

LIGN. 12. CYCLOPTERIS TRICHOMANOIDES. Oulite, near Scarborough.

NEUROPTERIS (nerved-leaf fern). Lign. 13.—The fronds are pinnate or bipinnate; the leaflets more or less cordiform and entire, not adhering by their base to the rachis; veins very fine, arched, rising obliquely from the base of the leaflet. This is a very numerous genus, comprising thirty or more species, which are principally found in the coal-shale. Some of these plants bear a general resemblance to the Osmunda regalis, but differ in their essential characters; their leaflets often form the nuclei of ironstone nodules.