
BATHYBIUS HAECKELII

Here is a microscopic view of that intriguing little sea creature with many heads and nuclei: *Bathybius haeckelii*, which became famous from 1868 to 1876,—until the discovery was made that there was no such thing.

Careful examination by a competent expert revealed that the small circles were exoskeletons of tiny sea creatures caught up in the muck from the ocean bottom. They were surrounded with gelatinous gypsum precipitate, produced by alcohol poured in as a preservative.

