	5 18'04"	29
10	165	6 12'00"	3 42'32"	41	25	377	4 24'10"	5 35'49"	10
11	318	6 11'01"	3°46'21"	47	26	376	4 23 33"	5 33'53"	11
12	215	6 13'59"	4°11′38″	12	27	375	4 23'01"	5 32'04"	13
13	147	6 05'40"	4 25'41"	21	28	374	4 22'34"	5 29'53"	14
14	212	5 42 43"	4°40′30″	37	29	373	4-22'07"	5 27'58"	17
15	203	5"32'00"	4°49′38″	27	30	372	4°21'41"	5°25′58″	21

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	1959 Stations		Long. E	fms.		1959 Stations	Lat. N.	Long. E	fms.
31	371	4 21'14"	5 23'58"	27	76	291	3°50'04"	6 43'19"	67
32	299	4 25'07"	5°34′55″	9	77	77	4°13'41"	6 47'27"	9
33	300	4 21'56"	5 31 46"	13	78	78	4 14'05"	6 51 59"	9
34	301	4 18'26"	5 27'29"	21	79	79	4°14′41"	6 56 58"	8
35	96	4 15'39"	5°42′55″	9	80	11	4 08'46"	7 01'31"	16
36	97	4 12'28"	5 40 38"	12	81	6	4 06'46"	7 00'54"	20
37	98	4 09'20"	5 38'25"	14	82	10	4 02'31"	7 02'05"	29
38	99	4 05'44"	5 35 37"	17	83	7	4 00'31"	7°01′12″	36
39	100	4 02'10"	5 33'06"	26	84	404	3 56'30"	6 58'42"	48
40	101	3 59'55"	5°31′23″	34	85	334	4°11′18″	7 18 47"	15
41	220	4 06'56"	5 37'31"	16	86	335	4°05'35"	7 18'12"	22
42	221	4 04'50"	5°40′50″	17	87	338	3°46′57"	7°18′17"	91
43	222	4 00'55"	5 43'11"	18	88	243	4°14′41″	7"35'01"	10
44	223	3 57'06"	5 45'07"	23	89	244	4 10'18"	7 34'56"	17
45	224	3 52'51"	5 47'47"	31	90	245	4 05'55"	7 34'59"	25
46	395	4 04'34"	5 50'10"	14	91	246	4 01'37"	7"34'54"	32
47	396	4 04'09"	5 52'23"	14	92	247	3°57′16″	7°34′56″	42
48	397	4 02'47"	5 54'24"	14	93	260	3°50'30"	7 30'10"	76
49	398	4 01'25"	5°56′21″	15	94	248	3°51′58″	7 35'00"	71
50	399	4 00'37"	5 58'38"	15	95	259	3°48'34"	7°39′49″	93
51	400	3°59′54″	6°00′59″	16	96	274	4 16'25"	7°42′38″	9
52	401	3 58'57"	6 03'18"	18	97	23	4°15′58"	8°01′50″	12
53	402	3 58'17"	6 05'42"	21	98	24	4°11′50"	8 02'33"	14
54	403	3 57'27"	6 07 50"	23	99	31	3 57'38"	8°04'39"	36
55	388	4 06'28"	6' 02'25"	10	100	28	3°55'27"	8°05′30″	42
56	389	4 04'40"	6°01′34″	12	101	29	3 51'43"	8°05'49"	68
57	390	4 02'41"	6 00'52"	13	102	32	3°56'07"	8 08'35"	40
58	391	4 00'49"	6 00'08"	14	103	34	3°52'40"	8°18'02"	49
59	392	3 59'01"	5°59′32″	16	104	36	3°49'19"	8°17'22"	100
60		3 57'10"	5°58′58″	22	105	255	3 47'59"	8 20'19"	62
61	394	3 55'37"	5"58'24"	24	106	37	3 47'02"	8°20'17"	91
62		4 10'39"	6 10'25"	7	107	73	4°05′38″	8°26′10″	22
63		4 08'44"	6°06′38″	8	108	72	4°05′21″	8"30'16"	26
64		4 05 41"	6°07′53″	11	109	254	3°52'38"	8 28'02"	40
65		4 02'49"	6°07′04″	14	110	38	3°44′50"	8°23′50"	75
66		4 00'14"	6°06′26″	17	111	39	3°43'08"	8"27'22"	56
67		3 56'42"	6°05′02″	23	112	46	4°06'34"	8°34'35"	34
68		4 09'13"	6°18′27″	9	113	45	4°03'36"	8"36'10"	31
69		4"11'11"	6°26′59″	8	114	44	3°58'36"	8°35′43"	36
70		4°04′33″	6°26′11″	15	115	43	3°54'05"	8°35'01"	41
71		3°57′37″	6°24′40″	31	116	42	3°48′53"	8°33′59"	44
72		4°12′31″	6°31′22″	8	117	41	3°44′39"	8°33'01"	44
73		4°10′19″	6 43 14"	11	118	40	3°40'36"	8°32′11"	44
74		4 06'16"	6°43′20″	18	119	70	3 48'10"	8°43'41"	42
75		4°00′11″	6°43′24″	32	LOSSINES.				

TEXT-FIG. 8. Distribution of Pliocene marine facies after van Voorthuysen 1956, fig. 26. Eighteen borings and outcrop localities listed in Lagaaij 1952, p. 33, are shown, to which the following occurrences north of the Rhine have here been added:

Wanneperveen-2	Kernboring NAM	171·50-224·50 m.
Oud-Appelscha		187·25-201·00 m.
Roden	114/23	191·50-213·00 m.

TEXT-FIG. 9. Southern boundary of eastern Venezuela Basin after Mencher et al. 1953, fig. 7; northern boundary coincides with 'mountain front',

The following Miocene occurrences are shown:

Cabo Blanco, near Maiguetia Airport, Distr. Federal Cubagua Island, Socony Mobil Oil Company, Cubagua -1, 218' Estado Guarico, Creole Petroleum Corp., GXB-5 Socorro-3. Estado Guarico, Venezuelan Atlantic Refining Company, Tucupido-2 Estado Guarico, Venezuelan Atlantic Refining Company, Guama-1 Estado Guarico, Venezuelan Atlantic Refining Company, Guama-1 Estado Guarico, Compañía Shell de Venezuela, Shothole 6043 Estado Anzoategui, Compañía Shell de Venezuela, Cerro Negro-1 Listado Anzoategui, Mene Grande Oil Company, Casca-1, 750-1,225' Stado Anzoategui, Mene Grande Oil Company, Casca-1, 750-1,225' Estado Anzoategui, Phillips Oil Company, B-1, 625-1,175' Estado Anzoategui, Creole Petroleum Corp., El Roble-1 (RPN-1), 925-950', 1,300-1,325' Estado Anzoategui, Socony Mobil Oil Company, Guario-1, 1,675-1,700', 2,200-2,225' Estado Anzoategui, Creole Petroleum Company, Mata-1 Estado Monagas, Creole Petroleum Company, Sotil-1 Estado Monagas, Creole Petroleum Comp., El Salto-1 Estado Monagas, Creole Petroleum Corp., El						*****					
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Estado Monagas, Creole Petroleum Corp., QGE-29.
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Trinidad, Caroni County, Couva Ward, Springvale, near Couva, about <sup>a</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to 1 mile
                                                                                                . Springvale formation
   S of Milton, outcrop sample (Mansfield 1925; Dartevelle 1943) .
TEXT-FIG. 12. The four stations shown are:
  Parker 1956, Sta. 321, lat. 29° 30′ 30″ N, long. 89° 15′ W
Tampa Bay, Florida, lat. 27° 46′ N, long. 82° 31′ 36″ W
Cavalier 1956 Sta. 286, lat. 29° 40′ 35″ N, long. 93° 19′ 40″ W
Mees Cremer 1959 Sta. 83, lat. 4° 10′ 39″ N, long. 6° 10′ 25″ E
TEXT-FIG. 13. The eight stations shown are:
   NW Gulf of Mexico: bathythermogram—Mabel Taylor 1932 Sta. 1106

C. canariensis—Cavalier 1956 Sta. 314, 27° 44′ 12″ N, 93° 43′ 48″ W

NE Gulf of Mexico: bathythermogram—Mabel Taylor 1932 Sta. 903

C. canariensis—Atlantis 1951 Sta. 152, 28° 09′ N, 85° 07′ W
   Sargasso Sea: bathythermogram—Atlantis 1933 Sta. 1483, 21° 46′ N, 62′ 48′ W

C. canariensis—Caroline 1933 Sta. 94, 18° 39′ N, 65° 03′ 30″ W

Gulf of Guinea: bathythermogram—Meteor 1926 Sta. 235, 3° 33′ 36″ N, 5° 6′ 42″ E
                        C. canariensis-Mees Cremer 1959 Sta. 206, 5° 24' 01" N, 4° 39' 51" E
TEXT-FIG. 14. The three occurrences shown are:
   Albatross Sta. 2415, lat. 30° 44′ N, long. 79° 26′ W, 440 fms.
   Port Antonio, Jamaica, 150 fms.
   Caroline 1933 Sta. 94, lat. 18° 39' N, long. 63° 03' 30" W, 300-470 fms.
 TEXT-FIG. 15. The Middle Miocene occurrences shown are those listed under text-fig. 4 as Nos. 1, 2, 4,
    4a, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; the Pliocene occurrences shown are those listed under text-fig. 4 as Nos. 1, III,
    IV, VI, VIa, VII, VIII, IX, X, and XI; the Early Pleistocene occurrences shown are those listed under
    text-fig. 4 as Nos. A, B, C, D, and E; the Recent occurrences shown are those listed under text-fig. 3
    as Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.
 TEXT-HG. 17. The Pliocene occurrences shown are those listed under text-fig. 4 as Nos. I, II, III, IV, V,
    VI, VIa, VII, VIII, IX, X, and XI; the Recent occurrences shown are those listed under text-fig. 3 as
    Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.
  IEXI-FIG. 18a, Compiled from Canu 1907; Canu and Bassler 1923, 1929, 1931; Dartevelle 1933, 1952;
     Manzoni 1869; Vigneaux 1948, and others. Not shown on this chart, on the assumption of being
    junior synonyms, are:
  Lunulites rhomboidalis Von Munster [= Discoporella umbellata (Defrance); fide Canu and Bassler 1929, p. 11]
Lunulites angusticostata Canu and Bassler [= Lunulites subplena Reuss; fide Dartevelle 1933, p. 57; 1952, p. 183]
  TEXT-116. 18b. Compiled from Canu and Bassler 1920, 1923, 1928a: McGuirt 1941; Ulrich and Bassler
     1904 and others; and incorporating own observations, e.g. the occurrence of Lunulites ligulata (Canu
     and Bassler) in the Byram marl at Byram, Pearl River, Mississippi, and the occurrences of Cupuladria
     canariensis, C. doma (d'Orbigny) and Discoporella umbellata (Defrance) in the Pleistocene of the
     Gulf Coast at the localities listed under text-fig. 4 as Nos. F and G.
  HXT-HG, 19. Correlation chart largely based on one made by Mr. R. W. Barker, with the south Texas column (1) here added and the NW Florida column (6) adapted to include the latest views of Puri
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Vicksburg (McGuirt 1941)

(1953). The following occurrences of Lunulites spp. are shown:

Column 2 (Louisiana)

Rosefield, Catahoula Parish Column 3 (W Mississippi)

Mint Springs Bayou, near Vicksburg

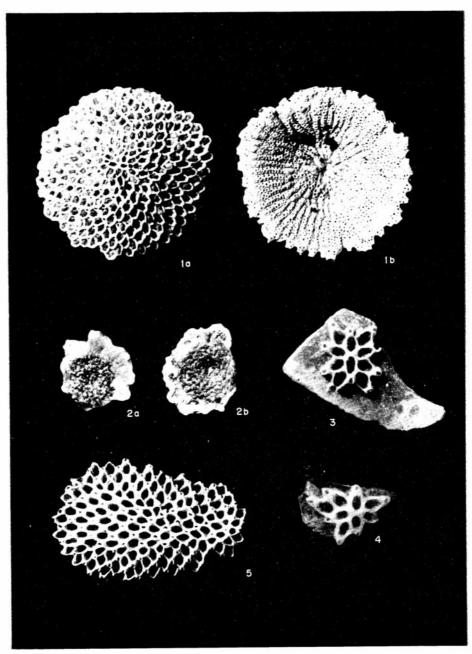
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Column 4 (E Mississippi) Red bluff, Wayne County . Horton's Mill Creek, near Hi	ighway 45, Wayne County .	Red Bluff clay (Canu and Bassler 1920) Basal Marianna limestone, KSEPL (ex Mr. R. W. Barker)
Locality CX, W bank of Chic	kasawhay River, Wayne County	Paynes Hammock sand (1 fragment), KSEPL (ex Mr. R. W. Barker)
Column 5 (SW Alabama) One mile N of Monroeville	- 40 - 4 - 1 - 4 - 14 - 14	*Chimney Rock* member of Marianna lime- stone (Canu and Bassler 1920)
St. Stephens Bluff, Tombigber Column 6 (NW Florida) Road cut, U.S. Highway 90,		Glendon, KSEPL (ex Mr. E. H. Rainwater) Marianna limestone, KSEPL
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	ounty, Gulf Oil Corp. and others,	Upper Frio, KSEPL (ex Mr. E. M. Wilkins)
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Column 2 (Louisiana)	: 01B 1 : 6 .	
	perior Oil Producing Company's No. 1 well, 7,671–7,687'.	Heterostegina zone, Catahoula formation (McGuirt 1941)
East Baton Rouge Parish, Sur	perior Oil Producing Company's	(Medulit 1941)
Duplantier Community N	No. 1 well, 8,091–8,101′.	Marginulina zone, Catahoula formation (McGuirt 1941)
Column 4 (E Mississippi) Limestone Creek, Wayne Cou Column 5 (SW Alabama)	inty	Chickasawhay, KSEPL (ex Mr. R. W. Barker)
Choctaw Bluff, Alabama Rive	er, Clarke County	Chickasawhay, KSEPL (Mr. W. McGlamery Coll.; ex Mr. R. W. Barker)
Column 6 (NW Florida)	Paragraphic and American Conference on the Confe	
One mile below Baileys Ferry.	Mossyhead, Walton County . , Chipola River River, 1 mile above Florida	Shoal River (type locality), KSEPL Chipola marl (Canu and Bassler 1923)
Highway 20 bridge .	River, a mile above Florida	Choctawhatchee stage, Ecphora facies, Pec-
Ibid		ten Bed, KSEPL Choctawhatchee stage, Cancellaria facies,
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W. D. McDaniel's farm, near	Red Bay, Walton County.	Choctawhatchee stage, Area facies, marl with Area rubisiana, KSEPL
TEXT-FIG. 20. The following of	ccurrences of Cupuladria canar	riensis are shown:
Column 1 (Northern Guarico)		
Creole Petroleum Corp., GXB		. Roblecito formation
Sinclair Oil & Refining Compa		. Chaguaramas formation
Venezuelan Atlantic Refining Column 2 (Greater Anaco area)		. Chaguaramas formation
Compañía Shell de Venezuela,	, Cagigal-1, 750-775' 4,450-5,025	. Naranja equivalent
Mene Grande Oil Company, C	Casca_1 750_1 225'	Verde equivalent, Oficina formation Blanco member
	3,375–3,425′	. Moreno member, Oficina formation
Socony Mobil Oil Company, C Phillips Oil Company, B-1, 62	Guario-1, 1,675-1,700', 2,200-2,2	
Column 3 (Greater Oficina area)	(1	06: 5 ::
Texas Petroleum Company, M Mene Grande Oil Company, O	iata=1	. Oficina formation . Freites formation
** ** ** **	3,750–4,650′	. Oficina formation
Column 4 (Temblador area)		
Compañía Shell de Venezuela,		. Oficina formation
Compañía Shell de Venezuela,	Ceno Negro-3	. Freites formation

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Column 5 (NW Anzoategui: 'mountain front')
Compañia Shell de Venezuela, VC-1
Column 6 (N Anzoategui)
Compañia Shell de Venezuela, outcrop samples St. 2992, St. 3000
Compañia Shell de Venezuela, outcrop samples St. 2992, St. 3000
Column 7 (Northern Monagas)
Creole Petroleum Corp., JGE-28
Mene Grande Oil Company, SB-133, 925-6,250'
Creole Petroleum Corp., J-274, 5,325-6,700'
Carapita and Capaya formations
Creole Petroleum Corp., J-274, 5,325-6,700'
Carapita formation

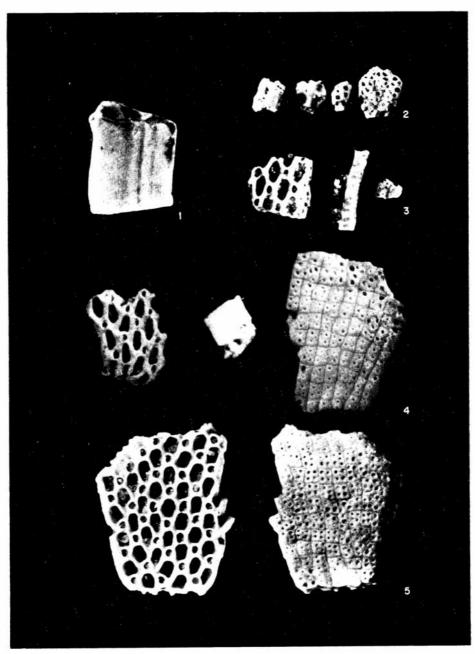
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