

# ISIS HIPPURIS.



## CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Flores* Hydræ, sparsi e floribus lateralibus.

*Stirps* radicata, lapidea, rigida, sæpe articulata.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 1287.

## CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ISIS stirpe corallina, articulis striatis, geniculis attenuatis.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 1287.

ACCABARIUM ALBUM.

*Rumpf. Amb.* 6. p. 228. t. 84.

HIPPURIS SAXEA.

*Clus. exot.* 124.

LITHOPHYTON articulatum internodiis striatis.

*Gualt. test.* 118. fig. 16.

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Jactare fane possunt perpauca Lithophyta elegantiorē faciem quam hæc, de qua jam agitur, species. Ne quid enim dicam de ramulorum pulchritudine, bella est oppositio albarum expansarumque partium, nigrorumque quibus connectuntur geniculorum. Notandum tamen est pulchrum hunc aspectum non esse ipsius natura;

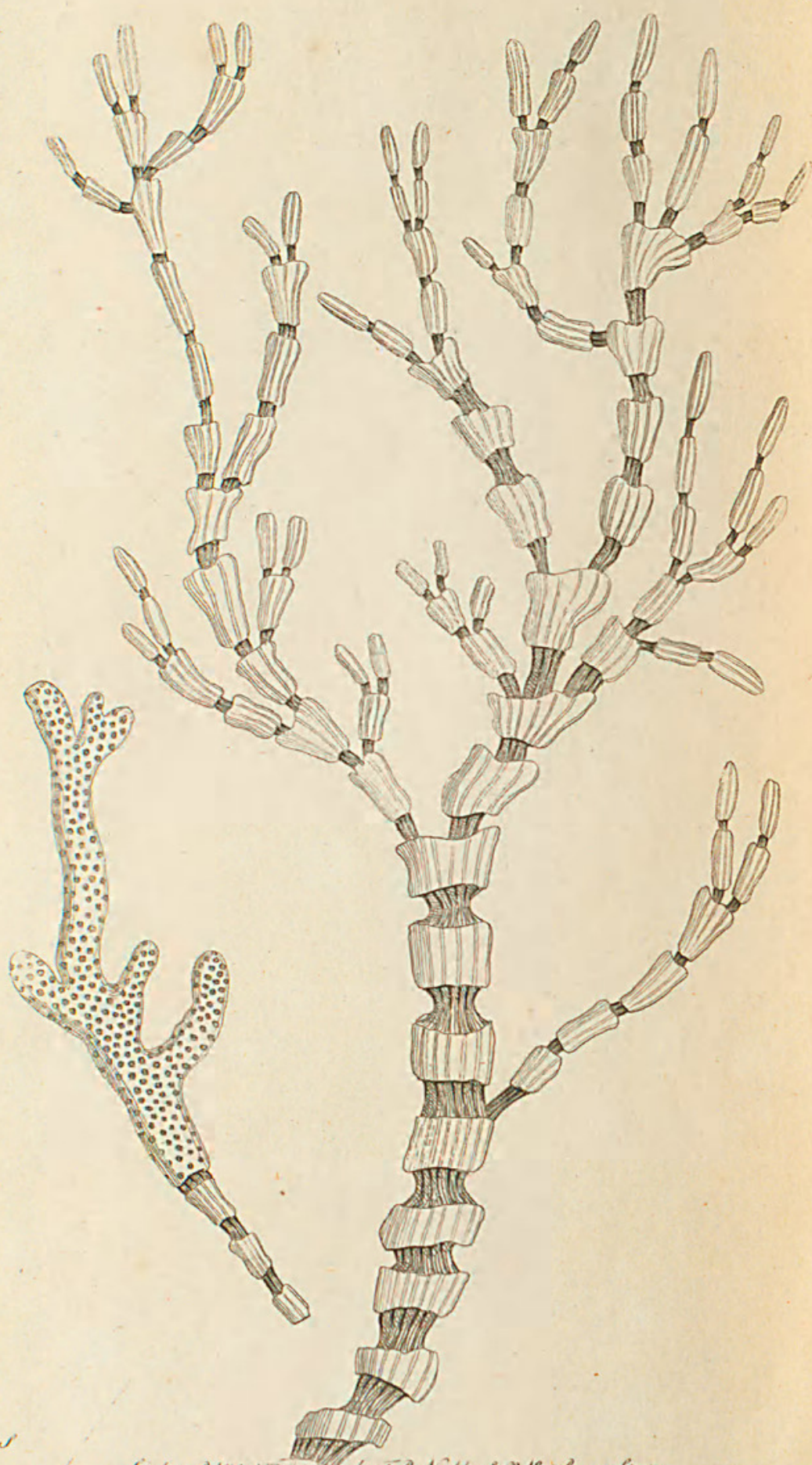


turæ; hæc enim vestivit isidem cortice albo et spongi-  
oso, foraminibus parvulis creberrime excavato, in qui-  
bus, cum adhuc recens fit lithophytum, habitant ani-  
malia polypos referentia, quæ ipsum corallium ædifi-  
casse creduntur. Crescit Isis Hippuris in variis mundi  
partibus, in mari præcipue Indico. Diversæ extat mag-  
nitudinis, alta interdum paucas uncias, interdum duos  
fere pedes.









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THE  
BLACK-AND-WHITE ISIS,  
OR  
JOINTED CORAL.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

The *Coral* having the habit or appearance of a plant.

The *Stem* or internal part differing in the different species, and generally either of a horny or a stony appearance.

The *cortical part* soft, and inhabited by animals resembling polypes.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

ISIS with white striated joints and black junctures.

PIED JOINTED CORAL.

BLACK AND WHITE JOINTED CORAL.

*Ellis. Zooph. p. 105. t. 3.*

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Few, if any, of the Lithophytes can boast a more elegant appearance than the present species; which, exclusive of the neatness of its ramifications, is distinguished by the agreeable contrast between the white expanded parts and the black internodia by which they are



are united. It is to be observed, however, that this beautiful appearance is very different from that of the same coral in its natural state; in which it is coated over by a soft or spongy whitish part, thickly marked with small foramina, which in the recent Lithophyte are the habitations of so many animals resembling polypes; the supposed fabricators of the coral. The *Isis Hippuris* is produced in several parts of the world, but is chiefly found in the Indian seas. It is found of various sizes, from a few inches to nearly two feet in height.



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