

I must content myself with a brief commentary on some of the genera and species that occur in the British strata; and shall dwell more particularly on those which prevail in the secondary formations, because they present the most important deviations from the existing types that are familiar to the general observer; and by reference to figures in other works, the student will, I trust, be enabled to identify the fossil shells of most frequent occurrence.

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FOSSIL BIVALVE SHELLS; INCLUDING THE BRACHIOPODA AND LAMELLIBRANCHIA.

Although in the modern Tertiary strata, as the Crag, and in the arenaceous beds of the Eocene formations, shells are generally found in so perfect a state, that no caution or knowledge is requisite for their collection, yet a few preliminary remarks are necessary to point out certain conditions in which the remains of mollusca, or evidence of their exist-

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Conchology. The edition of Lamarch, edited by M. Deshayes, is the best on fossil shells; but it will first be requisite to acquire an accurate knowledge of the recent genera; and for this purpose the "CONCHOLOGICAL MANUAL," by G. B. Sowerby, jun. Esq. 1 vol. 8vo. 1842, with numerous coloured figures, will be found an excellent work of reference.