Caudal appendages with about one-fourth the length of the pedicel of the posterior cirrus with long bristles at the extremity, and with the sides naked.

Oval.-Long, oval, and pointed, their length ( 0.26 mm .) being exactly two and a half times their breadth.

Penis clothed with very fine hairs, and bearing a tuft of somewhat stronger ones at the oxtremity.

Size.-The capitulum of the largest specimen 14 mm . long. This specimen was furnished with ovigerous lamellæ.

This species was collected on two different occasions during the cruise of the Challenger :-Station 24, March 25, 1873, off Culebra Island (West Indies) ; depth, 390 fathoms ; bottom, mud. One small specimen. Station 344, April 3, 1876, off Ascension Island (Atlantic Ocean) ; depth, 420 fathoms; hard ground. Three specimens and two very small ones, attached to a Coralline.

## Pcecilasma gracile, n. sp. (Pl. II. figs. 2-4).

Valves five; carina terminating downwards, neither truncated nor in an embedded disc, but considerably enlarged and keel-shaped. Tergum with the basal point truncated and almost parallel to the occludent margin. Tergo-lateral margin rounded. Notch behind the stronger spines at the upper side of the maxillæ without spines. Caudal appendages with long spines at the extremity.

General appearance.-Capitulum about twice as long as it is broad, compressed. Valves white, distinctly striated.

Scutum with the apex pointed, with a distinct ridge running to the umbo; basal margin equalling the breadth of half the carina near its basal extremity. Carino-tergal margin distinctly divided into a carinal and tergal portion. The carinal portion is convex and rounded, the tergal portion straight. The interior structure of the scutum could not be studied, as I wished to keep the capitulum as a whole.
'Tergum basally truncated, flat, oblong, much like that of Pceilasma kaempferi, Darwin.

Carina very narrow and flat at its superior extremity, considerably enlarged downwards and keel-shaped. The dorsal margin runs downwards over the extremity of the peduncle, the base of the carina forming nearly a right angle with the basal margin of the scutum.

Peduncle about one-third of the length of the capitulum.
Mouth.-Labrum (PI. II. fig. 3) with a row of small teeth on the crest and palpi as in the other species of the genus. The mandibles (Pl. II. fig. 4) have four teeth, and the inferior angle terminates in two small points when seen under the microscope. Maxillas

