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*Phoroncidia aurata* O. P.-Cambridge, 1877

5. PHORONCIDIA AURATA. (Plate LVII. figs. 4, 4 a.)

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Four examples of this rare and extremely beautiful species were obtained in the Betsileo country by Mr. Cowan. Two of these are typical, the abdomen being of a fiery golden colour, with black spines upon red bases; the two others are considerably larger, and the abdomen is of a metallic silver colour, the spines black with red-brown bases, and the ocellations black. This form I propose to indicate as var. *argentata* (fig. 4 b).

