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22. Chætopterus pergamentaceus, Cuvier. Herm.

Aphroditaceæ.

- 23. Aphrodite aculeata, Linnæus. Guernsey, d.
- 24. Hermione hystrix, Savigny. Guernsey, d.
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- 26. Harmothoë Sarmiensis, Lankester. Passim.
- 27. Malmgreni, Lankester. Herm.
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- 30. Polynoë scolopendrina, Savigny. Herm.
- 31. Sigalion Matildæ, Audouin & Edw. Herm.

Amphinomaceæ.

32. Euphrosyne foliosa, Aud. & Edw. Herm.

Euniceæ.

- 33. Eunice Norvegica, Linnæus. Belgrave Bay.
- 34. Harassii, Aud. & Edw. Guernsey, d.
- 35. —— (sp. inc.). Herm.
- 36. sanguinea, Montagu. Belgrave Bay.
- *37. Bellii, Aud. & Edw. Guernsey, d.
- 38. Lycidice Ninetta, Aud. & Edw. Guernsey, d.
- 39. Lumbrinereis tricolor, Leach. Passim.
- *40. Latreillii, Aud. & Edw. Guernsey, d.

Nereidæ.

- 41. Nereis brevimana, Johnston. Herm.
- 42. pelagica, Linnæus. Passim.
- 43. cærulea, Linnæus. Belgrave Bay.

Nephthyaceæ.

- 44. Nephthys cæca, Fabric. Passim.
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Phyllodocidæ.

- 46. Phyllodoce lamelligera, Turton. Herm.
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- 64. Clymene lumbricalis, Aud. & Edw. Belgrave Bay.
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Terebellidæ.

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- 67. cirrata, Montagu. Bordeaux Harbour.
- 68. nebulosa, Montagu. Bordeaux and Herm.

Sabellariadæ.

69. Sabellaria anglica, Ellis. Guernsey, d.

Serpulidæ.

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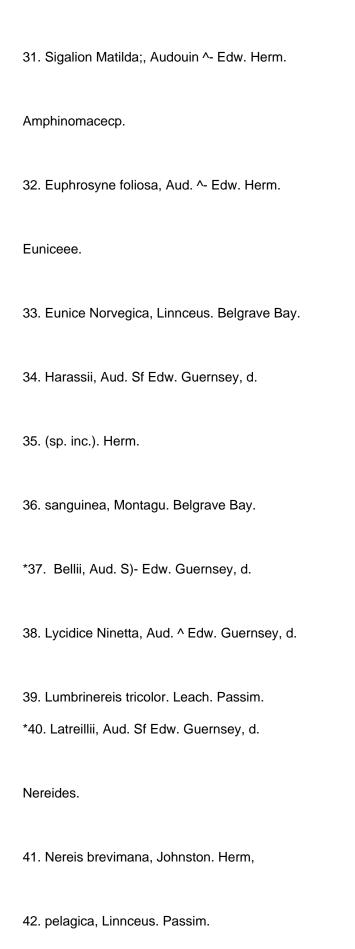
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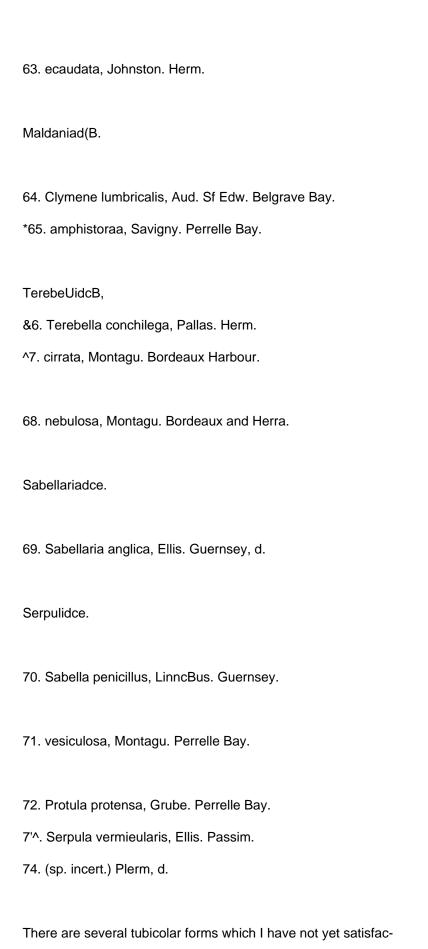
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