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It is a matter of regret to us, that we were unable to obtain specimens of the many important types of Alcyonaria described by Pourtalès and Verrill, which were taken in the Three Cruises of the "Blake," a detailed description of which is still anxiously awaited by those interested in this group.

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It only remains to mention that, in a *Versuch eines Systemes der Alcyonaria*, one of us published with the sanction of the Editor of the Challenger Reports, in the *Archiv für Naturgeschichte* for 1887, an account of several of the new genera found in the Challenger collection.