Genus 635. Artopera, Haeckel, 1881, Prodromus, p. 438.

Definition.—Stichoperida with three solid lateral ribs or wings, and with a vertical basal spine on the end of the pointed last joint. Cephalis with a horn.

The genus Artopera differs from its ancestral genus, Stichopera, in the development of a vertical terminal spine on the end of the last joint, and bears therefore to it the same relation that Rhopalatractus exhibits to Rhopalocanium among the Tricyrtida.

1. Artopera loxia, Haeckel.

Lithornithium loxia, Ehrenberg, 1854, Mikrogeol., Taf. xxxvi. fig. 8; Abhandl. d. k. Akad. d. Wiss. Berlin, 1875, p. 78, Taf. iv. fig. 8.

Shell spindle-shaped, with three deep strictures. Length of the four joints = 2:5:5:4. Cephalis subspherical, hyaline, without pores, with a thick conical horn of the same length. From the two following joints, which are nearly equal in size and of campanulate form, arise, with broad base, three divergent, slender, triangular wings. The fourth joint is smaller, inversely conical, and bears on the basal pole a strong, three-sided pyramidal, vertical spine, half as long as the shell. Pores subregular, circular.

Dimensions.—Length of the shell (with four joints) 0.18, breadth 0.07. Length of the single joints, a 0.02, b 0.055, c 0.055, d 0.05.

Habitat.—Fossil in Barbados.

2. Artopera motacilla, n. sp.

Shell spindle-shaped, with three distinct strictures. Length of the four joints = 1:2:3:2. Cephalis subspherical, with a conical horn of twice the length. From the second joint arise three longitudinal, smooth, divergent ribs, which are prolonged over the third joint, and terminate at the third stricture in three short, conical teeth. The fourth is inversely conical, and bears on the basal pole a strong, vertical, cylindrical spine, nearly half as long as the shell. Pores subregular, circular, hexagonally framed. (Similar to Rhopalatractus pentacanthus, Pl. 68, fig. 11, but differing in the presence of three sharp strictures, and a large, conical, basal joint).

Dimensions.—Length of the shell (with four joints) 0.18. Breadth of third (broadest) joint 0.09. Length of the single joint, a 0.02, b 0.04, c 0.06, d 0.04.

Habitat.—Western Tropical Pacific (Philippine Sea), Station 198, depth 2150 fathoms.

3. Artopera fusiformis, n. sp.

Shell spindle-shaped, with three distinct strictures. Length of the four joints = 2:3:5:5. Cephalis conical, with a strong, conical horn of the same length. Along the three first joints arise

1 Artopera = Bread-pouch; ἄρτος, πήρα.