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SYNONYMY: *Biflustra fragilis* MacGillivray 1869
Biflustra perfragilis MacGillivray 1881
Membranipora crassimarginata var. *erecta* Busk 1884
Amphiblestrum perfragile Ortmann 1890
Acanthodesia perfragilis Hastings 1945

LITERATURE: Osburn 1950

DIAGNOSTIC CHARACTERS:

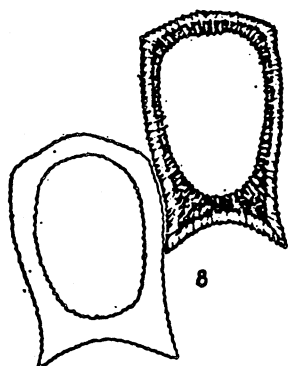
1. Encrusting, then rising into bilaminar convoluted or frilled masses.
2. There is a distinct cryptocyst, sometimes limited to the proximal corners.
3. There are no corner tubercles or spines.

RELATED SPECIES AND CHARACTER DIFFERENCES:

1. *M. tuberculata*, *M. serrilamella*, *M. membranacea*, and *M. villosa* are encrusting only, and have corner tubercles or spines.
2. *M. savarti* forms narrow ligulate or bifurcate bilaminar fronds.

DEPTH RANGE: ?

DISTRIBUTION: Japan, Australia, Monterey to San Diego?



from Osburn 1950

Fig. 8. *Membranipora perfragilis* (MacGillivray).