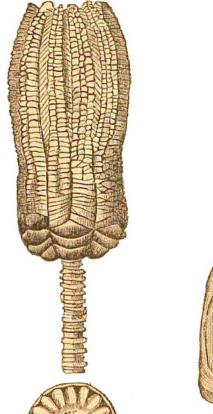
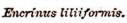
Fig. 263.







Tooth of the Labyrinthodon.



Placodus Andryani

The Labyrinthodonts are perhaps the most interesting. They are so named from the labyrinthine character of their teeth, when viewed upon a cross section, as in Fig. 265, which shows a portion of the tooth only when cut across and polished. Professor Owen describes them as reptiles having the essential bony characters of the Batrachia, but combining these with other bony characters of crocodiles, lizards and ganoid fishes, and exhibiting all under a bulk which rivaled that of the largest crocodiles of the present day. The