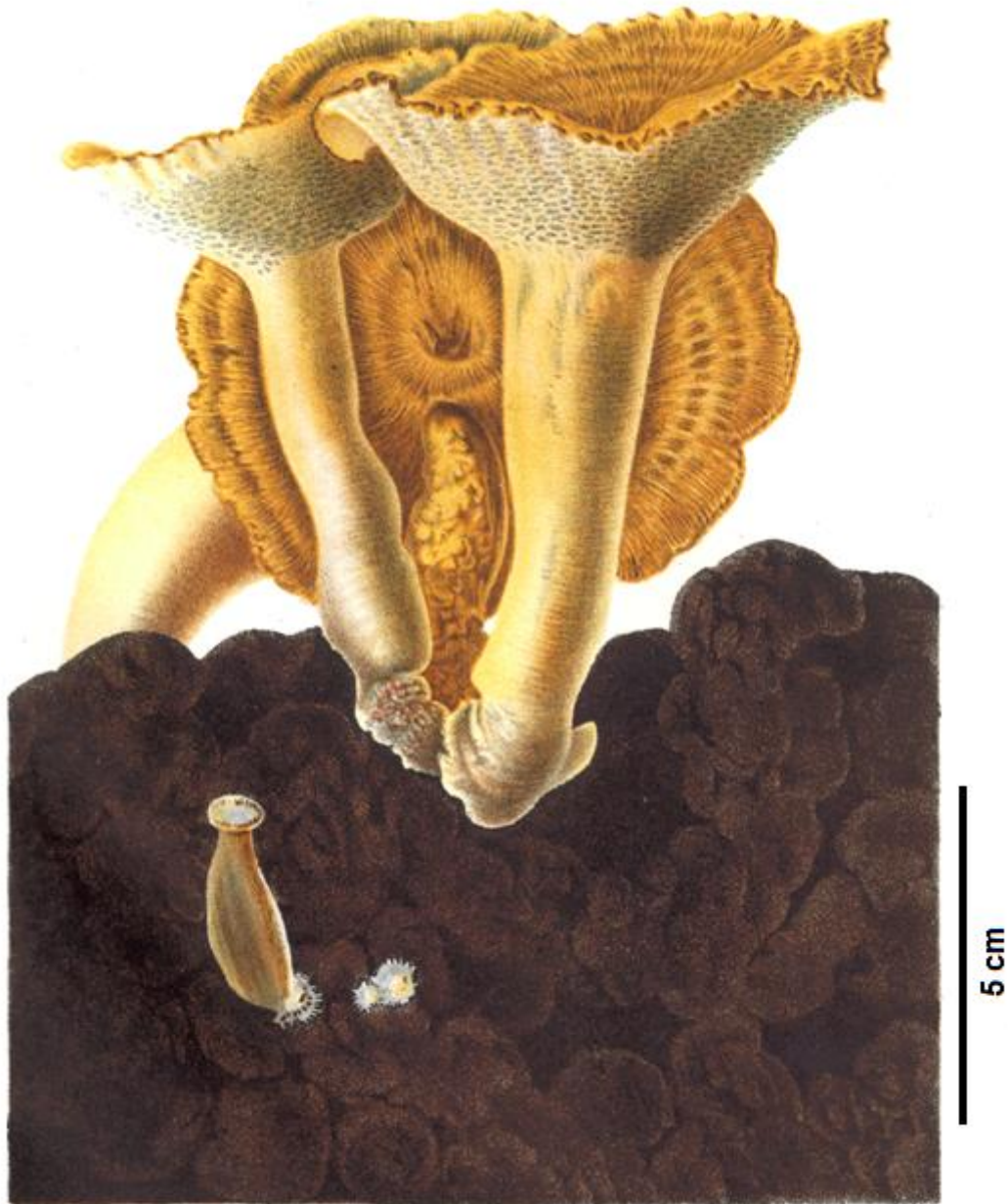


Polyporus tuberaster

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Einiges ueber den Stein-Loecherpilz (Polyporus tuberaster Jacq. et Fries) und die Pietra Fungaja der Italiener,
Carl Brunner, 1845



The illustration shows several polypore fruiting bodies growing from a pseudosclerotium. The original was described as drawn in natural size and I have added the scale bar.

Heinz Clémenton (*Cytology and Plectology of the Hymenomycetes*. J. Cramer, Berlin, 2004) notes that *Polyporus tuberaster* is a wood-inhabiting saprotroph and when wood that contains the mycelium of this fungus touches bare soil, the mycelium grows "from the wood into the soil and makes pseudosclerotia that may reach the size of a human head".

Brunner's paper was published as the fourth memoir in the seventh volume of *Neue Denkschriften der allgemeinen schweizerischen Gesellschaft für gesammten Naturwissenschaften* (a journal with the alternative French title *Nouveaux mémoires de la société helvétique des sciences naturelles*).