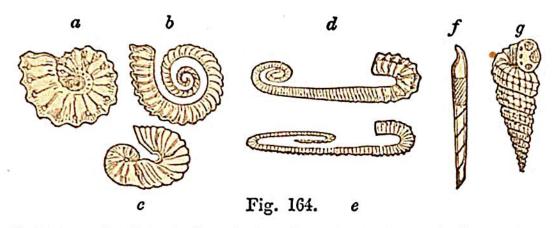
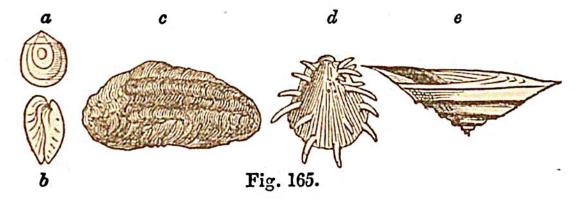
Echini, among them Cidaris, (e_i) with large spines, and several other types not found before, as, for example, the *Dysaster*, (f) and the *Nucleolites*, (g_i)

488. The fauna of the Cretaceous period bears the same general characters as the Oölitic, but with a more marked tendency towards existing forms. Thus, the Ichthyosauri and Plesiosauri, that characterize the preceding epoch, are succeeded by gigantic Lizards, more nearly approaching the Reptiles of the present day. Among the Mollusks, a great number of new forms appear, especially among the Cephalopods,* some of which resemble the



Gasteropods in their shape, but are nevertheless chambered. The Ammonites themselves are quite as numerous



as in the Oölitic period, and are in general much ornamented, (a.) The Acephala furnish us, also, with peculiar types, not occurring elsewhere, Magas, (a,) the Inoceramus,

^{• (}a) Ammonites; (b) Crioceras; (c) Scaphites; (d) Ancyloceras; (e) Hamites; (f) Baculites; (g) Turrilites.