Dimensions.-Length of the spines 0.3 to 0.4 , greatest breadth 0.015 ; length of the apophyses 0.03 to 0.05 .

Habitat.-Central Pacific, Station 270, surface.

## 6. Xiphacantha ancorata, n. sp.

Spines slender, four-sided prismatic, gradually thickened from the narrow base towards the short, simple, pyramidal apex. Base with large wing-cross. Four apophyses on the distal end, immediately below the pyramidal apex, falcated, strongly recurved, like an anchor with four strong teeth.

Dimensions.-Length of the spines 0.4 to 0.5 , basal breadth 0.005 , distal breadth 0.015 ; length of the apophyses 0.04 .

Habitat.-Indian Ocean, Madagascar, Rabbe.

## Subgenus 2. Xiphacanthidium, Haeckel.

Definition.—Apophyses of the radial spines broad, compressed, wing-shaped, formed like a large thin plate. Edges of the spines commonly broad, strongly prominent.

## 7. Xiphacantha stauroptera, n. sp.

Spines four-winged, from the middle part little thinner towards both ends. Apex simple pyramidal. Base with small wing-cross. Four apophyses wing-shaped, isosceles triangular or truncated quadrangular; their base is about half as broad as their length, and occupies in the basal half of each spine about one-sixth to one-eighth of its length.

Dimensions.-Length of the spines 0.1 to 0.15 ; greatest breadth (diagonal of the cross of the apophyses) 0.006 to 0.009 .

Habitat.-South Atlantic, Station 332, surface.

## 8. Xiphacantha trigonoptera, n. sp.

Spines four-winged, tapering rapidly from the broad middle part towards both ends. Apex simple pyramidal. Base with a small wing-cross. Four apophyses equilateral triangular; their base occupies the middle of each spine, extending to about one-fifth of its length.

Dimensions.-Length of the spines 0.15 to 0.2 , greatest breadth (diagonal of the cross of the apophyses) 0.06 to 0.08 .

Habitat.-Central Pacific, Station 272, surface.

## 9. Xiphacantha macroptera, n. sp.

Spines four-winged, from the broad middle part gradually thinner towards both ends. Apex simple pyramidal. Base with small wing-cross. Four apophyses wing-shaped, very long and broad,

