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Excerpt from The Philippine Journal of Science, Vol. 10: 1915 The history of the genus *Lithophytum* Forskal, formerly *Ammothea* Savigny, has been well treated by Kukenthal (1903) in his revision of the Nephthyidae, and by Shann (1912). In his revision Kukenthal included in the genus several species which in his latest work (1913) he has transferred to the genera *Lemnalia* and *Paralemnalia*. He there defines the genus *Lithophytum* as follows: Die weichen und biegsamen Kolonien sind strauchartig oder baumartig aufgebaut. Stets findet eine Verzweigung der Hauptstamme statt. Die Polypen stehen stets in Katzchen oder Lappchen. Ein Stutzbundel fehlt, die Polypen sind nicht retraktile. Die dunnen Kanalwände enthalten sparlich spindelformige Spicula, die auch fehlen können. Die Polypsenspicula, die ebenfalls fehlen können, sind bedornte Spindeln, deren Dornen aber nicht zu Kranzen zusammentreten. Verbreitung: Indopazifischer Ozean, in flachem Wasser, auf Korallenriffen. He recognizes 12 species belonging to the genus as thus diagnosed. One of these, *Lithophytum acutifolium*, is a new species from the Red Sea related to *L. stuhlmanni* (May). Two other species have been proposed by Thomson and Henderson (1906 and 1909). About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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