defined as fossiliferous clastics, superficial deposits, volcanics, and ancient crystallines. But the method of using the several scales is very distinct. For the fossiliferous clastics, pale ground colors are combined with tints of the same tone in parallel lines and medium strength. For the superficial deposits, different tones are combined in pale tints with patterns of dots

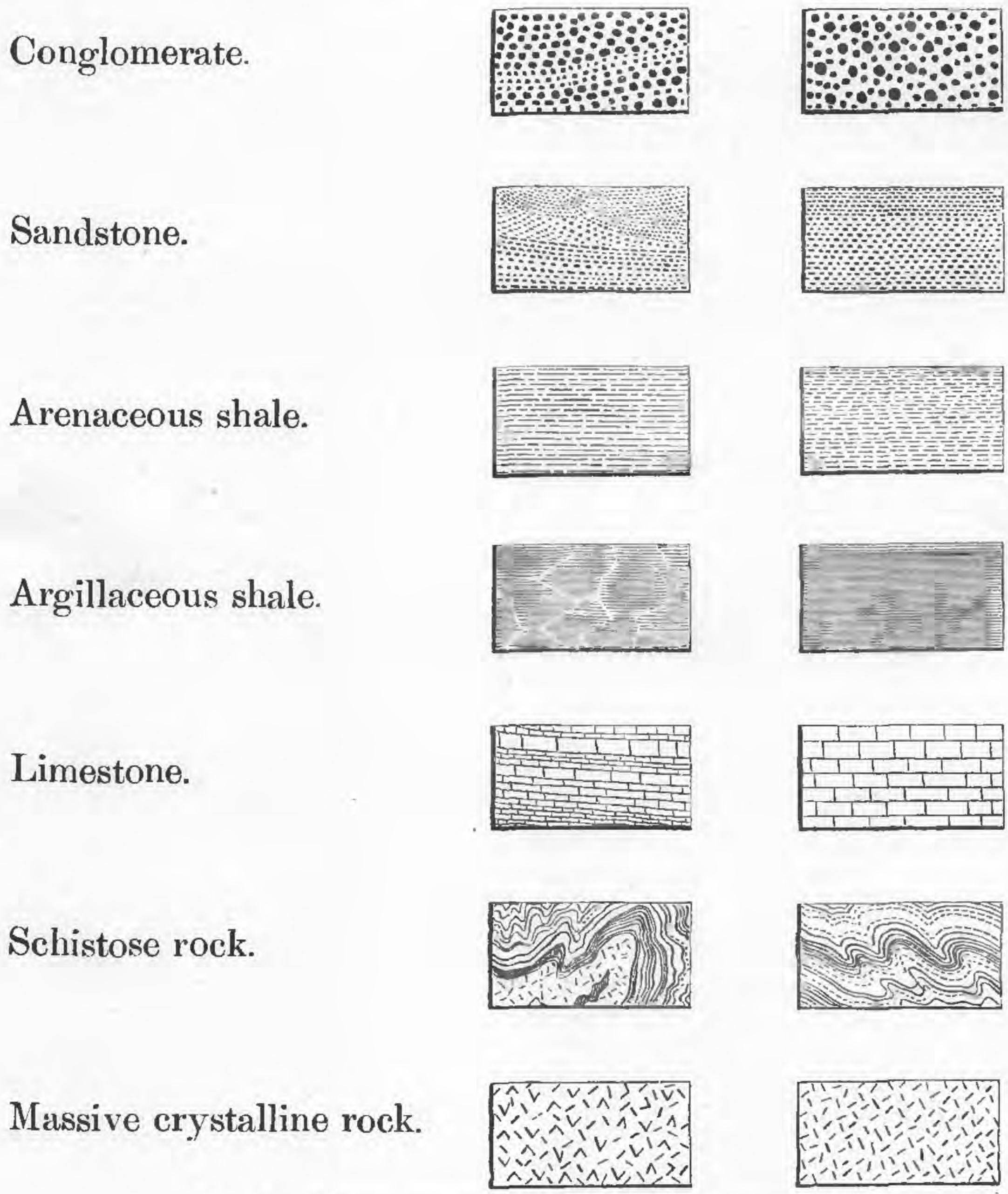

FIG. 1.—Conventional characters for diagrams.

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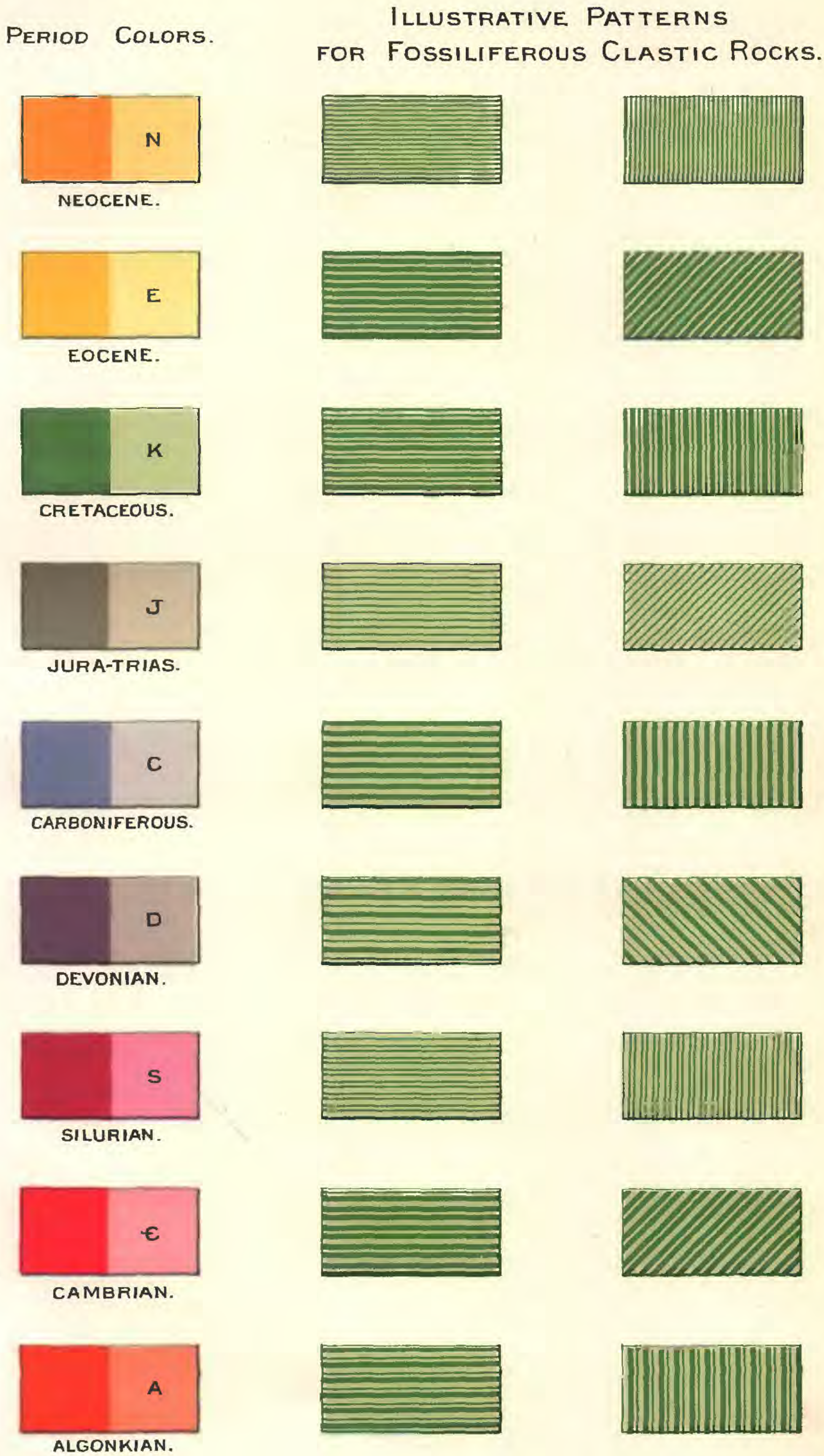

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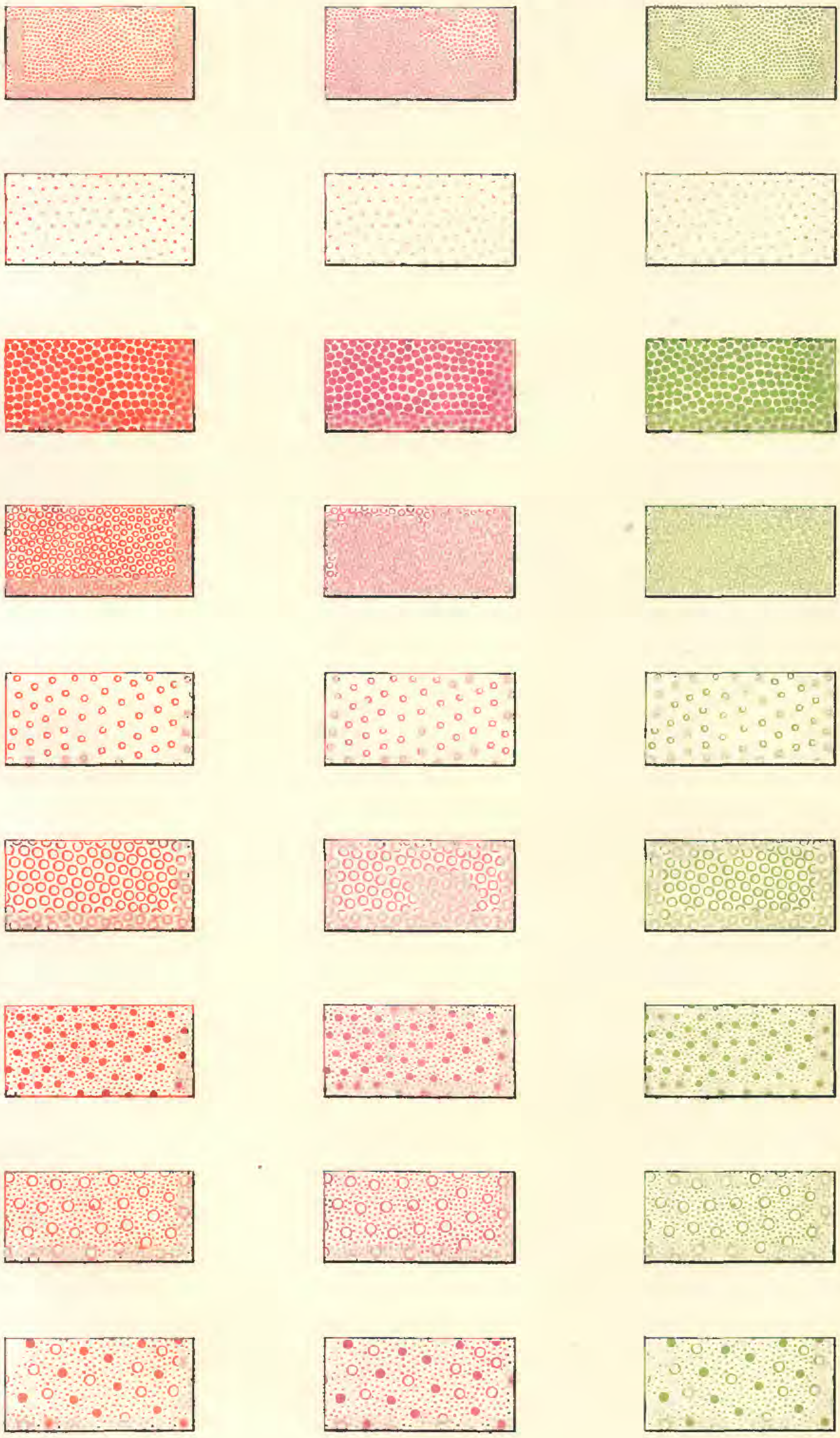

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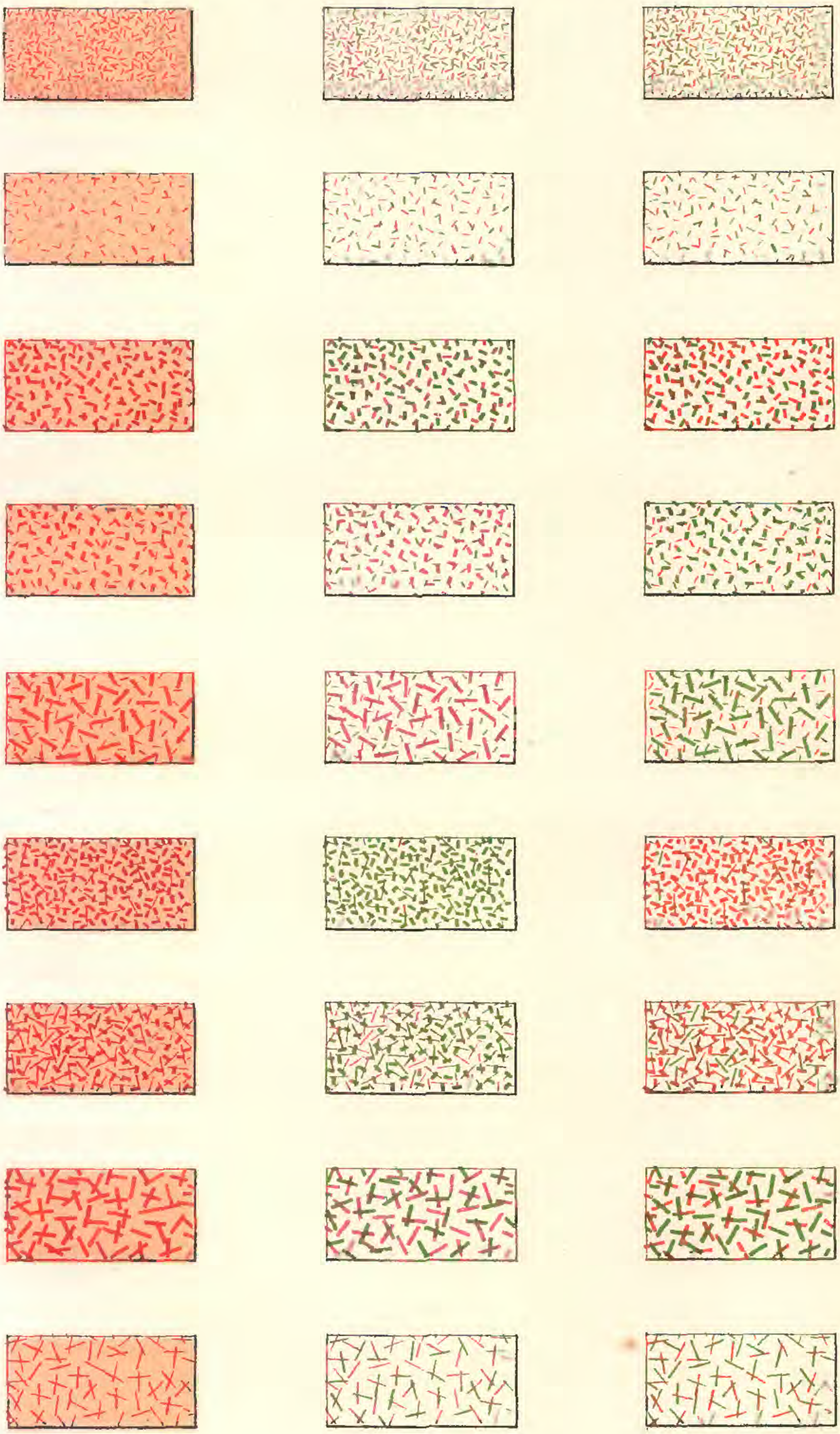

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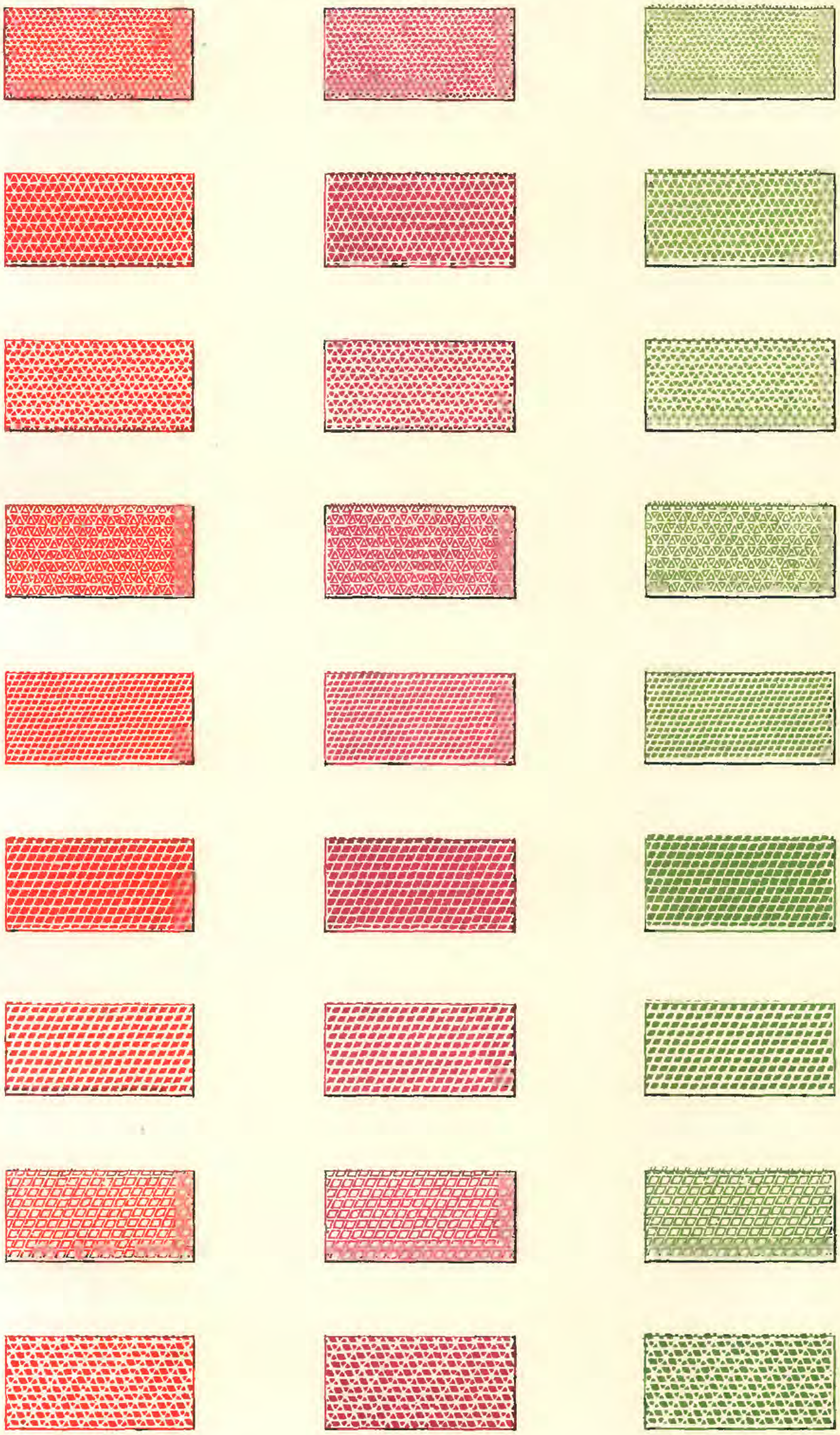


subjected to extensive glacial action this corrosive influence is not usually conspicuous; or where the sea has recently acted upon the surface of the land, it may even be wanting; but in certain cases it is an important feature in determining the attitude of the surface. Thus in northern Georgia considerable areas have their streams in the condition indicated in the diagram (Fig. 2). The limestone beds have so far corroded as to form broad valleys occupied by sluggish

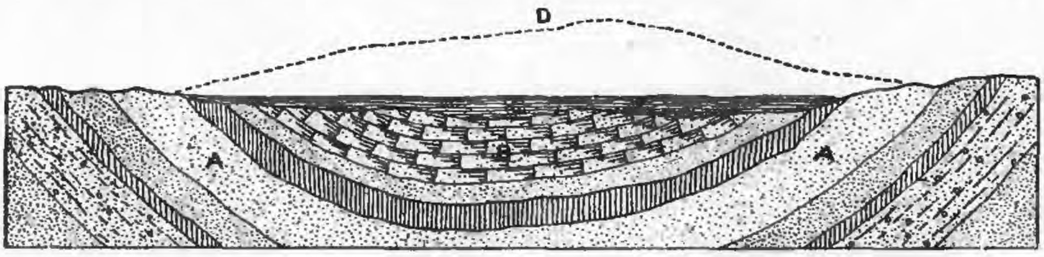


Fig. 2.—Diagram showing imperfect drainage produced by solution of strata. *A*, non-soluble strata of slate and sandstone; *B*, soluble strata of limestone; *C*, swamp deposit; *D*, surface of country before leaching had developed conditions favorable for growth of swamp.

streams discharging their waters over ridges of less corrodible rock, which, owing to their resistance to interstitial decay, afford barriers. The banks of these streams are often so marshy that a considerable area of land near them, though not actually swamp-like in its nature, is too wet for tillage.

The extent to which the surface has been lowered by the process of leaching out that has taken place in the underlying beds can sometimes in such regions be approximately determined. Where, as is frequently the case in northern Georgia, a bed of iron ore exists in the limestone, the ore being formed by the replacement of the origi-

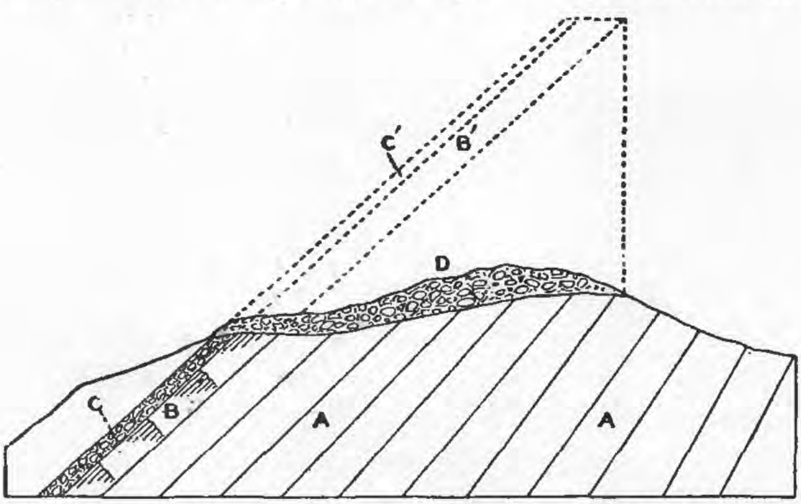


Fig. 3.—Diagram showing evidence of ablation. *A*, inclined strata; *B*, limestone capped by iron ore (siderite); *C*, iron ore layer; *D*, secondary deposit of ore; *B′*, old portion of ore; *C′*, old portion of limestone.

nal lime through the infiltration of ferruginous matter, and where the limestone bed had a certain measure of inclination, we may often determine, at least approximately, the elevation of the surface when it last escaped from the sea. The waste from the iron ore occurring as angular fragments or as rearranged material in the form of pipe ore, generally produces a low ridge in the valley, as is shown in Fig. 3. The shape of this ridge and the distribution of the rearranged ore give a basis on which to determine the original position of the outcrop.

The group of plain swamps depends for its existence on the fact that, wherever a considerable area has very gentle declivities, the circumstances of climate being favorable, the embarassment to drainage brought about by the vegetable coating is apt to be such that the escape of the rain-water is less easy than on a surface of ordinary inclination. If completely bared of vegetation, water may go with sufficient freedom to the sea over surfaces of very slight inclination; but the presence of even a very thin coating of vegetation somewhat restrains the outflow of the rain by the effect which is exercised through the waste of decayed plants, and so retains a portion of the water on the land. With such increase in moisture the growth of grasses and mosses is still further favored; the original forests, if still existing, are likely to be expelled by the change of condition, the ground being too wet for the trees, and thus the region is gradually brought into the condition of a high-lying swamp.

The formation of these plain surfaces, and their consequent imperfect drainage, may be brought about in a variety of ways, where, in a region underlaid by tolerably horizontal rocks, even if the height above the sea be considerable, the presence of a hard layer acting as a topographic determinant, resisting both the cutting action of the streams and the general solvent action of waters, may bring an extensive area to a nearly horizontal attitude. If the climatal conditions be fit this area may become more or less swampy. (Fig. 4.)

FIG. 4.—Diagram showing effect of resisting horizontal layer in producing imperfect drainage. *A*, soft strata; *B*, hard layer, topographical determinant; *C*, swamp determined by hard layer.

In other cases the plain area may be produced by the processes of base levelling which go on near the levels of enduring shores. The ground, gradually worn down by the action of overground and underground water, may finally retain too little slope to overcome the obstructing effects of the outflow of water produced by the vegetation. It may be observed that as soon as the area is covered by swamp, the extreme carbonation of the waters which pass through the morass tends to increase the leaching effect of the underlying beds and further to lower the level of the surface.

The direct cutting effect of the sea operating during the ordinary oscillation of the continent within a height of a few hundred feet of the sea-level, has on many shores tended to hasten this process of base levelling which is effected in a large part by the land waters. The nature of this action is well seen in the great eastern bench of the United States, which extends along the shore from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the southern Appalachians. From the Bay of Fundy to the southern extremity of the Appalachians, the mountain-built district of the Atlantic coast has been very extensively degraded by marine action, operating at heights from the present sea-level up to a thousand feet or more in altitude. This action is well marked in the erosion of the extensive dislocations which lie to the east of the Blue Ridge, and to which I have given the general name of the East Appalachians. (Fig. 5.)

FIG. 5.—Diagram showing general relations of Atlantic coast shelf.

Another feature leading to the formation of plains suited to swamp growth is found in the very level surfaces formed where sedimentary deposits accumulated in lakes or on the sea floor are afterwards brought into the condition of dry lands either by the drainage of the lakes or by the elevation of the sea floor. These deposits are generally constructed on a surface which has previously been base-leveled by erosion, but the actual details of topography are in the main due to sedimentary action. To such conditions we owe the very gentle slope of the plain country extending from New Jersey to the Rio Grande. The slope of these surfaces often does not exceed a few feet to the mile, an amount so slight that the embarassing effect of the vegetation may readily be sufficient to retain enough water to produce morasses. (Fig. 6.)

These gentle slopes of elevated sea bottoms generally pass below the level of the sea and are directly continuous with the submerged portion of the coast shelf. The effect of this condition is to cause very shallow water for some distance from the shore. Soon after the coast has assumed its new place upon the change in the attitude of the continent in a time of a heavy storm the ocean waves break at a distance from the shore. Along the line where the surges are converted into breakers a broad, low mound of marine sands is always formed. In the course of time this ridge rises above the surface of the water and forms a barrier reef, confining between its position and the main land a narrow strip of sea, to which we may apply the name of lagoon. The water of this lagoon strip, originally shallow, is gradually reduced in depth by the growth of organic forms, by the contributions of mud brought from the land by the rivers, and also in many cases by wind-drifted sands which occasionally blow from the crest of the sand reef. If the shore remain unchanged in height, a relatively brief time serves to reduce the lagoon to the condition of marshes in which the ordinary salt-loving grasses flourish, and which, in the tropical or subtropical belt, rapidly become occupied by mangrove swamps. Extensive marshes of this character have been formed in the region from New York southward since the coast assumed about its present position. It is likely that even the larger part of these embayed waters would have been covered by vegetable growth, and thus brought to the condition of morasses, but for the fact that this region appears generally to have been subjected to a gradual depression since the time when the lagoons were first formed.

Morasses of this character are liable to a peculiar class of accidents dependent on the varying conditions of access of land and sea waters. When the passages leading seaward through the barrier beach are in good part closed the included waters may become generally fresh. When, by the varying chances of marine action, the sea has tolerably free access to the embayments, these waters may be quite salt. Such transitions are unfavorable to the growth of the groups of plants which have become reconciled alike to salt and fresh water. I attribute the failure of plants to obtain possession of a large area of mud flats in the lagoons and bays of the region south of Cape Hatteras to abrupt transitions in the character of the water which covers their surface.

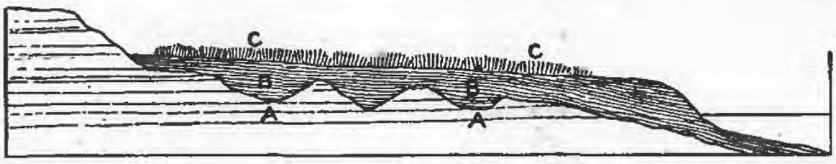


FIG. 6.—Diagram showing effect of new sediments in destroying old drainage. *A*. old rocks; *B*. newer strata; *C*, swamp.

The division of fluviatile swamps is, to a certain extent, related to the group of base-level swamps or those formed by the reduction of the land surface to near the level of the sea. The swamps formed along rivers are, however, in certain respects, clearly distinct from those formed along the base leveled lowlands, though they often occupy a part of that territory. Fluviatile swamps generally depend for their development on the alternating floods and low water which characterize all rivers whatsoever. In the time of flood, when the stream overflows the margins of the alluvial plain, the vegetation which, in the natural state of a valley is luxuriantly developed near the bank, arrests the movement of the waters as they flow off from the stream, and by diminishing the speed of their movement permits the coarser sediments at once to descend upon the plain. In this manner the margins of all alluvial plains near the stream become higher than the portions toward the escarpments of the valley. (Fig. 7.)

As the summit of the lowest alluvial plain, owing to the conditions of its construction, is everywhere at about the same height above the stream-bed, the consequence is that this marginal barrier is very extensively developed, being breached only where tributary rivers join the main stream. Even where these tributary streams cross the detrital plain they are likely to produce marginal moles parallel to their own courses and so to inclose the waters of the "back swamps," as they are termed in the Mississippi delta section. The contained waters of these back swamps often cover very large areas. When the stream falls to its lower level they commonly break through the material and form more or less permanent lines of escape. These channels are, however, generally narrow, and their paths, being much occupied by timber, are liable to the same blocking action

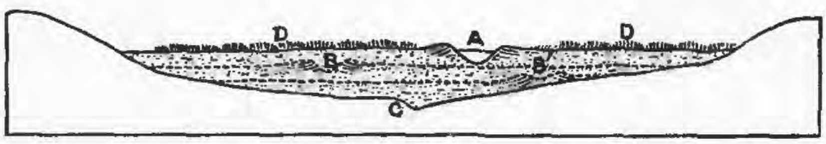


FIG. 7. Diagram showing general structure of alluvial deposits. *A*, existing new channel; *B,B'*, ancient river channels, now buried; *C*, river channel before alluvial deposits were formed; *DD*, swamps.

which constructs the mole. Each season they are more or less closed up with drift timber and sediments, so that the back swamp territory is never completely drained. Within the limits of the United States we have only one river, the Mississippi, which exhibits the phenomena of lacustrine swamps in an extensive way, but all the streams which have considerable deltas show more or less of the action.

DELTA SWAMPS.

The foregoing account of the fluviatile swamps is sufficient to describe, in a very synoptic way, the condition of all delta accumulations. The phenomena exhibited by the Mississippi delta on account of the magnitude of that stream, as well as of the conditions which determine its form, make it necessary to state the circumstances of that area of inundated lands in a more definite manner and in more detail than has been given to delta structure in general.

The deltas of the rivers in the southern part of the United States, at least between the Rio Grande and the Delaware, present certain peculiar features which are due to the condition of the continent before these alluvial accumulations were formed.

By reference to any good map which shows in some detail the characteristics of these estuarine districts it will be perceived that the rivers of the Southern States all escape into acute reentrants, formed by low, cañon-like incisions in the table-lands of the southern plain. Where the rivers are large and powerful, considerable amounts of mud have been conveyed into these bays more or less occluding their original basins. At the same time the action of the waters on the generally incoherent rocks which form the shores of the indentations has led to the considerable extension in the superficial area of the basins and a proportionate shallowing of their depth. The result of this process has been that, at the present time, the remaining parts of these basins are everywhere shallow. Where the rivers which enter the basins, as in the case of the Delaware and Susquehanna, convey little sediment on account of the physical conditions of the country whence they flow, the deltas are indistinct. As we advance southward and pass beyond the region of glaciated soil, which singularly resists the erosive action of rivers, the quantity of sediment perceptibly increases. Thus the streams which flow into Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds have noticeable deltas; generally the delta-like accumulation increases in volume as we go southward until, in the Mississippi reentrant, the detrital deposit is so considerable that it has filled the recesses of the original bay which, at the close of the Glacial Period, extended from the Gulf to the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi, and perhaps for a certain extent up those branches of the main stream. Indeed, as is well shown by a map of the delta district, the alluvial deposit has extended a considerable distance beyond the mouth of the original gorge, a feature which is found in no other river in North America.

It may be remarked in passing that, while in the Old World all the principal streams have true deltas, those of the Rhine, the Rhone, the Danube, and the Nile, as well as all the great rivers of Asia, projecting beyond the mouths of the valleys in which they are found, only the greatest of our North American streams has extended its delta beyond the reentrant trough in which it began to accumulate. The bearing of this observation will appear in the considerations which are now to be presented. (Fig. 8.)

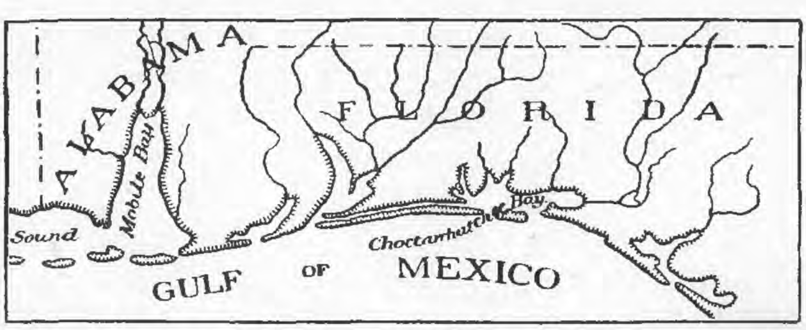


FIG. 8.—North shore of the Gulf of Mexico from the Choctawhatchee Bay to Mississippi Sound.

The facts that all the streams of the Atlantic coast south of New York enter the ocean through reentrant bays, and that, in a word, the greater portion of the deltas along our shore are accumulated in reentrants, can be explained only on the supposition that the regions about the mouths of these streams, and probably, also, of the continental area occupied by the rivers, has recently been at a much higher level than it now occupies. The evidence of this fact is as follows, viz: The banks of the southern table-lands which bound these streams are usually steep, preserving their declivities despite the considerable erosion which has acted upon them. The erosive work done by the streams during the time when the country was more elevated had been more or less modified and extended by the action of waves before the bay was occupied by the delta accumulations. The banks of the main bays universally converge as we ascend their channels. Where the principal tributaries come into the bays we have branches of these wide valleys extending some distance up the path of the tributary streams. Thus, in the case of the Mississippi delta, there are embranchments of the old bay extending up the Yazoo, the Arkansas, the Red River, the Ohio, and the Upper Mississippi. From much study of these reentrants I am forced to the conclusion that they are in their nature the canyon-like excavations effected in soft strata by the action of streams when they flowed at a higher level. In no other way can I explain the peculiarities of their formation.

This view is substantiated by tne porings which have been made below the level of the deltas. In all cases such borings indicate that the gorge, occupied by the bay or by the alluvial accumulations which have been deposited in it, has in very recent geological times been occupied by much greater depths of water than we now find there. Thus, at New Orleans and points above in the delta district, borings indicate that the delta accumulations have a depth of several hundred feet. This accumulation could not have been made except with a deep gorge in existence, which had gradually been encumbered by the alluvium as its bottom subsided with the downsinking of the continent. (Fig. 9.)

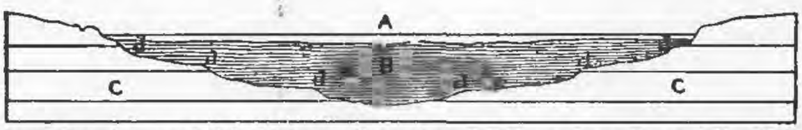


FIG. 9.—Diagram showing probable history of reentrant deltas of southern Atlantic coast. *A*, present level of sea; *B*, recent silt; *C C*, Tertiary and Cretaceous beds excavated by river while surface was higher; *d d*, old river benches.

The process of growth of the delta of the Mississippi can be traced more completely than that of any extensive alluvial formation which has yet been made the subject of study. The problems connected with the accumulation of the vast deposit which composes that delta are extremely complicated. I shall note only such of them as distinctly bear upon the swampy nature of that area.

To comprehend so much of the problems of delta history as pertain to our inquiry, the student should visit the growing extremity of the Mississippi delta where it projects into the Gulf of Mexico. He will there observe that the waters of the stream discharge through a number of passages, walled in on either side by low mounds of alluvium, which confine the stream for a score or two of miles in advance of the main delta. There is an obvious tendency of these walled ways of the river to depart from a direct course towards the open sea and to turn to the right and left of their main direction. (Fig. 10.)

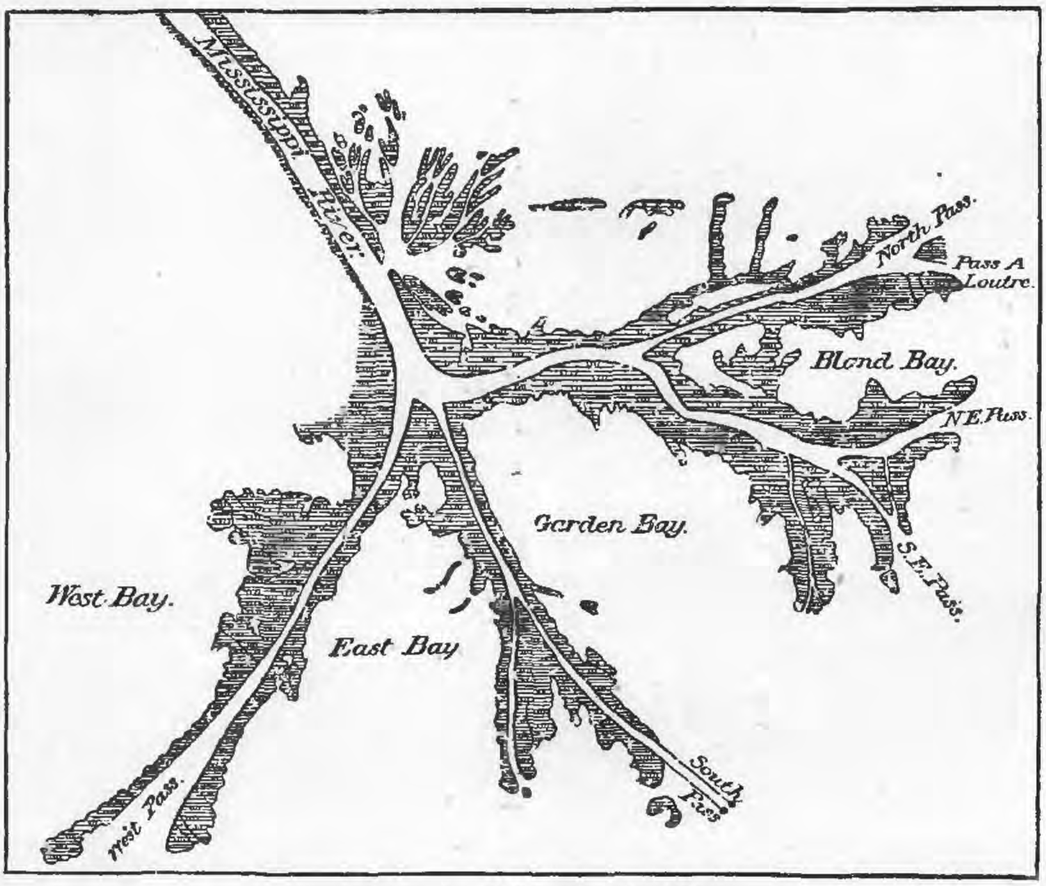


FIG. 10.—Mouths of the Mississippi River.

It happens, apparently by chance, that one of the passages from the Mississippi River to the gulf proceeds directly seaward, the others inclining strikingly to the right and left. This lateral curving of the discharge channels is probably in part due to the oscillating movement which causes all rivers in delta regions to take a varying but more or less tortuous path. In some measure this is doubtless owing to the effect of sea waves, in accumulating obstructions at the outermost point of the river course. The partly submerged banks bounding the stream near the sea are produced by the settling of the heavy sediment, which occurs in times of flood, immediately on the passage of the waters out of the open channel. Where, as at the outermost point of the river channel, the sea waves beat against this in times of heavy storm, they tend to push the waste over the wall and into the stream, and thus to produce a deflection of the current away from the run of the waves. When such a change in direction is instituted by this or other causes, the tendency of the stream is to continue the further construction of its parallel walls in the new direction. Moving laterally, it tends to come against the sides of the neighboring walls of the bay, at least until the delta has been pushed beyond the limits of the reentrant. At present this limitation is not encountered, and the streams of the Mississippi delta are free to move laterally until in some time of flood they effect a breach in one of the bounding walls, making a cut-off or shorter path to the open sea; then the construction of the stream ramparts begins again and continues until it is in turn interrupted by a similar accident. (Fig. 11.)

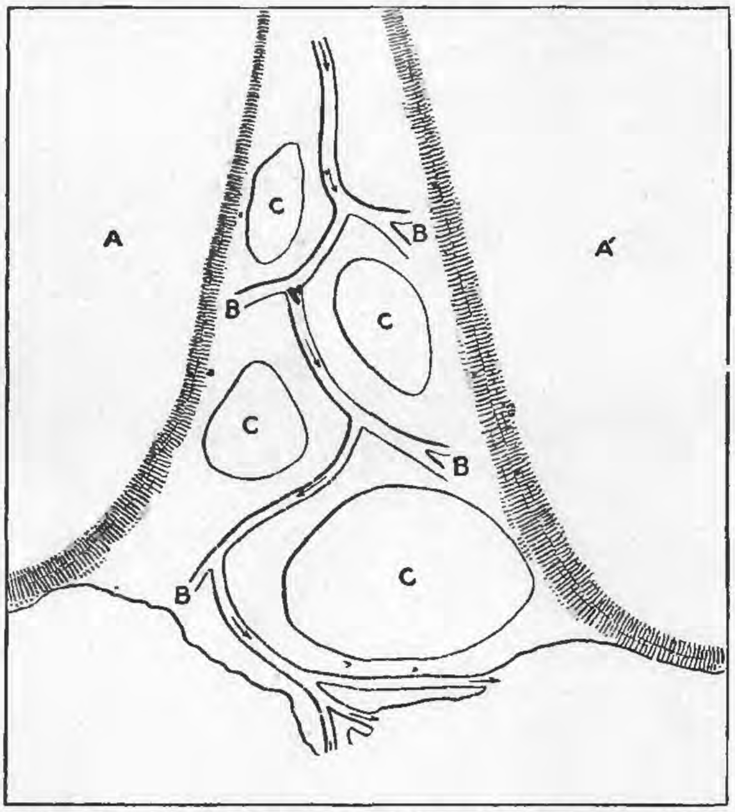


FIG. 11.—Diagram illustrating the structure produced by successive changes in the delta exits of rivers. *AA*, table land; *BB*, old exits now closed; *CC*, old fluviatile lakes now in part effaced by alluvial deposits.

An examination of the delta region within the walls of the ancient bay shows, though somewhat obscurely, that this lateral swing of the stream has been characteristic of all the development of the delta. It has doubtless frequently occurred at the successive seaward margins of the delta in a manner in which we can now see it in the present front of the alluvial deposit. In this manner the alluvial mass is made to consist, in large part, of a number of slightly elevated double ridges, the banks of the ancient stream, and deep troughs, more or less rapidly effaced by the process of deposition, in which the streams originally lay. We naturally find that these curved ramparts of the old river channels are best preserved in the lower part of the delta. We see that Lake Pontchartrain, Lake Borgne, German Lake, and the other large inclosed basins of water in the lower part of the delta, apparently owe their origin to the embankments formed in the shallow sea by these curvings of the delta mouths.

After their formation, these shallow basins, inclosed by the stream's walls, are subjected to a still further effacement by the occasional penetration of flooded waters into their area, as well as by the considerable growth of vegetable and animal life upon their sides and bottoms. It is therefore natural that these distinct indications of the effects derived from the changing positions of the river mouth are found only in the lower and newer parts of the delta. Farther up the stream this originally imbricated disposition of the ancient mouths has been progressively effaced by accidental changes of the river course, as well as by the general accumulation of sediments,

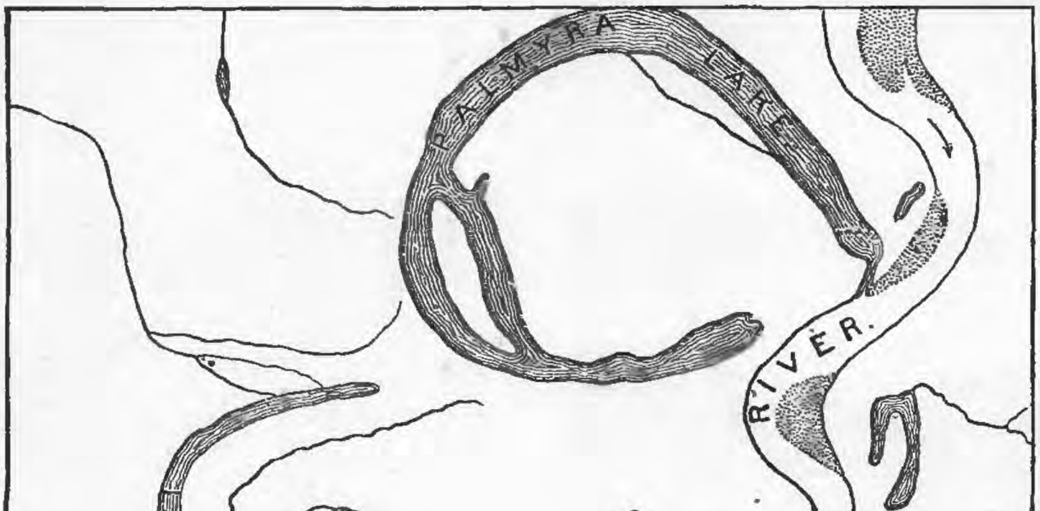


FIG. 12.—Ox-bows of the Mississippi River.

which has come about since the delta was pushed far to the seaward. In this upper section of the delta the topography seems to be mainly determined by the oscillation of the river to and fro over the alluvial plain, movements dependent on the embarrassment of its current, arising from the quantity of the debris borne down from the higher country where the stream had a steeper flow. (Fig. 12.)

the current of the Mississippi against the high land on the east side. The rivers entering the delta on the east are small in volume and do not bear much silt for the reason that they come from low and densely wooded districts. It seems probable that we may thus explain the fact that the Mississippi River, in place of inclining as it should do by the law of the earth's rotation to the west, tends for a part of its course to make its way against its eastern margin.

The extension of a delta such as the Mississippi normally takes place in two directions by the building out of the accumulation into the sea and by the lateral increase in the area of deposits. Where, as in the present condition of the Mississippi, the floor of the delta region seems tolerably steadfast, there being no considerable oscillation of the continent now in process, each extension of the river mouths into the sea tends to bring about an increase in the heights of the silt plain all the way up to the head of the alluvial accumulation, and this for the simple reason that the longer the course of the waters before attaining the ocean-level the less rapidly they flow and the higher the floods mount. The effect of this action where the delta front comes against the steep escarpments of the table-land on either side is not in the course of a century conspicuous. The thickness of the delta accumulation can not increase by more than a small fraction of an inch each year and the topographical influence is therefore usually inconspicuous. Where, however, as for instance in much of the Yazoo region, the higher land slopes gently to the alluvial plain, the increase in the depth of the alluvium which will take place in the course of a few thousand years is indicated in an interesting peculiarity of the topography. We may there find a low rolling surface of uplands in the process of gradual disappearance beneath the rising mass of silt. At first the sediments deposited by the floods mantling over the table-land gradually round off, as it were smudge, the general topography. (Fig. 13.)

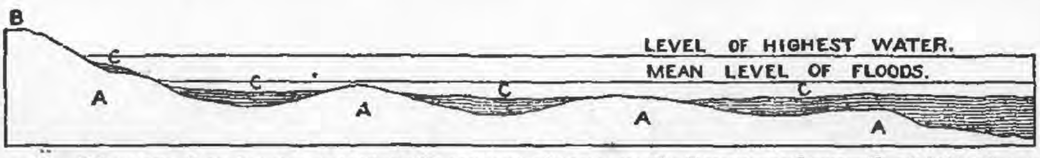


FIG. 13.—Diagram showing progressive effacement of topography by upward growth of delta deposits. *A A*, country eroded before delta began to form, suffused by successive accumulations of delta deposits; *B*, country above high water; *CC*, alluvial accumulations effacing old topography.

In certain areas where the process of suffusion of the surface has just been begun we may see the alluvial sheet having only a foot or so of thickness on top of low crests but amounting to twice or thrice that quantity in slight valleys. From this state outward into the alluvial plain, we may trace the gradual increase in the depth of the alluvium and the consequent slow disappearance of the ancient topography. The details of this depositional action are readily apprehended. The flood waters lie upon the low hills for only a few days

In much of the delta country north of Memphis during the earthquake visitation which occurred between the years 1811 and 1813, extensive areas of the alluvial plain sank down to the depth of from four to six feet below the level which they had previously occupied. The only one of these districts which I have had an opportunity to observe is that now occupied by Reelfoot and Obion lake basins which lie partly in Kentucky and partly in Tennessee. My observations have satisfied me that this district of subsidence occupies the field originally covered by one of the larger moats of the delta. At the time when this earthquake occurred, the old channel of the river included within the moat swamp had been filled with vegetable matter and alluvium. The violent motion which occurred during this earthquake led to the compacting of the mass and the consequent subsidence of the surface by jarring the materials which were doubtless in part decayed. This subsidence was sufficient to kill the cypresses, the gums and other marsh loving trees which occupied the area, and to reduce it to the condition of a lake.

Similar subsidences to that above described occurred at various points on the western side of the Mississippi River during the same period of disturbance. Although I have not closely examined this section, what I have seen of the subsided districts has led me to the conclusion that they also occupy the seat of former channels which had been converted into moats and filled with vegetable waste in the manner which I have supposed it to have occurred at Reelfoot and Obion lakes. At present the process of refilling these depressions by the growth of vegetation and occasionally by the incursions of drift-wood is going on and within another century it is likely that the considerable lake area developed by the disturbances in the early part of this century will have been in good part effaced. (Fig. 14.)

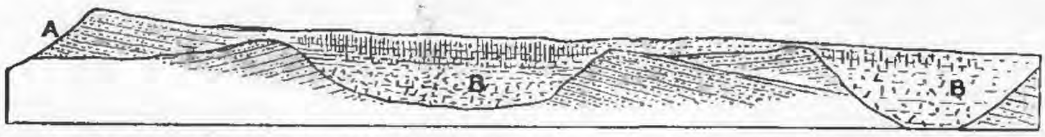


FIG. 14.—Diagram showing abandoned beds of a river. *A*, existing channel; *B*, old moats—abandoned beds of the stream.

The result of the somewhat complicated geographic processes above described is to a certain extent to diversify the topography within that part of the Mississippi delta. A considerable portion of the district has its surface above the level of all but the greater floods. By far the larger portion of its surface, however, is within the limit of height occupied by the ordinary inundations.

Although my observations have not been sufficient to make the matter clear, so far as they have gone they point to the conclusion that no general change of level due to continental movement is now going on in the Mississippi delta district. There can be little doubt, however, that the last general movement in this section has been a de-

and in this way the ground may be made fit for lowly vegetation, which will speedily increase the water storage in the forest-bed.

Instances in which the gradual invasion of forests by swamp-making vegetation has destroyed the original growth of trees are abundant in the northern section of this country. Throughout the section north of the parallel of 43° cases of this sort may readily be observed. Thus on the sea-board of the State of Maine, near Eastport, I have noted a number of instances in which the growth of sphagnum invading the forests has brought the surface to such a wet condition that even the most water-loving trees are unable to maintain their foothold. They may be seen in all stages of deterioration. Well out into the swamp we may find the roots and crowns of the trees, the upper portions having entirely disappeared by decay. Near the margins are trees only recently killed by the access of water. Still farther towards the border of the swamp we find others in all states of degradation. Similar phenomena may be found from point to point in northern Michigan and Minnesota, serving to show that for some centuries at least the swamps have been making headway against the forests in their contention for the possession of the surface. (Fig. 15.)

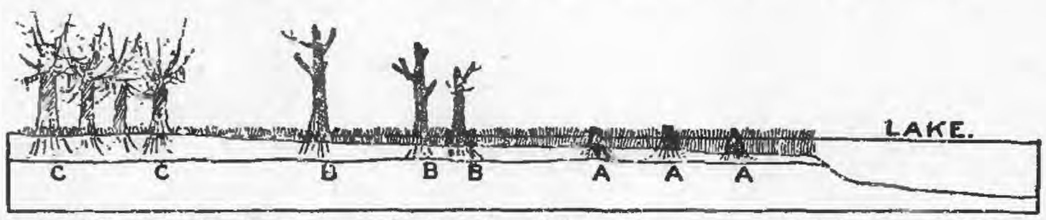


FIG. 15.—Diagram showing progressive invasion of forest by swamp. *AAA*, stumps of trees preserved in swamp; *BB*, dead trees with branches standing; *CC*, forest stunted by swamp growth.

EFFECT OF CERTAIN PLANTS ON THE FORMATION OF MORASSES.

We shall now proceed to consider the groups of plants which in various sections have the most important influence upon the development of swamp conditions. At present my studies have not enabled me to assign a satisfactory weight to the several species, genera, or families of plants in the development of morasses. Certain general points, however, are fairly well determined, and these will now be presented. In the northern section of the United States, speaking generally of those regions in which the mean annual temperature is below 55° F., the water mosses, especially the species of sphagnum, are by far the most important swamp-breeding plants. This is due in part to the fact that sphagnum can tolerate water more perfectly than any other of our important palustrine forms of plants, and in part to the peculiarity of its habit, which enables it to grow rapidly and form a thick sheet of vegetation without any of its roots being embedded in the under soil; they may remain pendant in the water. Owing to the rapid growth of its entangled shoots and to the very close-set character of the mesh which it forms, sphagnum is capable of retaining water in the

basin. In this way, providing the pool be not originally deep, it requires but a few thousand years to close over the surface and reduce the original expanse of water to the condition of quaking bog. In this state the basin is covered by a continuous sheet of sphagnum dense enough often to afford a lodgment to many other aquatic plants, the mass continually thickens, and the sheet sinks gradually towards the bottom of the water. In time the bog, which for a period consists of humus on the bottom separated by a certain depth of water from the sphagnum on top, becomes quite solid. The

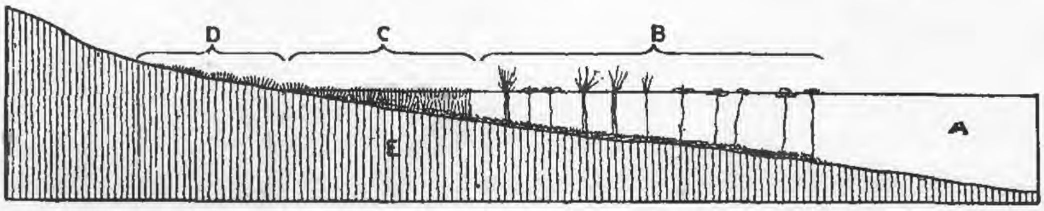


FIG. 16.—Diagram showing first stages of swamp growth around margin of lake. *A*, basin of lake; *B*, zone of lilies and bushes; *C*, place of beginning of sphagnous growth; *D*, climbing bog; *E*, disintegrated peat on which lilies and bushes are rooted.

further growth of the bog, which at this stage is usually occupied by an abundant growth of water-loving trees, serves to bring a certain amount of pressure upon the partly decomposed humus lying below, and so the mass is reduced to the state of compact peat, the lower parts of which mainly consist of sphagnous growth and the remains of water lilies and rushes, while the upper part, owing to the advent of the forest to the area in the later stages of the bog accumulation, contains more or less matter composed of the remains of the shrubs and trees. (Fig. 17.)

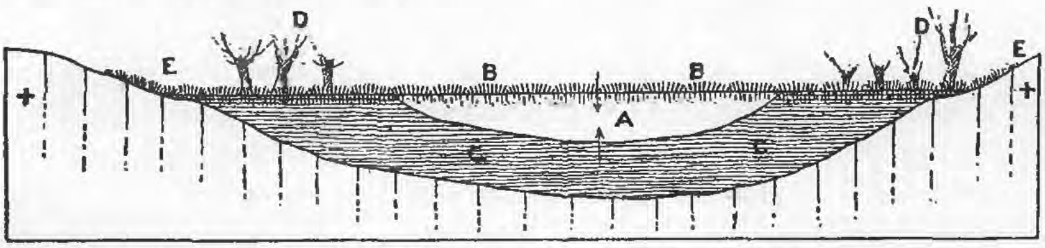


FIG. 17.—Diagram showing conditions of lake connected with quaking bog. *A*, remaining portion of water area; *BB*, living sphagnum; *CC*, peaty mass derived from disintegration of surface layer of living plants; *DD*, solid part of swamp bearing near shore trees, further out bushes; *EE*, climbing bog, often absent; ++, original level of water. The arrows indicate direction of growth of the upper and under layer of peat.

The greater heat and more frequent droughts of the region south of the Potomac and the Ohio—in general we may say south of the parallel of 39° or 40°—while they make the extensive growth of sphagnum impossible, serve to favor the development of certain other groups of plants which have an important influence on the development of swamps. These southern swamp-making plants belong in the main to the genus *Arundo* (our common cane), to species of the grape, to the bald cypress and juniper among conifers,

the shore fend off the heaviest surges, while the waste of the reefs broken up by the waves serves, along with the remains of animals and plants, to shallow the water near the shore. Over these shallows the mangrove is rapidly advancing; the low shore-encircling mound, largely composed of calcareous matter which they produce and which fends off the sea waters from the inner growth of the swamp, composed of saw-grass and other plants which are intolerant of salt-water, is gradually taken into solution by the swamp water and borne away to the sea. The quantity of this calcareous matter dissolved by the waters of the everglades is remarkable. Not only does the water taste of lime, but in the season of drought, when the swampy lakes have shrunk five or six feet below the flood level, the bottoms of the dried-up pools exhibit a layer of calcareous sediment, forming a crust of from a tenth to a fourth of an inch in thickness.

The effect of this solvent action is not only to destroy the elevation formed by the mangrove belt, but also to efface the old coral reefs which lie within the everglades. This action is distinctly seen in the western or everglade face of the Miami Reef. These disintegration processes are diagrammatically shown in Fig. 20.[1]

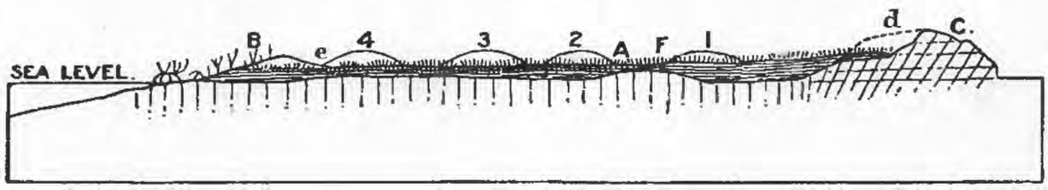


Fig. 20.—Diagrammatic section through Everglades, showing the effect of growth of mangroves on shore line. *A*, general surface of everglades; *B*, mangrove strip with attendant mound; *C*, Miami reef; *d*, bench excavated by everglade waters; *e*, dissolved portion of mangrove fringing mound: *F*, old reef destroyed by solvent action of water; 1, 2, 3, 4, successive portions of mangrove barrier.

THE EFFECT OF GLACIAL ACTION IN PERTURBING DRAINAGE.

The effect of glacial action on the surface of the land is produced in a variety of ways which we will now consider.

Where a glacial sheet rests upon the land it has, except in its period of decay, a motion over the surface; by wearing away the deposits on which it rests it quickly becomes armed with blocks of harder rock which are fixed in the lower part of the ice and shoved forward. These fragments moved by the glacier become instruments which serve to rend the rock beneath. They rapidly wear out and are replaced by other fragments which they have disrupted from their beds. Beneath most glacial sheets there is a system of water-currents—the so-called subglacial streams supplied by the water rendered molten in part by pressure and in part by various frictions which the movement of the ice brings about. It is evident in many cases that these streams act with much violence and so serve to aid in the

[1] For a further account of this solvent action of the swamp waters in the Everglade district see "The Topography of Florida," by N. S. Shaler, Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., Harvard Coll., vol. 17, No. 7, March, 1890.

future development of morasses. While the glacier is in motion over a surface a large part of the waste removed from the rocks is by the rolling motion of the ice and various accidents which beset its lower part carried up into the frozen water for some distance, perhaps for hundreds of feet above the level of the ice. The quantity of this material thus taken up into the glacier is often very large. When the ice comes to melt away, this mass of débris sinks down upon the surface and forms the irregular sheet of drift now commonly known by glaciologists under the name of "ground moraine." If this sheet were of uniform thickness it would not have any peculiar effect in increasing the variety of superficial forms; but in fact the accumulation of this debris from the ice is extremely irregular. In some districts, particularly where very hard rocks occur or those which have few joints and which therefore give way but slowly under the influence of the ice, the amount of debris may be extremely small. In other cases it may be very large, and thus when the ice melts away a sheet of extremely irregular thickness, varying it may be from nothing to the depth of one hundred feet or more, is accumulated on the surface. As might naturally be expected, this irregularity in the distribution of the drift ground moraine creates many closed basins which become the seat of lakes. (Fig. 21.)

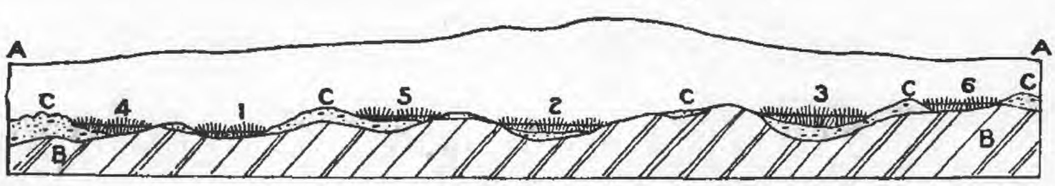


FIG. 21.—Diagram showing effect of glacial erosion on an area underlaid by rocks having a varying resistance to ice action. *A A*, preglacial condition with continuous inclined surface unfavorable to growth of swamps; *B B* warped surface induced by glaciation; *C C*, drift deposits; 1, 2, 3, swamps formed by depressions of bed rock; 4, 5, 6, swamps formed by barrier of drift.

As the glacial front travels across the country it pushes before it a large amount of material. When for a time its advance is arrested, this accumulation remains in advance of the ice as a frontal moraine. The accumulation is further reinforced by large amounts of matter brought to the given line by the steadfast movement of the ice or carried out to the front of the glacier by the subglacial currents. In this way in many parts of this country the walls of debris are left which dam across the paths of streams and generally obstruct the natural drainage of the country. A good many extensive areas of swamps owe their origin to this cause. Generally, however, the area of swamp lands thus brought into existence by morainal walls is small, for the reason that these frontal ridges are at numerous points breached by the openings formed at points where the numerous subglacial streams emerged from beneath the ice. In all the moraines which I have seen having an aggregate frontage of perhaps one hundred miles these breaches are rarely more than three or four miles apart, and in most cases they afford tolerably open paths for the egress of the waters. There are, however, some interesting examples where barriers of this description have served to retain swamps. The largest single marsh area in Massachusetts appears to owe its existence to such morainal barrier. This is the Great Cedar Swamp, lying to the north of Taunton, in Bristol County, Mass. We have at this point in the towns of Taunton and Raynham an obscure morainal ridge, rising in its highest point to about one hundred feet above the sea, and extending in a nearly east and west line for the distance of some miles. This accumulation blocks the path of a considerable set of streams and retains their water at a sufficiently high level to cover several thousand acres of land with marshy accumulations. (Fig. 22.)

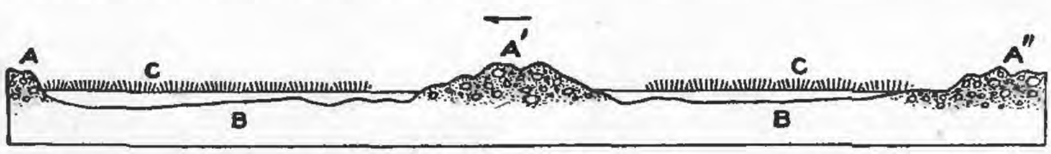


FIG. 22.—Diagram showing effect of moraines in forming swamps; *A, A', A''*, frontal moraines formed in succession from left to right; *B B*, frontal aprons of moraines; *C C*, swamps created by morainal obstruction to drainage. The arrow shows direction of the glacial movement.

In northern Michigan, where the frontal moraines are very numerous, they serve to retain the water on many extensive areas. In this region the effect of the morainal dam is clearly enhanced by other classes of glacial debris, the kame deposits and frontal aprons, the influence of which will now be considered.

The origin of kame deposits is still a matter of controversy. It is likely that they were formed either beneath a glacier or on the floor of a water basin immediately in front of the ice wall. The latter appears to me for various reasons (which will not be discussed here) the more probable explanation of most kame areas. These kame deposits when extensive most frequently appear as very irregular masses of stratified sand and gravel formed near the front of a shoved moraine. Owing to their normal irregularity of shape they inclose a great many water basins and thus produce a large number of small swamps. Moreover, as the accumulations of this description commonly lie somewhat parallel to the true moraines, the effect of their masses is to enforce the obstruction of the drainage which

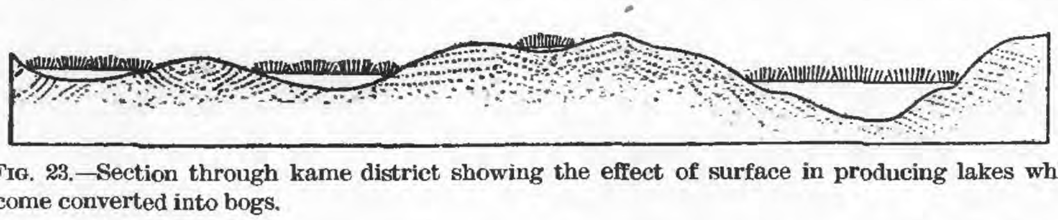


FIG. 23.—Section through kame district showing the effect of surface in producing lakes which become converted into bogs.

the shoved moraines produce. Thus the morasses of Bristol, Plymouth, and Barnstable Counties, Mass., which are among the most extensive in New England, are mainly due to the obstructive effect of these kame accumulations on the drainage. (Fig. 23.)

Besides the frontal moraines and kames our great moraines have almost invariably beyond their lines, in the direction towards which the ice moved, extensive accumulations of detrital matter in the form of plains or gently inclined surfaces sloping away from the morainal front. To this class of deposits I have applied the term "frontal apron." This plain region has normally a width of from one to six miles and surface very nearly horizontal. Most commonly this surface inclines gently backward towards the moraine for the distance of a mile or more from the front. Then from indistinct summits it declines at the rate of three or four feet to the mile away from the morainal accumulation. I have no question that the greater part if not the whole of these deposits were formed beneath the surface of a water area. Along the coast it is evident that this water was the water of the sea. In Wisconsin and Michigan where these morainal aprons are well developed, it may be that they were formed in fresh-water basins, an extension of the Great Lakes of the Northwest. The reader may find a discussion as to the method of formation of these aprons in my report on the geology of the island of Martha's Vineyard, in the Seventh Annual Report of the U. S. Geological Survey. Owing to the peculiarly level character of these frontal aprons, they favor the development of swamps. When occupied by vegetation they are generally the seat of wet woods, save in those cases where the materials are so porous as to permit the ready passage of the water.

Where the morainal accumulations are crowded close together, the frontal apron connected with one moraine frequently extends to the foot of the next moraines to the southward. Thus it comes about that in northern Michigan we have line after line of these successive moraines, the frontal aprons of which have become the seats of swamp building. (See Fig. 22.)

Besides the effects above noted, there are certain other less important influences of glaciers which deserve attention. Though they do not serve to create as large swamps as those produced in the ways above described, they lead to the formation of very numerous small morasses. In all glaciated regions, both in North America and Europe, masses of till occur which have the form of regularly arched

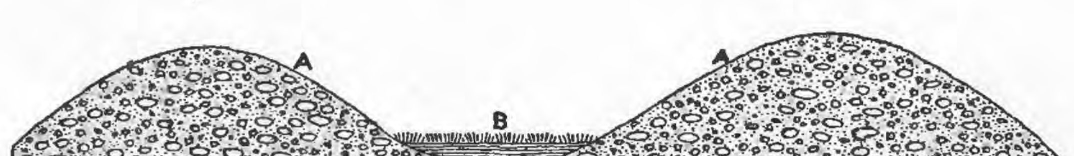


FIG. 24.—Diagram showing swamps developed between drumlins. *A A*, drumlins; *B*, swamp.

elevations commonly known as lenticular hills or drumlins. These hills are often crowded together in the same field, their bases being more or less confluent. In the cavities between the hills we generally find small swamp areas, and where a belt or field of drumlins lies across the general path of the drainage these elevations sometimes produce barriers to the flow of the waters and thus create tolerably extensive morasses. About one-tenth of the small bogs in New England are produced by these singular accumulations of bowlder clay ; but the total area of this class of swamps is probably not in all more than one-hundredth of the whole extent of this class of deposits. (See Fig. 24.)

Where kames are abundant, especially where they assume the ridge-like character to which the term "serpent-kame" is commonly applied, the irregularities of the surface lead to the formation of many small marshes. Probably one-half of the bogs in glaciated districts may be attributed to these irregularities in the distribution of the kame materials. Where the material composing these kames is of a somewhat compact nature, retentive of water, each of these depressions is at first the seat of a small lake which, owing to its inconsiderable size, is quickly closed over by vegetable growth. Thus, although there are probably at the present time over 5,000 kame lakelets in existence in New England, it seems probable that when the glacial sheet first passed from this country there were several times as many such basins as now remain unclosed. (See Fig. 25.)

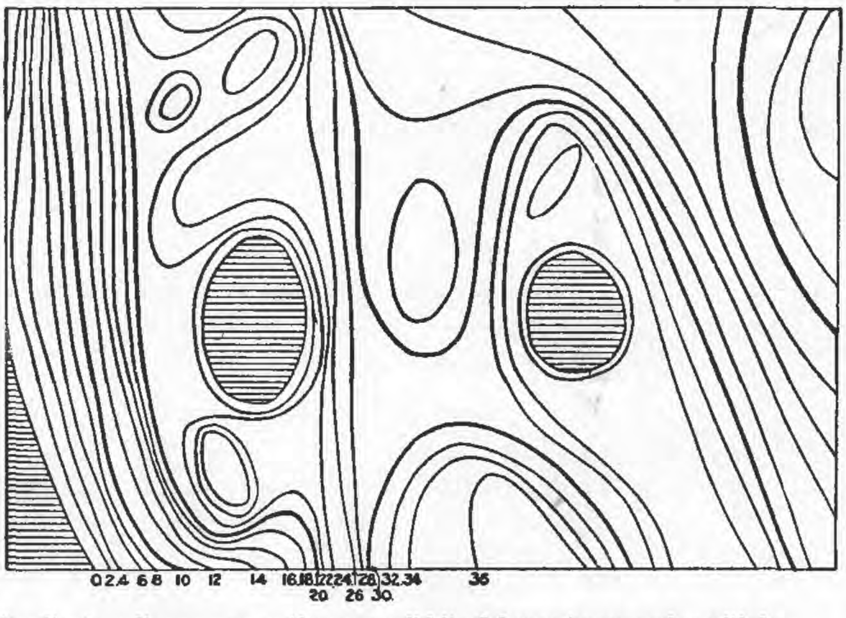


FIG. 25.—Contour lines representing a small bit of kame topography with kame ponds.

There is yet another though uncommon way in which glacial action produces depressions in its detrital deposits which may become the seat of swamps. When the ice sheet disappeared large masses of the glacier, which were heavily weighted with stone and other debris torn from the subjacent rocks, apparently remained in the valleys, and were flooded over by the vast quantities of water-drifted sands which spread across the surface of the country. In the course of time, though slowly, these buried masses of ice melted away, allowing the surface to descend into a pit-like form. Many of the

In northern Europe, within the limits of the region occupied by the continential glaciers during the last ice age, these bog-iron deposits have long been extensively worked as sources of the supply for iron furnaces. In New England, especially during the last century and the first decades of this, the bog-iron ores were extensively exploited; of late years, owing to the discovery of cheaper ores nearer to the sources of fuel supply, resort to these sources of iron has been to a great extent abandoned. The aggregate quantity of these iron ores in the New England district and in the Northwestern States is probably very great. I am inclined to believe from inquiries I have made that in New England alone the total area of the bog-iron deposits exceeding a foot in thickness probably amounts to more than sixty square miles, and it may be several times this area. These bogs probably contain more than 100,000,000 tons of the ore. It is quite possible that within New England there may be 500,000,000 tons of such ore deposits. Within the limits of the glaciated field of the United States there is probably several times this amount of bog-iron ore in existence.

It must not be supposed that this ore has anything like the value which appears to be indicated by these large figures. Although the ores of this description are of excellent quality for certain purposes, they are generally very phosphatic and therefore are not at present of much value save for the production of foundry iron. Moreover, the deposits of bog ore are generally covered to a certain depth with peaty matter and the drainage which has to be accomplished before the wet beds can be won is often costly. Nevertheless, I am of the the opinion that in some conditions it will prove profitable to win these beds, at least in those cases where it is proposed to reduce the swamps in which they occur to agricultural use. When the so-called basic system of working iron ores by which the phosphatic material is eliminated from the iron comes into general use, it is probable that this group of deposits will have more value than at present. In any event they constitute a very important reserve in the iron resources of this country.

These bog-iron ores are most commonly developed in small marshes. Where the morass is of a large area they are frequently wanting, while in the neighboring swamps of limited surface they may

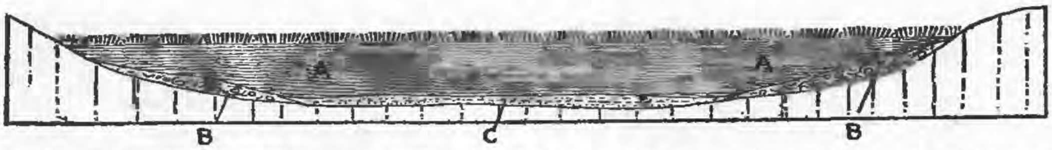


FIG. 26.—Diagram showing normal position of bog-iron ore and infusorial earths. *A*, peat swamp—occluded lake; *BB*, normal position of iron ore; *C*, normal position of infusorial earths.

abound. This difference is probably due to the fact that where the marsh is large the proportion of chalybeate waters which find their way into the basin is relatively small, while in the less extended body

DISMAL SWAMP CANAL, LOOKING SOUTH FROM WALLACETON, VIRGINIA.

streams. The bench on which the Dismal Swamp deposits lie was afterwards formed during another period of elevation when the sea lay at about 30 feet above its present level. The sands worn from the escarpment which I have termed the Nansemond bench were distributed over the new sea-floor in such fashion as to level off the inequalities brought about by subaerial or by marine erosion.

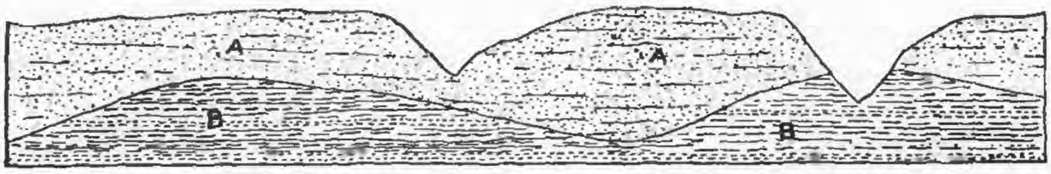
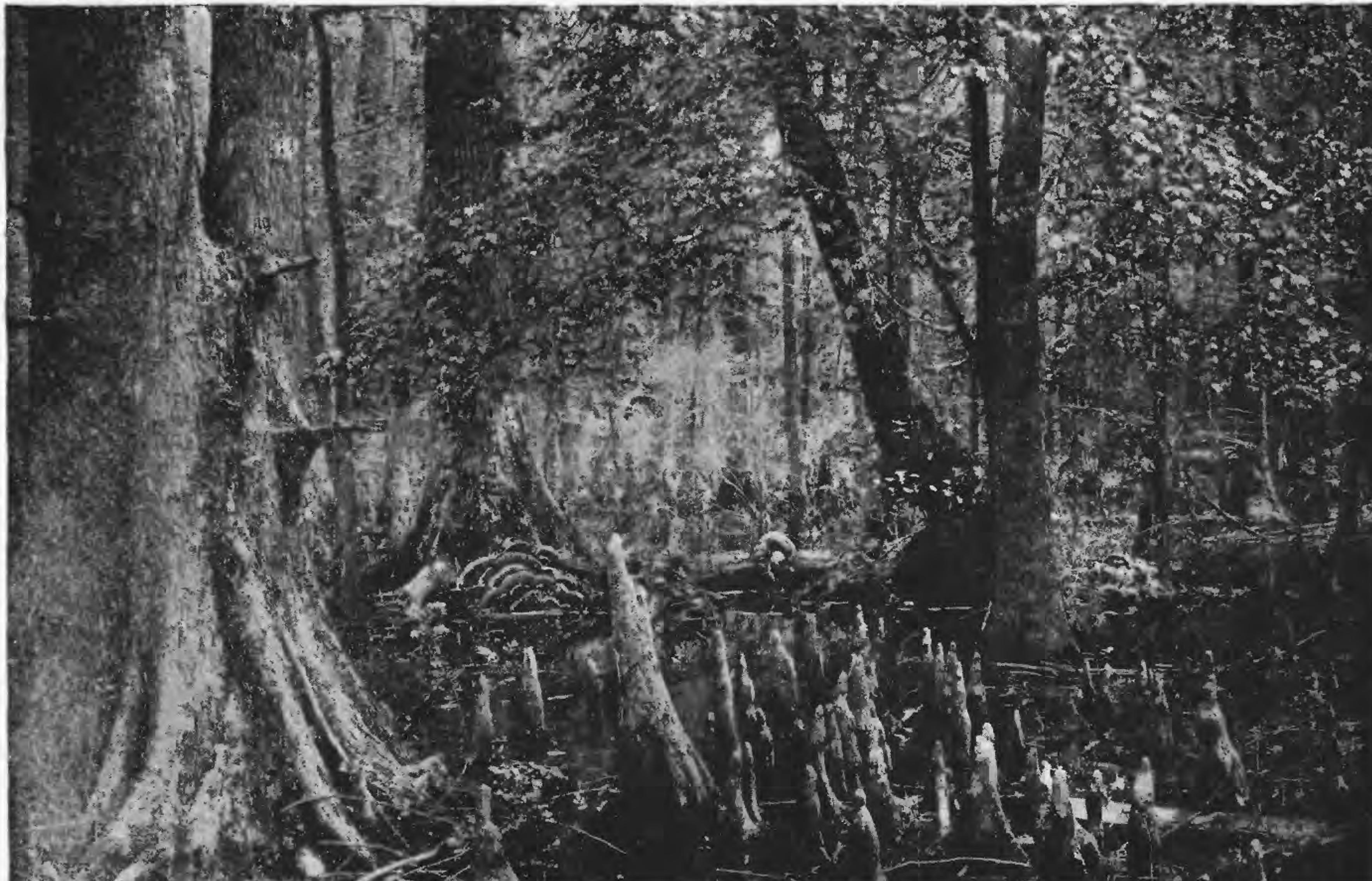


FIG. 28.—Diagram showing inferred relation of Pliocene and post-Pliocene strata in district west of Dismal Swamp. *A*, superficial sands forming surface of Nansemond terrace; *B*, Pliocene beds overlaid by more recent sands.

The true measure of the inequalities which characterize the bedrock surface of this district is not readily apprehended by an inspection of the area within the field of the swampy districts; the peaty accumulations have unquestionably done much to destroy such topography as may have existed in the region. Even on the higher level of the upper Nansemond bench, which forms the summit of the old Nansemond shore, bounding the western margin of the main Dismal Swamp, there are numerous original hollows now filled in with peaty matter of a consolidated sort on which ordinary forest trees have found a lodgment. I am informed by farmers that they frequently discover places in these fields which contain a peaty deposit many feet in depth. In some cases the accumulation is quite profound, permitting a sharp stick to be passed down to the depth of eight or ten feet. There may thus be within the limits of the Dismal Swamp a number of stream valleys which have been so encumbered by the accumulation of vegetable matter that they are no longer evident to the eye.

TOPOGRAPHY OF THE DISMAL SWAMP.

In its original condition, before this region had been affected by tillage, the area of inundated lands in the Dismal Swamp district was considerable greater than it is at the present time. If we include in the swamp lands in this part of Virginia and North Carolina fields which have been won to the plow by ditching, the original area of the morass was perhaps one-third greater than at the present time. Near its northern, eastern, and southern boundaries, the wetter parts of the swamp passed outwardly into fields where the inundations were less considerable, and in consequence the surface less incumbered by peaty matter. It appears tolerably evident that when the subjugation of the land began the swamp was extending its margins, taking possession of the lower land, the swales between the billowy



SOUTHERN MARGIN OF DISMAL SWAMP.

forest fire could burn over an area as large as is occupied by this lake, or that the conflagation could so completely have removed the whole deposit of peaty matter. Moreover, even in the dryest season, it appears to be only the peripheral portions of the swamp which become sufficiently desiccated to burn to any depth, this central portion remaining wet at any depth beneath the surface even in the periods of greatest droughts.

If Lake Drummond were an unparalled feature in our swamp areas it might be reasonable to explain its origin by the hypothesis of an extensive forest fire in a period of great drought, but there are numerous instances in which similar lakes occur in the central portion of our greater swamp areas. I have been therefore led to the conclusion that this central lake of the Dismal Swamp was formed in the following

Fig. 29 —View showing aspect of swamp where timber is relatively dense.

way, viz: The gently sloping platform on which the Dismal Swamp rests evidently emerged from the sea in a somewhat rapid manner; the absence of any marine bench on its surface appears to be conclusive evidence of this. At first we may assume that the sterile character of the soil would have prevented the simultaneous growth of forest trees and other plants of a higher order over the greater part of the plain. The growth of such plants would naturally have begun on

DISMAL SWAMP ONE-HALF MILE EAST OF LAKE DRUMMOND.

EASTERN SHORE OF LAKE DRUMMOND.

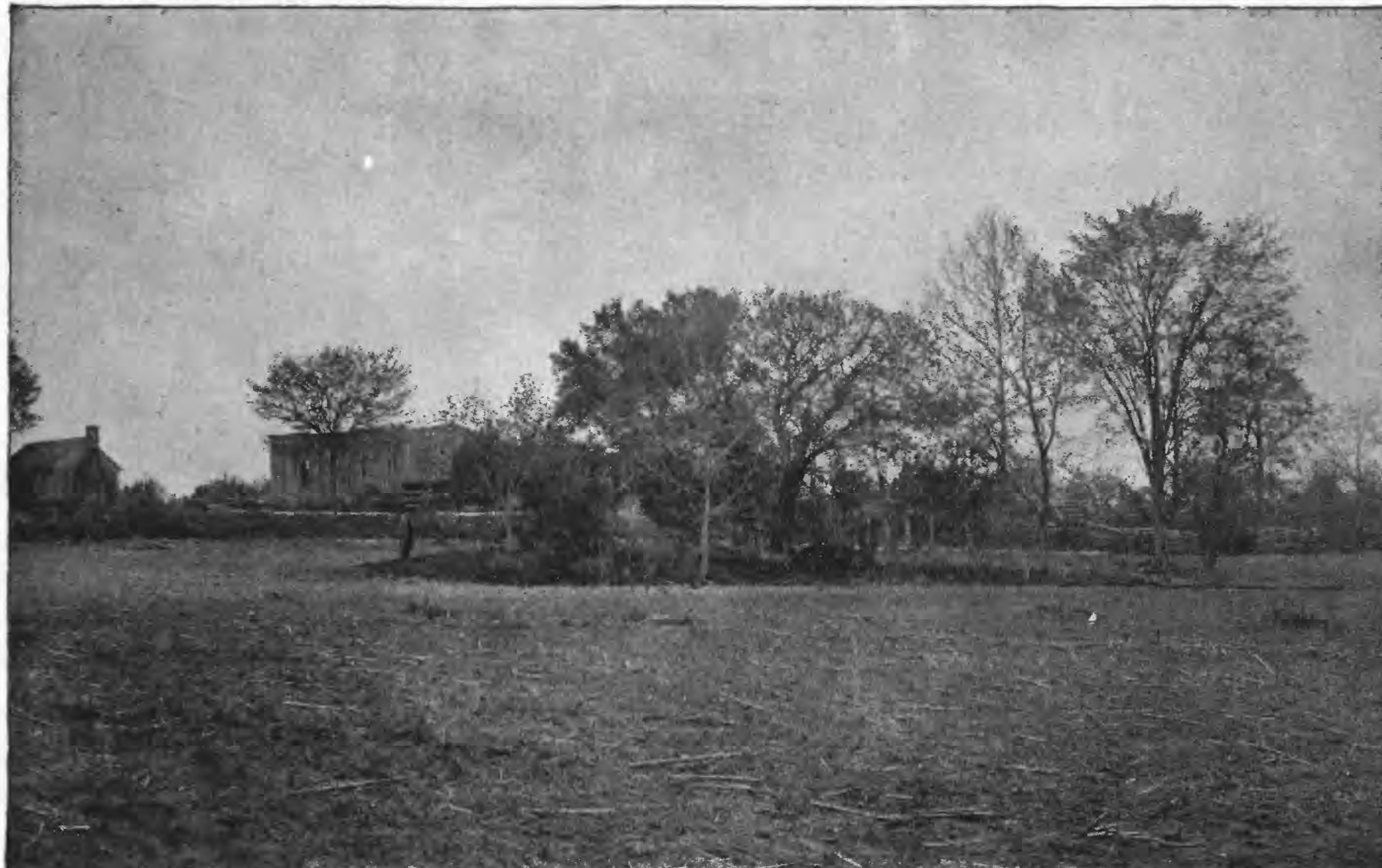
The peculiar tolerance of these two species to water about their bases—a feature which is somewhat sharply contrasted with the other forest trees of this country—is probably to be explained by the fact that in both forms we have provisions by which the roots are enabled to have access to air, and thus secure the aeration required by the processes which take place in their underground branches. The knees of the cypress have long been a subject of discussion on the part of botanists, and various conjectures concerning the service which they perform have been made. A study of the region in the Mississippi Valley which subsided during the earthquake of 1811, showed me very clearly that wherever by such accidents the vascular summits of these projections were brought below the level of the summer waters, the trees inevitably died. In other

Fig. 30.—Tributary swamp, a mile east of Corapeake, N. C.

cases, where by artifical dams the surface of the water had been raised in a swamp area, I found that the trees, the summits of which were suffused by the water in the summer season, were quickly killed, while others continued to live. The general results of some of these observations I have already embodied in a memoir.[1] Subsequent studies on the bald cypress in Florida, Louisiana, and elsewhere have served to confirm this conclusion.

[1] Memoirs of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard College, vol. 16, No. 1.

WESTERN SHORE OF LAKE DRUMMOND.



NANSEMOND SEA BENCH, TWO MILES SOUTH OF SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA.

NANSEMOND SEA BENCH, EAST CORAPEAKE, NORTH CAROLINA.

USUAL ASPECT OF MARINE BENCH ON WESTERN BORDER OF DISMAL SWAMP.

The next event in the physical history of the continent consisted in a resubsidence of the land, which appears to me to have brought the Pliocene bench again below the level of the sea, probably reducing the land to a still lower level than that which it occupied in the Pliocene time. The evidence of this movement is not very distinct. It consists of sand lying on top of the eroded Pliocene beds, in the manner indicated in the diagrams, Figs. 27 and 36.

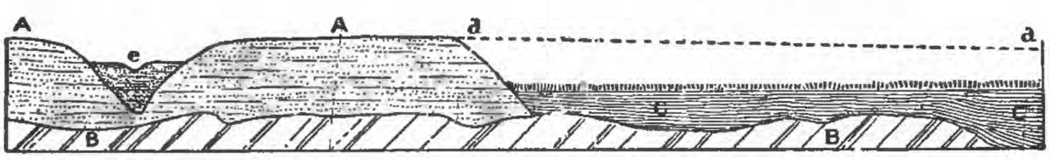


Fig. 36.—Diagram showing general relations of Nansemond escarpment. *AA*, Nansemond terrace on which the escarpment is carved, now deeply incised by streams; *BB*. pliocene strata, also showing subaerial erosion; *CC*, deposits of Dismal Swamp formed of waste from beds of *A*; *dd*, section of Nansemond terrace removed in formation of escarpment; *e*, partly filled stream bed.

These upper sands are unfossiliferous. They appear to have been derived from the erosion of Pliocene beds. This subsidence was probably not long continued, for the reason that the sands above the level of the Pliocene are not very thick and are very uniformly distributed, permitting the lower lying beds to protrude in such a manner that they frequently occupy a considerable part of the surface. Following this subsidence came another elevation which led to the formation of a new topography in the minor streams, but probably to no great change in the main channels, such as the James River or Albermarle Sound. This second elevation appears also to have carried the surface above its present level, leading to the creation of relatively deep valleys now occupied by the minor streams such as drain through the Nansemond escarpment into the Dismal Swamp. (Fig. 37.)

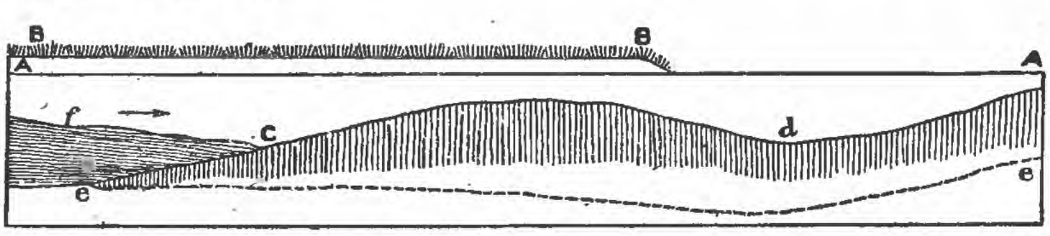


Fig. 37.—Diagrammatic section showing evidence that rivers and bays extending from Dismal Swamp were excavated while surface was at a higher level. *AA*, level of high tide; *BB*, margin of swamp near Albemarle Sound at mouth of river; *CC*. present surface of bottom; *d*, deepest water of sound, tidal channel; *ee*, probable bottom of channel during last uplift; *f*, peaty silt derived from swamp.

The next conspicuous event in the series of changes was a rise in the level of the sea against the shore while the Nansemond bench was being constructed and the material excavated from the scarf distributed over the neighboring sea floor. The length of the time during which the sea lay against the Nansemond escarpment must have been prolonged, for the scarf is extensive and the material derived from it has been removed to considerable distances. The extent to which the sea coast worked inland while this scarf was forming can not as yet be determined, but the recession of the shore probably amounted to several miles.

It appears to me necessary to suppose a reelevation of the land to a position above its present level, during which the tide-water rivers, which project from the Albemarle Sound into the plain region occupied by the Dismal Swamp, attained the relatively great depth of channel which now characterises them. I can not conceive that these channels were formed previously to the construction of the Nansemond bench, and that they retained their depth and peculiar shape while the work of cutting that scarf was going on. (See Fig. 37.) The material eroded from it would inevitably have filled those channels, which are not at present the seats of strong currents, and therefore could not have been excavated by causes now in action.

Finally, we have the last change which brought the sea to its existing relation to the shore. At present the evidence—not yet of an accurately determined nature—points to the conclusion that the coast line is in the process of subsidence. I am assured by my assistant, Mr. Collier Cobb, that near Washington, N. C., on Pamlico Sound, the crowns of forest trees standing, in their natural position, appear at remarkably low tides some four feet below high water. Various reports of an unauthenticated nature have come to me of similar evidence along the shores of Albemarle Sound.

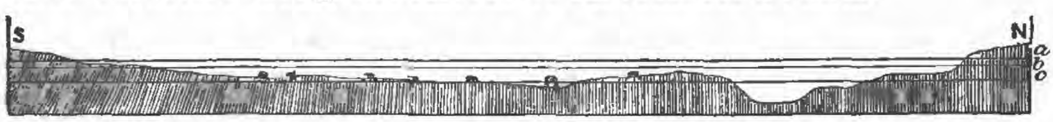


FIG. 38.—Section across Pamlico River at Washington, N. C., showing submerged stumps of Taxodium. *a*, high water mark; *b*, mean sea level; *c*, level of water during northwest gale.

It appears to me probable that the following named movements have taken place:

1. A subsidence which led to the formation of the Pliocene plateau.

2. An elevation which permitted the carving of that plateau.

3. A subsidence of the surface which deposited the non-fossiliferous sands on the eroded Pliocene surface.

4. An elevation which permitted the carving of that surface in valleys which could not have been formed at the present height of the land above the sea.

5. A subsidence in which the Nansemond escarpment was formed.

6. A reelevation during which the valleys of the streams radiating from the swamp were excavated to the depth which they now have; and finally,

7. A sinking now in process of development, which has determined the present shore line.

It seems, at first sight, almost unreasonable to hypothecate these four cycles of elevation and subsidence during the relatively short

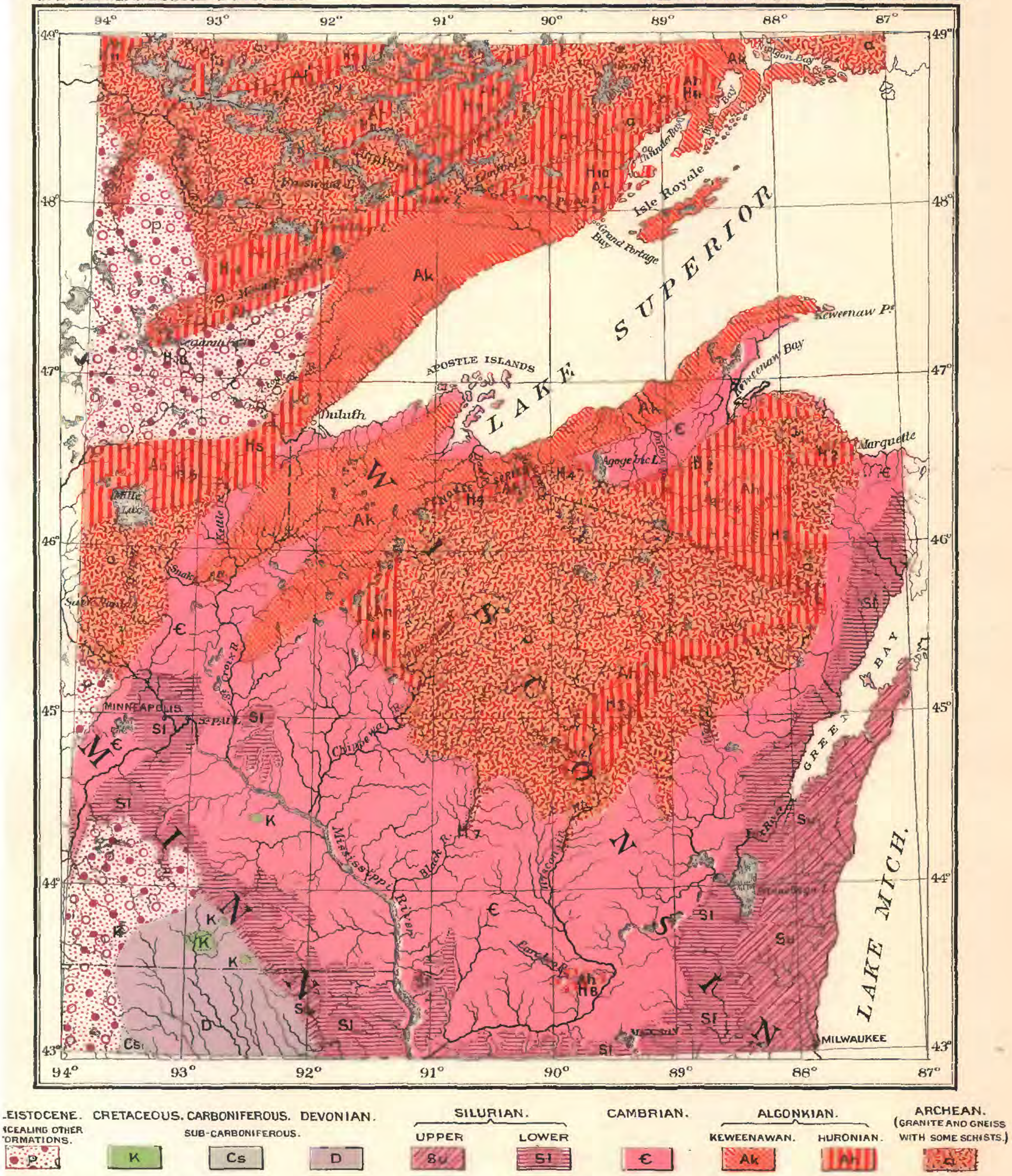
CHANNELS CONNECTING DISMAL SWAMP WITH TRIBUTARY MORASSES ON THE WEST.

THINLY TIMBERED PORTION OF MAIN SWAMP AREA.

VIEW ON JERICHO DITCH.

SUFFOLK END OF THE JERICHO DITCH.

RECLAIMED SWAMP LAND AT WALLACETON, VIRGINIA.



PRELIMINARY GEOLOGICAL MAP OF THE NORTHWEST.

Scale $\frac{1}{4,000,000}$

The most important fact developed by the study of the Southern Complex is the apparent gradations which are found between the massive rocks and the schistose ones. These gradations have already been alluded to. It will, then, only be necessary to remember here that the lines separating the granites and the gneissoid granites from the fine grained gneisses and schists are more or less arbitrary. In the field the massive granite, gneissoid granite, granitoid gneiss, coarse gneiss and fine-grained gneiss are sometimes found in order in passing from a granite into a schist area. This change has not been found in continuous exposure, but in detached ones. More frequently a different relation is found, the fine grained crystalline schists being cut by massive granites in such a manner as to leave no doubt of the eruptive nature of the latter (Fig. 39.) In passing from a schist to a granite area, there first appears cutting the schists rare, small veins and stringers of granite; then the granite is found in dike-like forms or in masses and bosses within the schist. Next the granite becomes predominant, and finally the schists altogether disappear as we get wholly within a granite or gneissoid granite area.[1]

FIG. 39.—Schist cut by massive granite, northwest quarter of Sec. 4, T. 46 N., R. 2 E., Wisconsin.

The old interpretation placed on such apparent transitions from finely schistose to massive rocks has been that metamorphic agencies have transformed the crystalline schists into the massive granites. Extreme metamorphism of fragmental rocks is known to produce completely crystalline schists. Metamorphism in massive eruptive rocks also often produces crystalline schists. The forces of metamorphism are, then, known to produce foliated rocks, but have not been shown to form massive rocks unless actual fusion has occurred. It has been taken for granted that the strongly schistose, finely laminated phases of rocks must be of sedimentary origin. This being the case, their gradation into massive rocks was taken as proof

[1] These relations are similar to those described by Mr. Andrew C. Lawson of the Canadian Geological Survey as occurring between the Keewatin and Coutchiching Series and the associated granites. (CC of annual report of the Geological and Natural History Survey of Canada for 1885, Alfred R. C. Selwyn, director; also a paper read before the Geological Congress at London, 1888.) In the latter paper Mr. Lawson maintains that the granite which is associated with and cuts the schist has been produced by the fusion of the schists, thus changing them to true igneous rocks. In this discussion he assumes that all the schists and gneisses are of sedimentary origin. So far as I can make out, he does not verify this position.

and feldspathic quartz slates just described, the latter rocks being in fact no whit less fragmental in texture than the sandstones themselves.

The *novaculite*, or whetstone-like phase (Pl. XXVI, fig. 2) of the quartz slate member, occurs here and there in thin seams in the eastern half of the belt. It is nothing more than a very fine and even grained variety of the feldspathic quartz slates.

The *argillaceous slates* occur in a number of places, but nearly always in thin seams interstratified with the coarser varieties into which they grade. These rocks differ from the feldspathic quartz slates in having the coarser fragmental portion almost or quite wanting; that is to say, they are of the same nature as the matrix of those rocks.

As a rule the contact of the quartz slate formation with the more southerly rocks is concealed. At several points, however, it may be

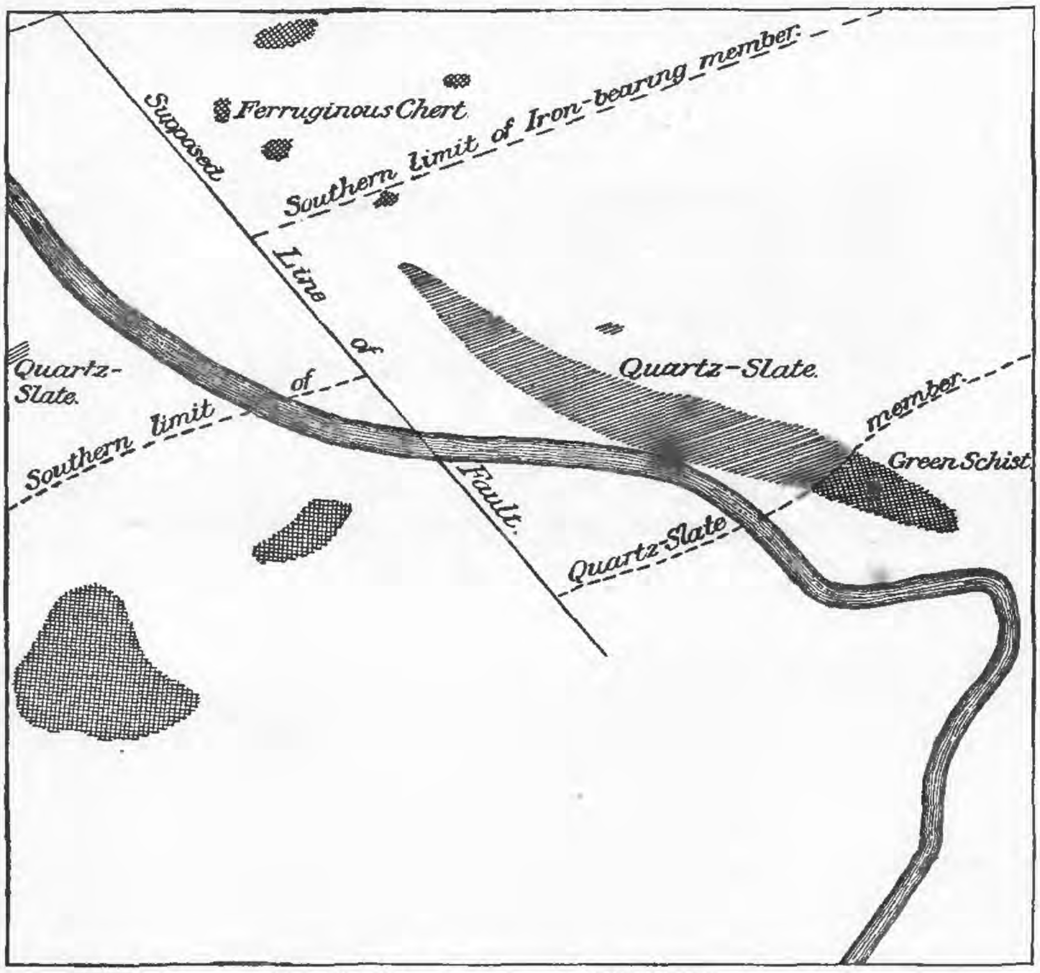


FIG. 40.—Map of exposures at Potato River.

seen either in contact with or very close to exposures of the white chert or limestone of the underlying formation, and in other places again with the granite, gneiss, or schists of the Southern Complex. At the contacts with the white chert, it has already been intimated that in the lower layers of the quartz slate formation are found numerous fragments of the chert which immediately underlies it;

while at the same time the chert layers themselves begin to have mingled in them as they approach the overlying rocks a small proportion of fragmental material (Pl. XXV, figs. 1 and 2). These occurrences are taken to indicate an intermingling of the two processes of deposition. The chert fragments generally occur in thin bands interstratified with nonconglomeratic slate, or in the form of a conglomerate at the base of the member. In passing from the contact toward the north, the chert fragments become very soon of smaller size, although pieces of the chert are occasionally microscopically recognizable even in the higher horizons of the formation. In the southwest quarter, Sec. 17, T. 47 N., R. 44 W., Michigan, the passage from the cherty limestone to the quartz slate member is of a peculiar character. A thickness of several feet of limestone is interleaved with the slate—an occurrence which must indicate an alternation of the two methods of deposition at the transition horizon.

At the Potato and West Branch of the Montreal Rivers the Quartz Slate Member is seen in contact with greenish schists on the south.

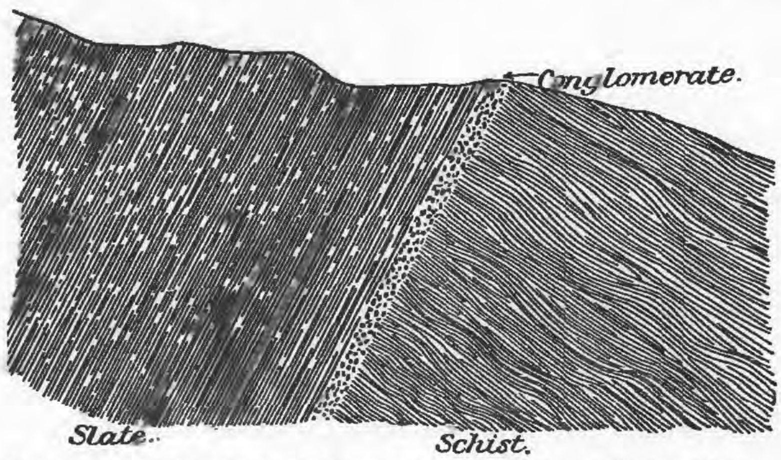


FIG. 41.—Junction of quartz slate and green schists at Potato River.

The Potato River junction is illustrated by Fig. 40, which shows the position of the various exposures. The river here has a bold bank some seventy-five feet in height, along the face of which the contact between the slate and the underlying schists is finely exposed. The best view of the contact is that obtained at the foot of the bank where there is a perpendicular cliff of bare rock. The details of the junction shown on this cliff are represented in Figs. 41 and 42. The more southerly rock is a greenish chloritic schist, with a fibrous or parallel structure in a direction almost exactly at right angles to the junction line. The thin sections show that this rock was probably once some sort of a porphyritic eruptive. Whatever its original nature, however, it has certainly been most intensely altered, the minerals having been rearranged into new combinations and a parallel structure superinduced. Moreover, this alteration was all carried out previously to the deposition against it of the quartz slate, the lowest layers of which are crowded with fragments from the schist of all sizes from a fine detritus to blocks several feet in diameter. This exposure then shows one of the handsomest instances of unconformity that we have ever met with, the worn upper surface of the schist being traceable, and having fitted into it a finer detrital material belonging to the overlying fragmental slate. The accompanying sketches of this contact were drawn on the ground, and represent actual occurrences, the sizes of all of the larger fragments of the conglomerate band being drawn in Fig. 42 to scale, while the

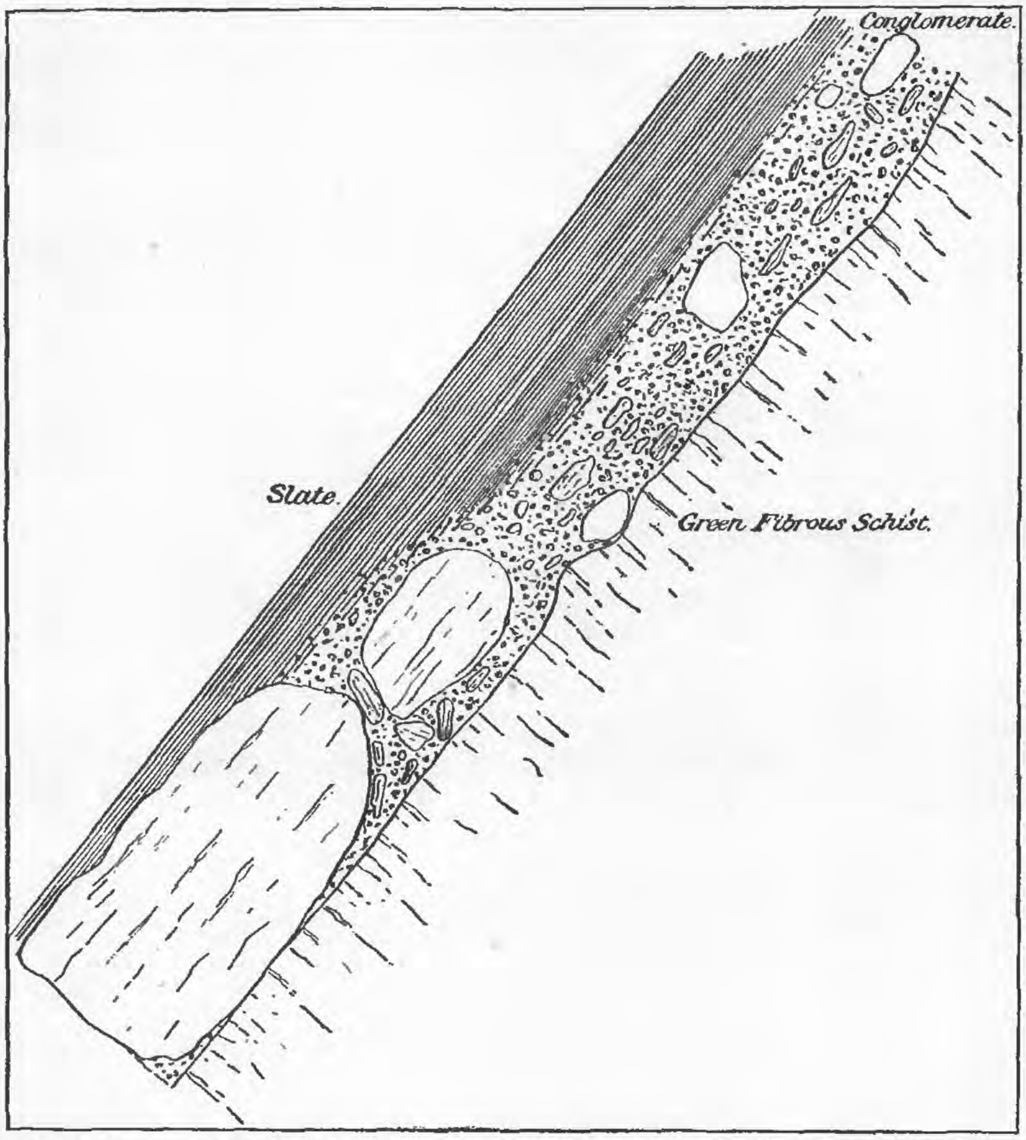


FIG. 42.—Large scale drawing of junction of quartz slate and green schists at Potato River.

structures of the underlying schists and overlying slates are exactly as represented. The junction at the West Branch of the Montreal is in all respects similar to that on the Potato, except that the exposure of the contact is much smaller and therefore less satisfactory. The similarity of the rocks at the two places is such as to render it extremely probable that the same contact extends for all the distance between the two streams.

At two localities in Secs. 23 and 24, T. 47 N., R. 43 W., Michigan, the rocks of the Southern Complex approach very close to those of the Penokee series and beautiful basal conglomerates are found in the latter. The underlying rock is here a coarse gneissoid granite. One phase of basal conglomerate, called a recomposed granite, in the field and hand specimen, so closely resembles the crystalline rocks of which it is the cemented debris that the two might readily be confused. When examined in thin section they are readily distinguished, the fragmental character of the one and the thoroughly crystalline character of the other being apparent. This recomposed rock varies into a coarse conglomerate containing, besides the numerous granite fragments, pebbles of white quartz and a green schist, and then upward into the ordinary slate and quartzite of the region. That the material of this fragmental rock is here derived from the underlying gneiss and gneissoid granite there can be absolutely no doubt, the major portion of the fragments being precisely like these rocks.

Near the center of Sec. 28, T. 47 N., R. 42 W., Michigan, the easternmost known exposures of the Penokee succession occur, and here is a beautiful instance of a basal conglomerate in direct contact with the underlying granite. The profile of the rock exposures here

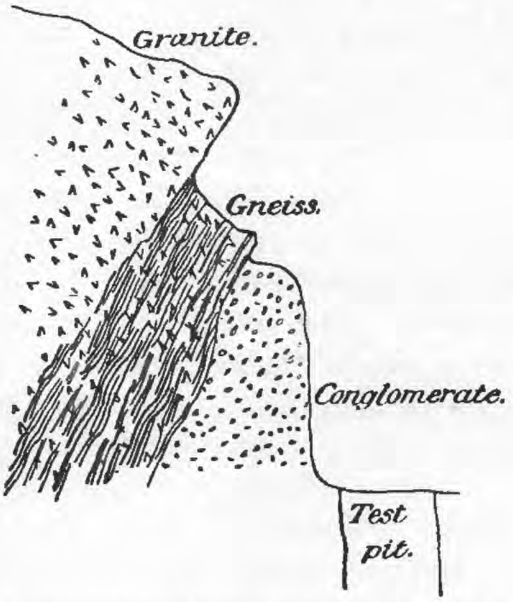


FIG. 43.—Basal conglomerate in contact with granite in Sec. 28, T. 47 N., R. 42 W., Michigan.

is shown by Fig. 43. The granite and gneissoid granite have evidently formed a cliff against which the basal conglomerate has been deposited. The contact between the gneiss and conglomerate strikes north thirty degrees west, and the gneiss dips back into the hill at an angle of seventy-five degrees, so that the contact between the two gives the gneiss an appearance of overhanging the conglomerate. If the strata were turned back to their original position, this would not be the case; we should have a conglomerate resting upon an ordinary slope. The hill faces north of east. The conglomerate upon the

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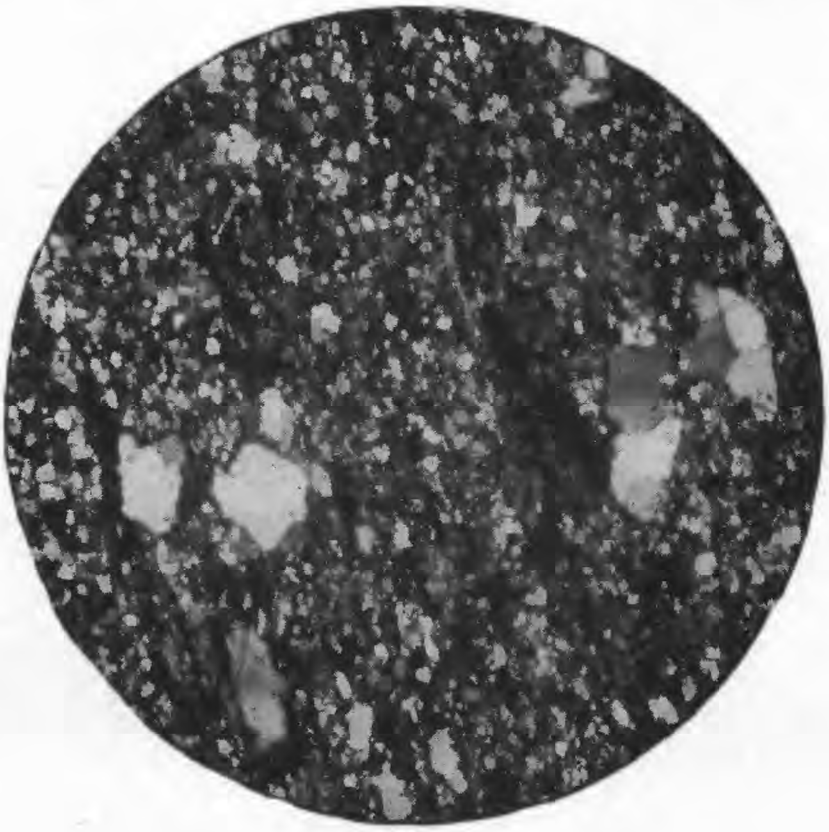

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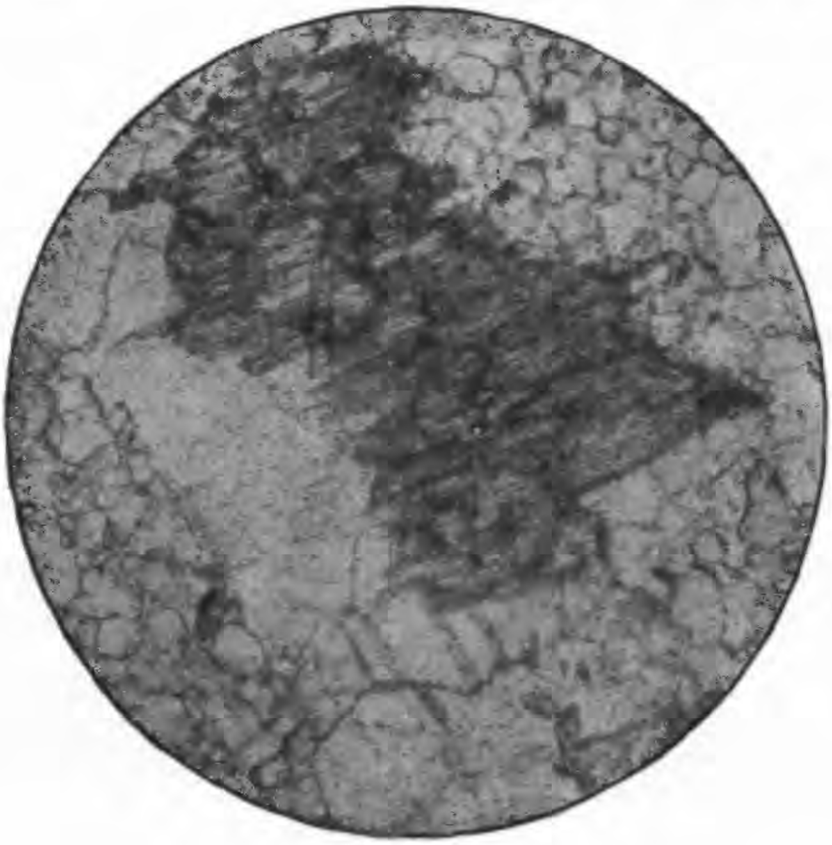

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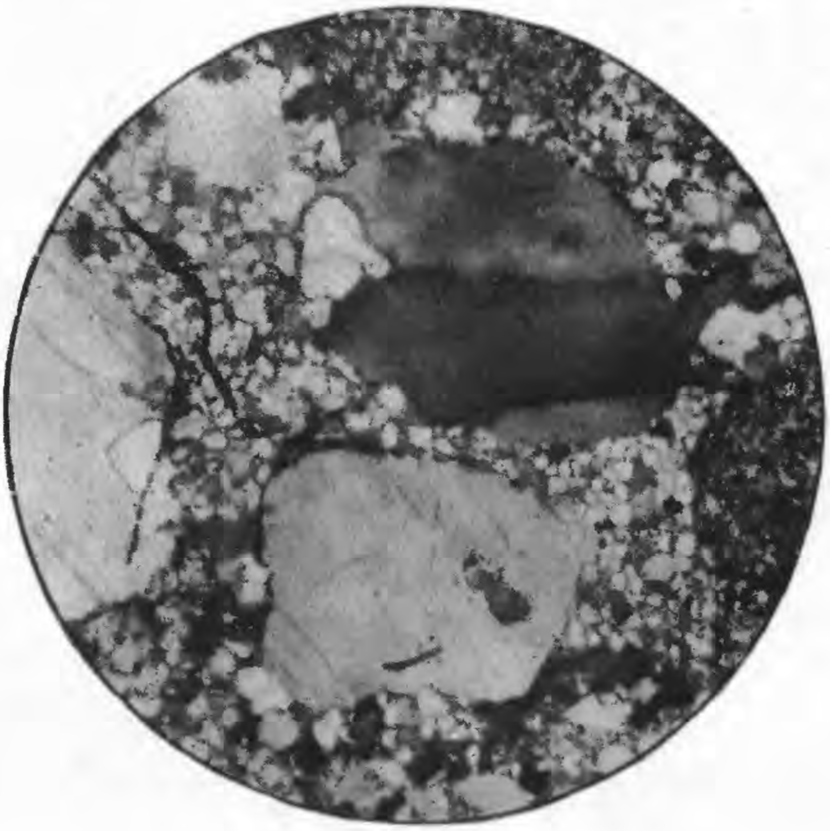

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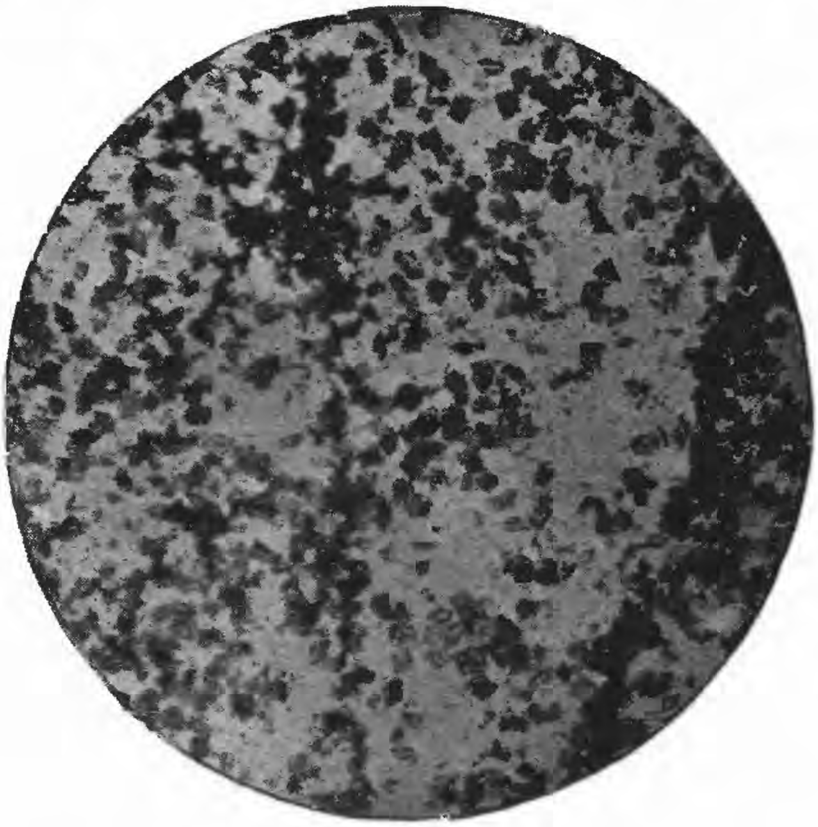

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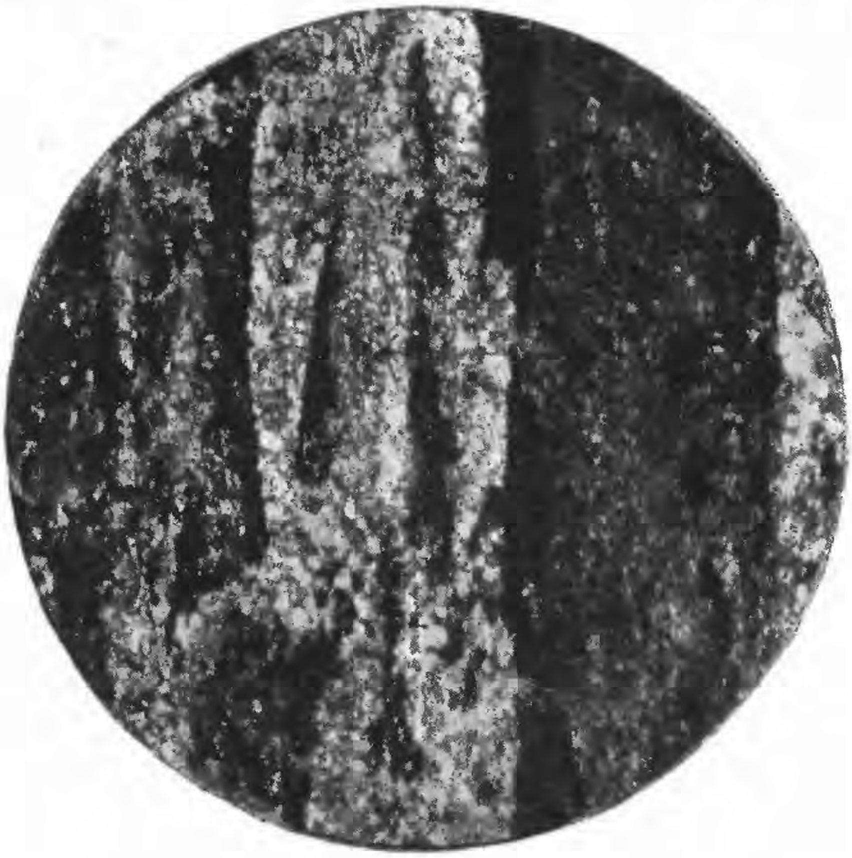

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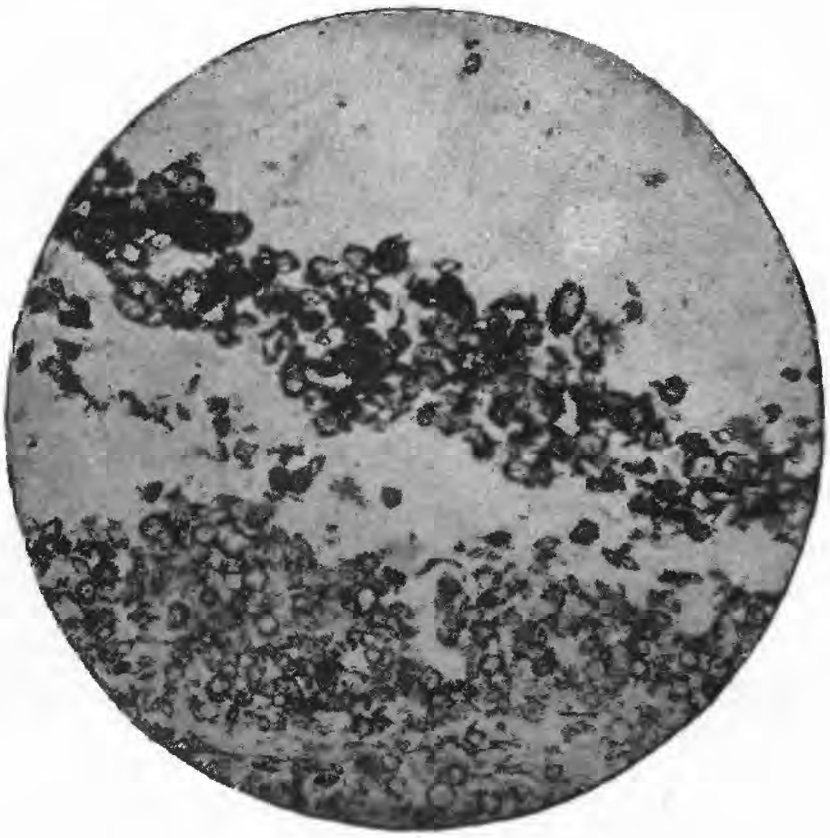

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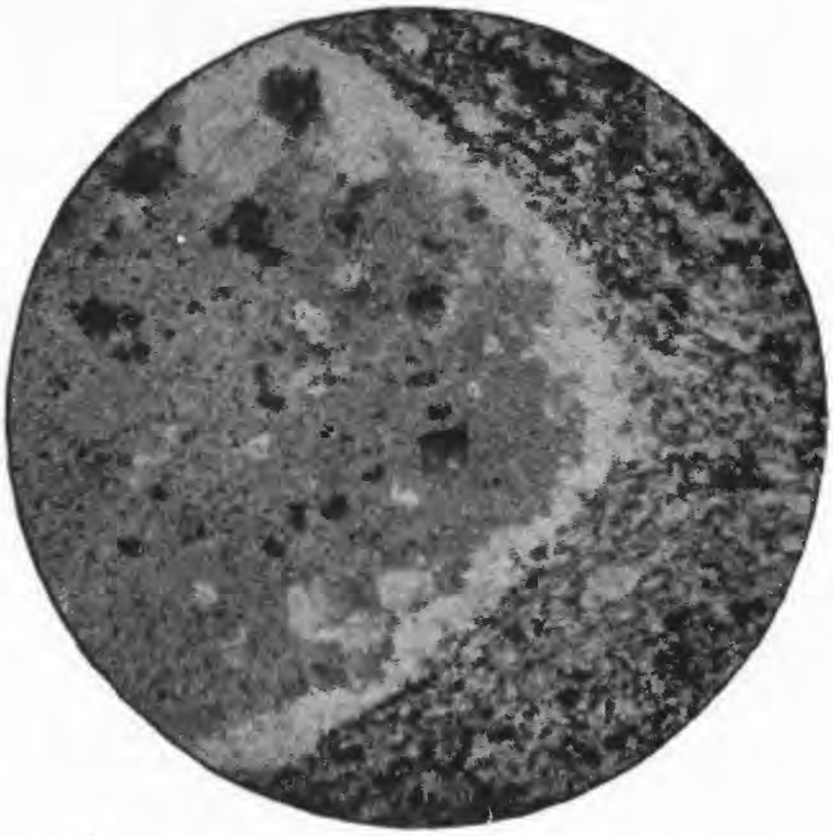

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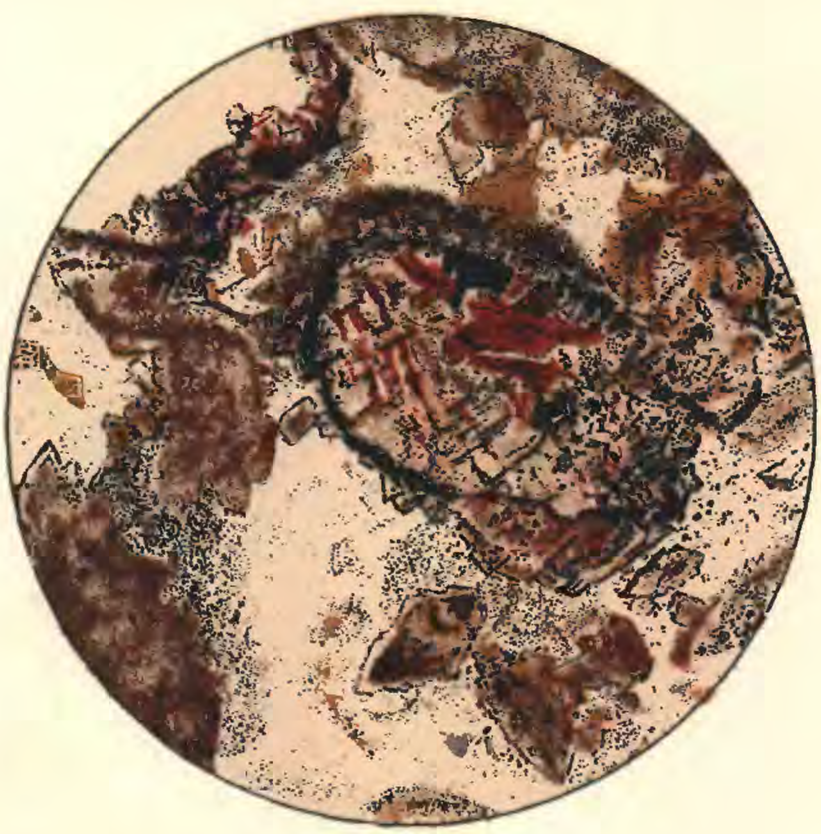

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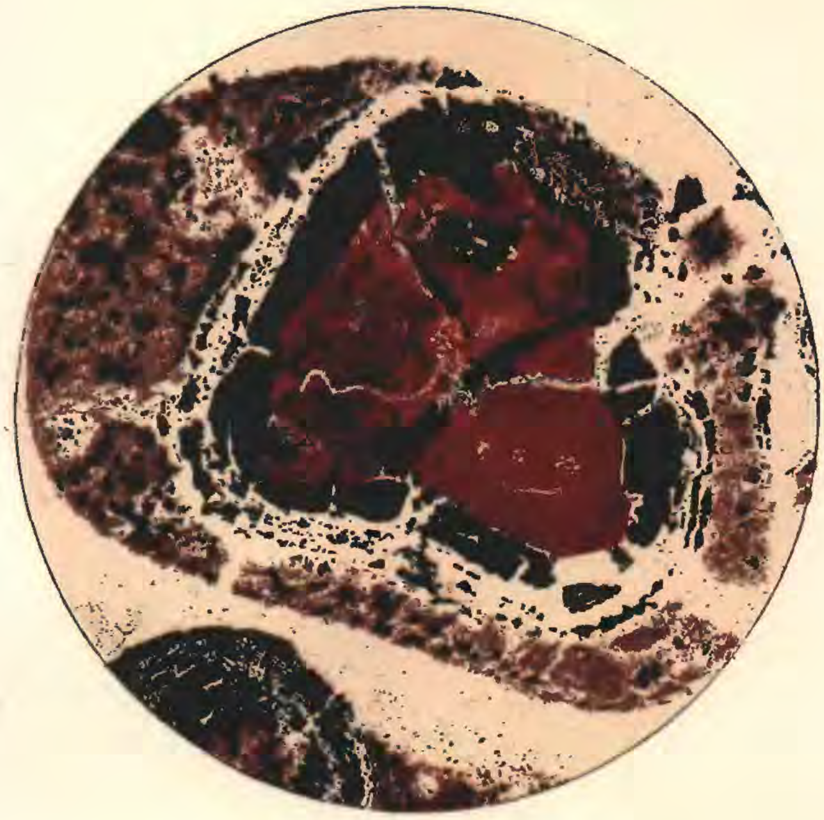

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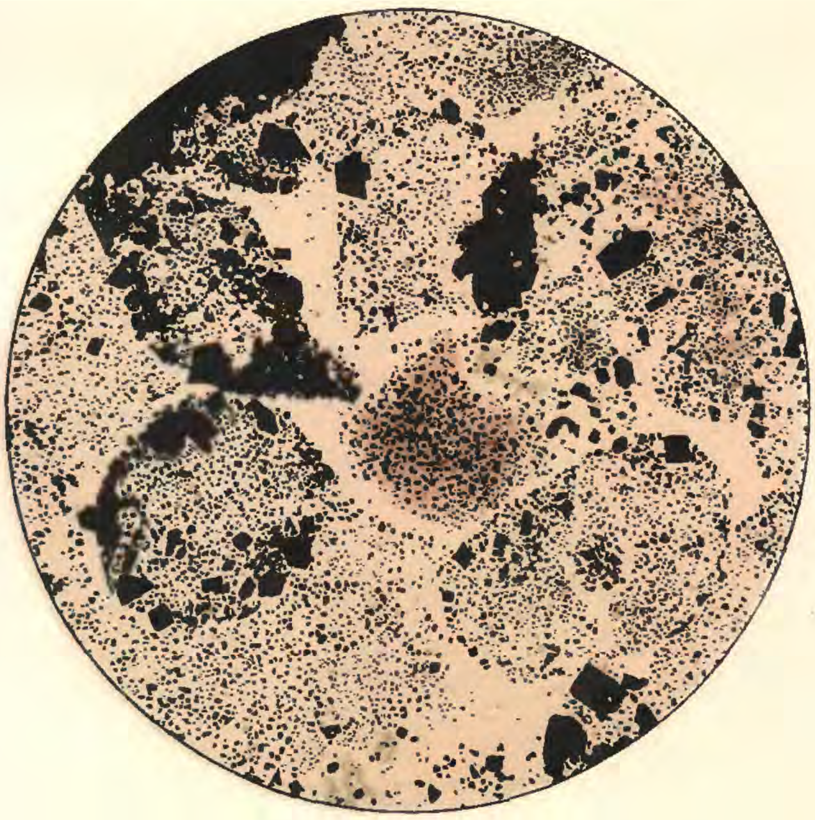

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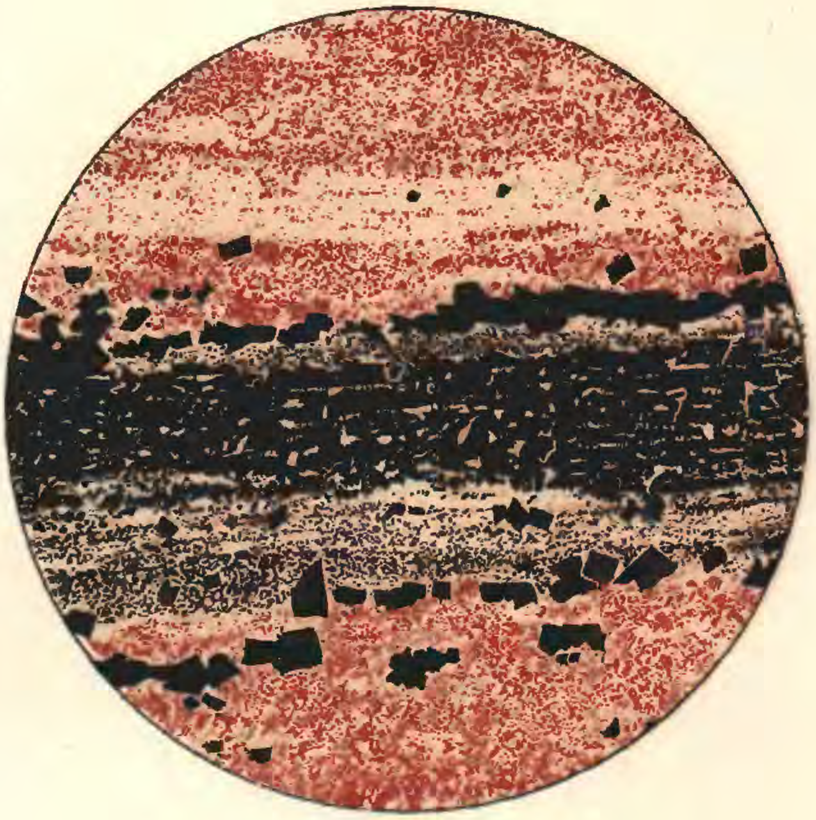

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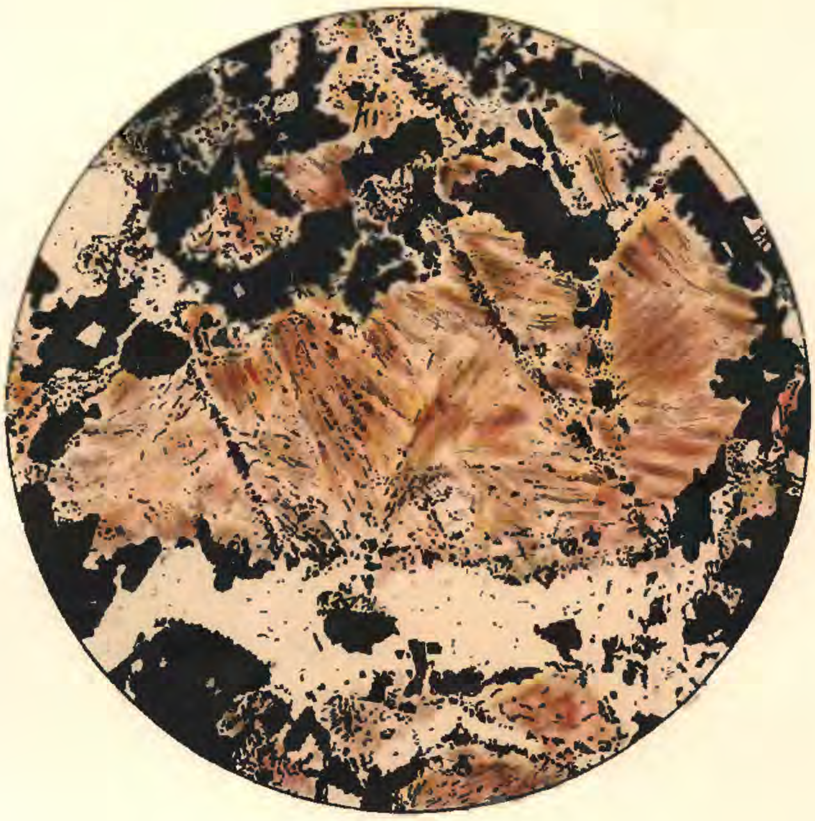

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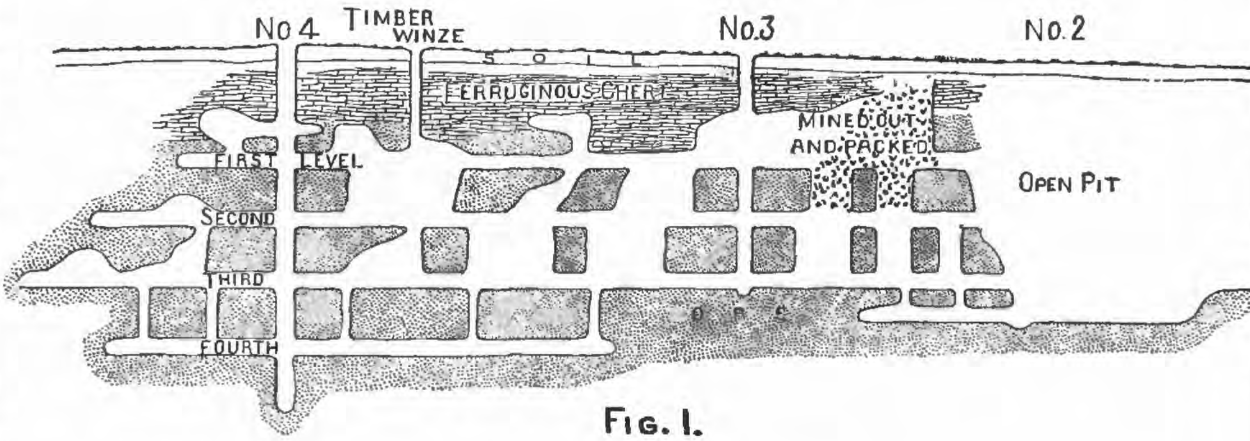

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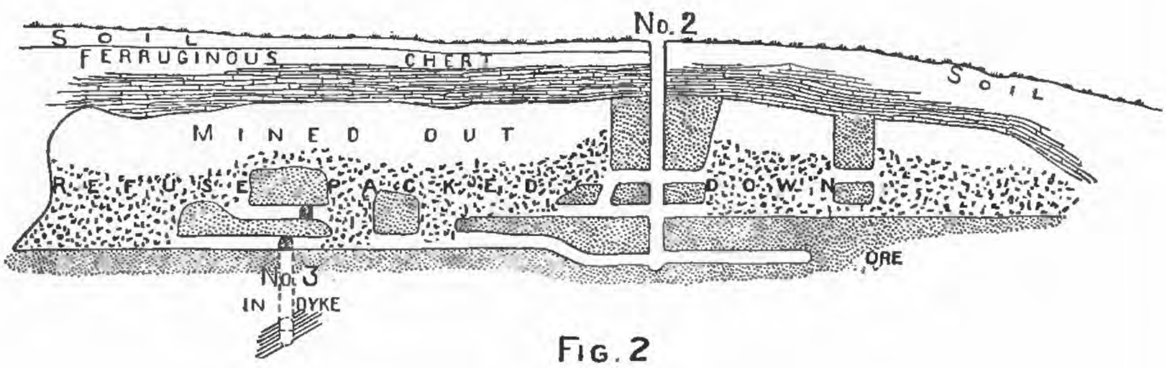

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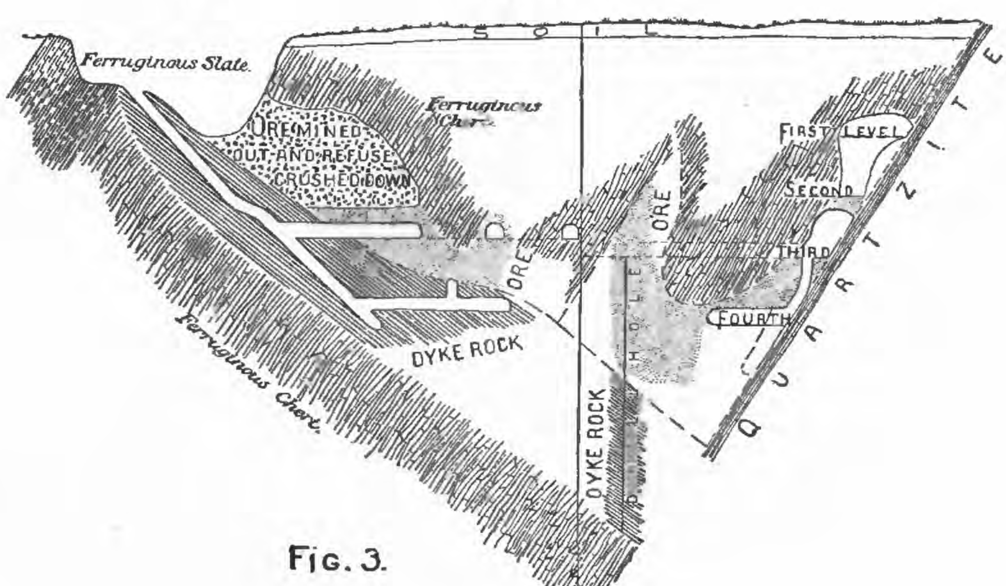

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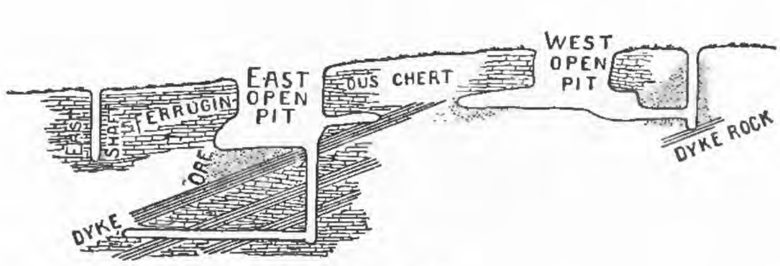

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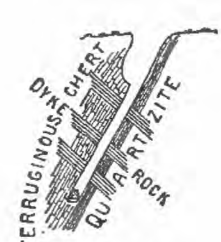

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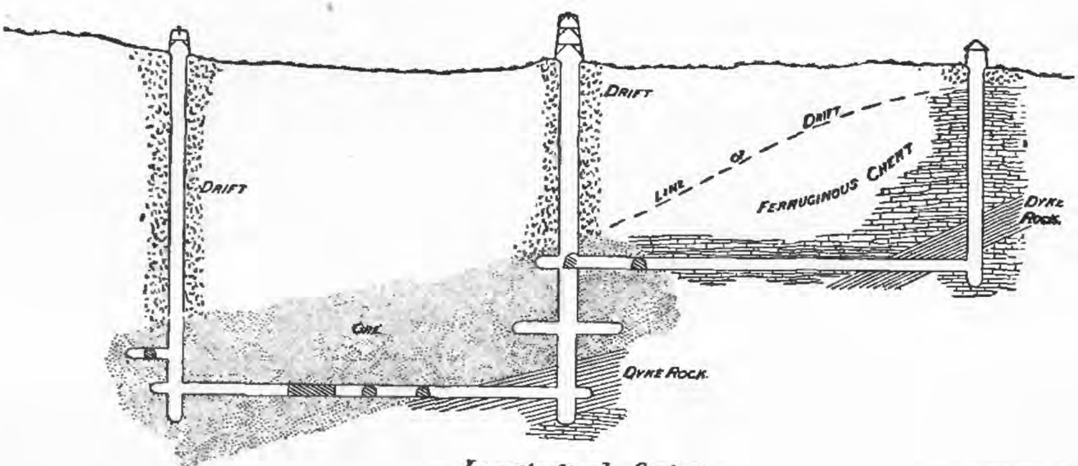

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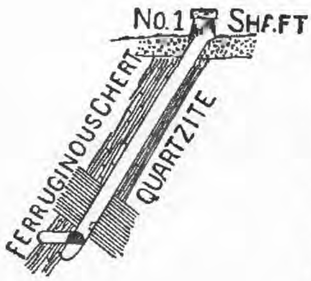

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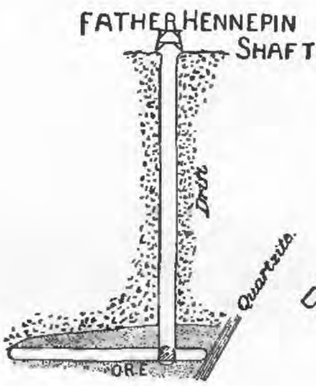

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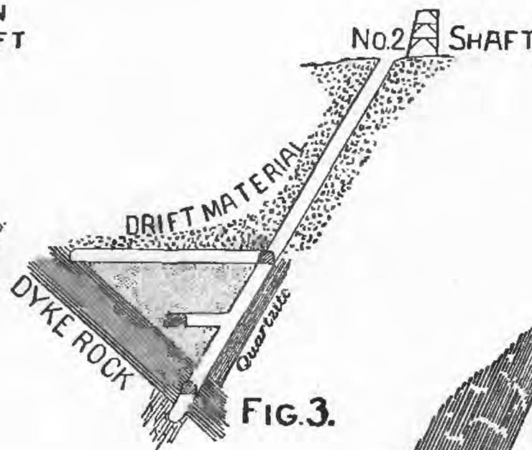

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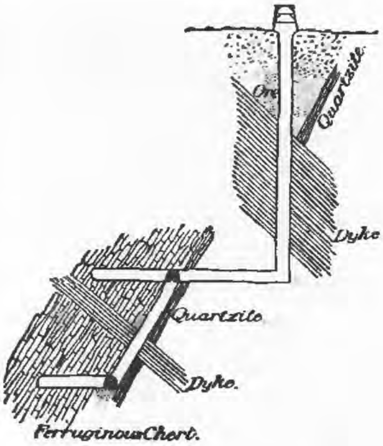

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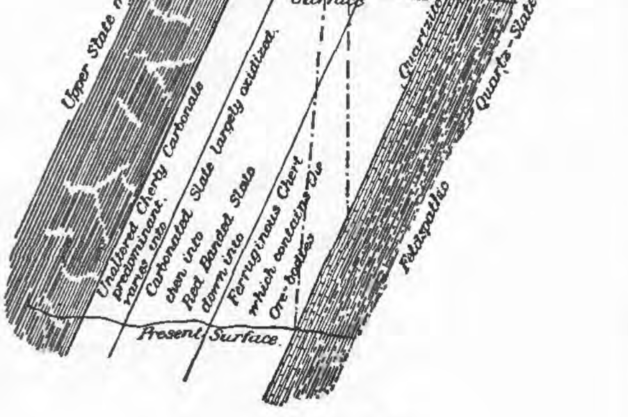

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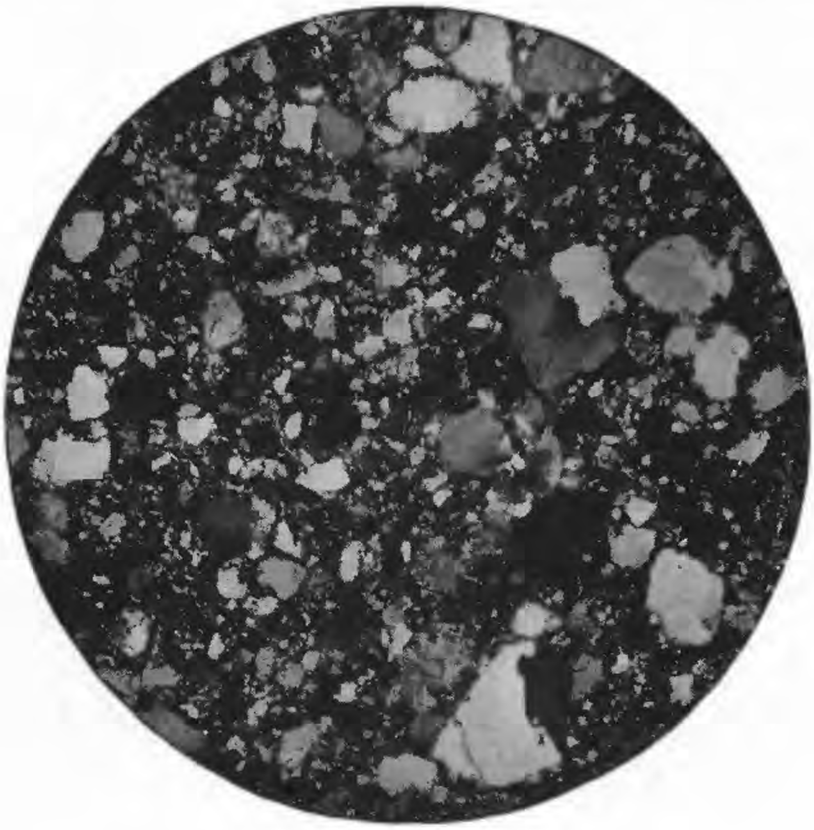

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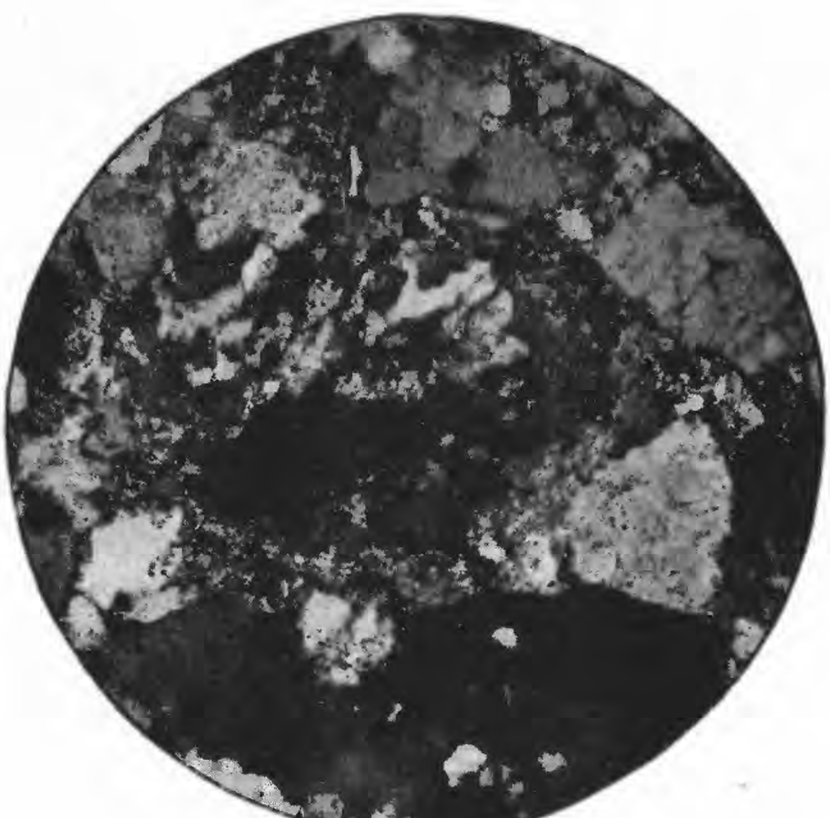

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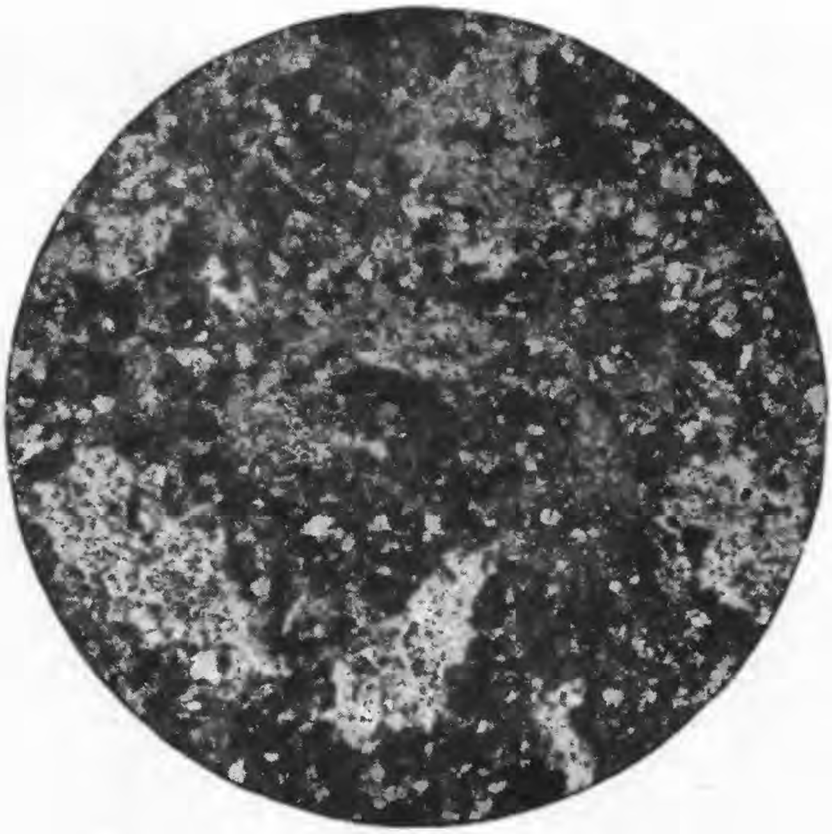

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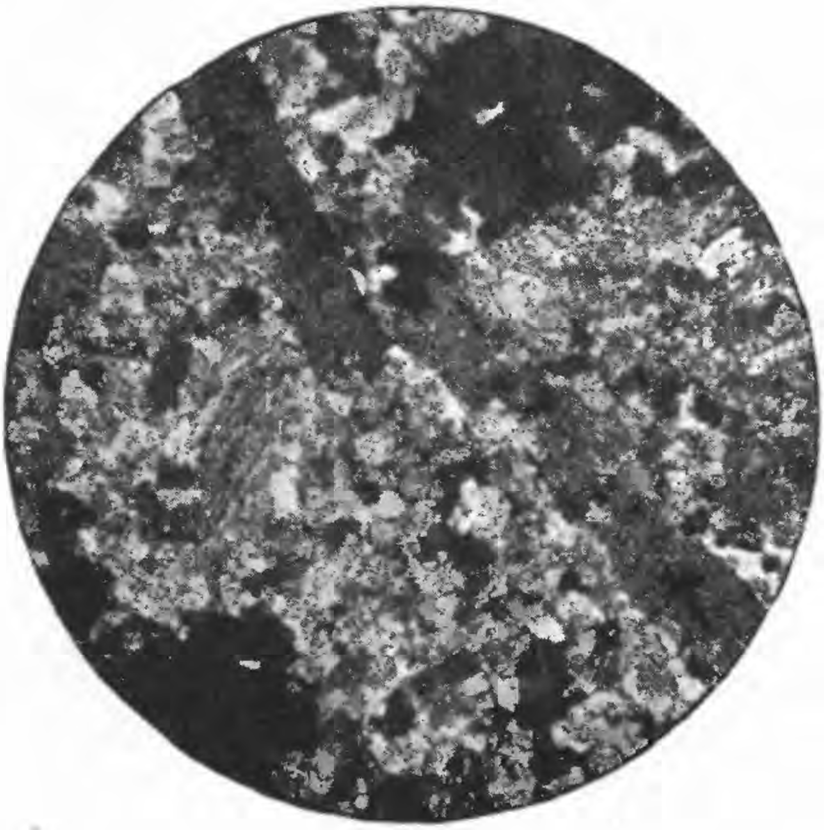

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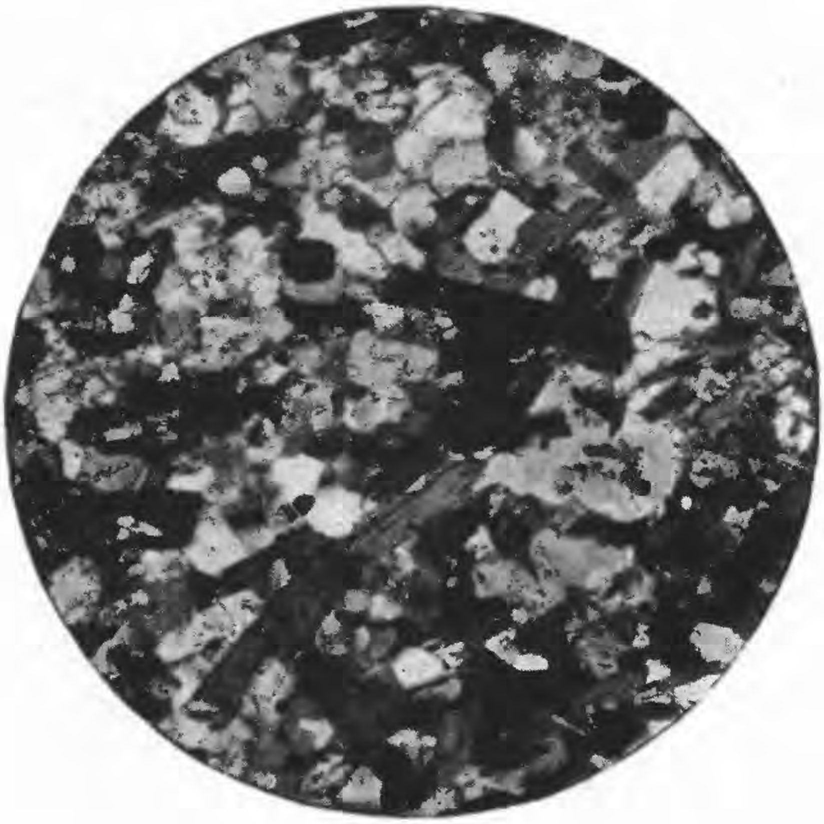

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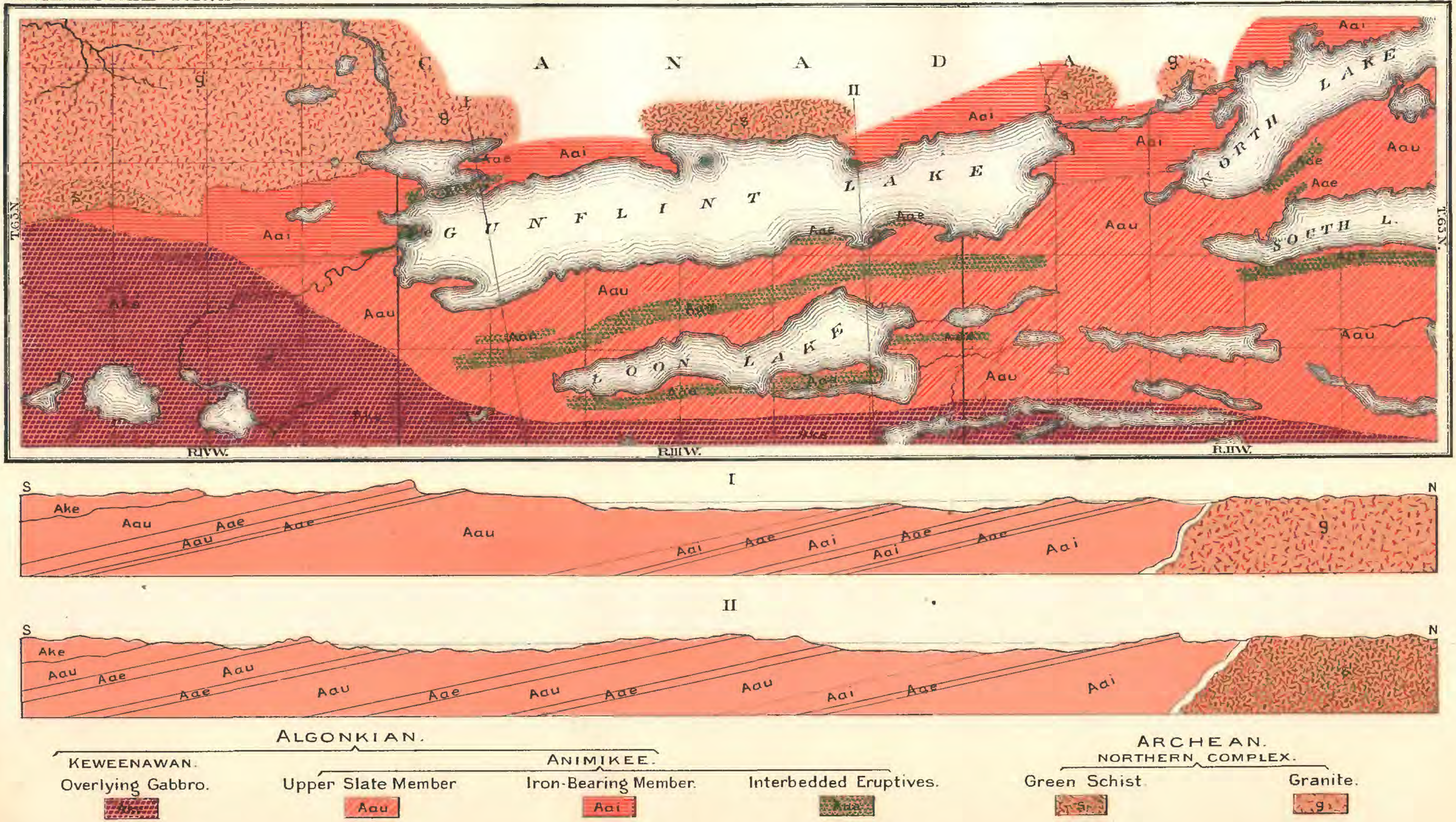

GEOLOGICAL MAP OF GUNFLINT LAKE AND VICINITY, MINN.

Scale of Map 1 inch = 7920 feet. Scale of Sections 2 inches = 1980 feet.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE CAMBRIAN STRATA AS SHOWN BY SURFACE OUTCROPS IN NORTH AMERICA

By C. D. Walcott

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The portion of the section crossing the outcrops of Cambrian rocks is of such historic interest that it is here reproduced.

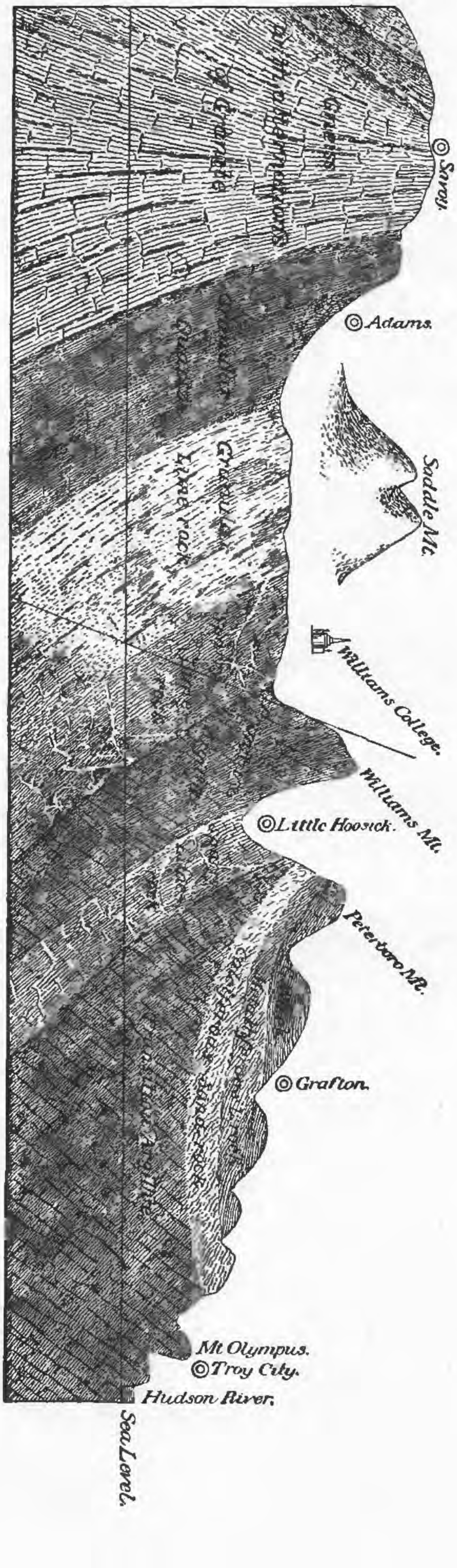


FIG. 44.—Section of strata from the Hoosac Mountains to the Hudson River; after Eaton.

As now known the Granular Quartz = Cambrian. The Granular lime rock = Trenton—Chazy—Calciferous limestone. The Primitive argillites of Williamstown Mountain = Hudson shales. The Transition argillite is nearly all Cambrian, with the exception of a small portion near the Hudson River. The Calciferous sand-rock belongs to the Transition argillite series. The Greywacke of Peterboro Mountain is of Upper Cambrian age, and the Metalliferous lime-rock is of Lower Ordovician age. The representation of the geographic distribution and stratigraphic position of the Calciferous sand-rock, Metalliferous lime rock and Greywacke is theoretical, with the exception of the presence of the Greywacke or Peterboro Mountain.

BASE OF THE OLENELLUS ZONE.

The base of the Olenellus zone is considered to be where the genus Olenellus, or the fauna usually accompanying it, first appears; beneath that horizon the strata are referred to some of the pre-Cambrian groups of rocks. In some cases the underlying rocks are in layers, conformably beneath the Cambrian, and no physical separation of the two groups is possible. In other instances the subjacent rocks are the remains of the old Archean continent, near the shores of which much of the life of this portion of the Cambrian period existed. To exhibit the actual relation of the strata of the Olenellus zone to the subjacent and superjacent rocks, figures of a few typical sections are introduced. The first is that crossing Prospect Peak in the Eureka district, Nevada.

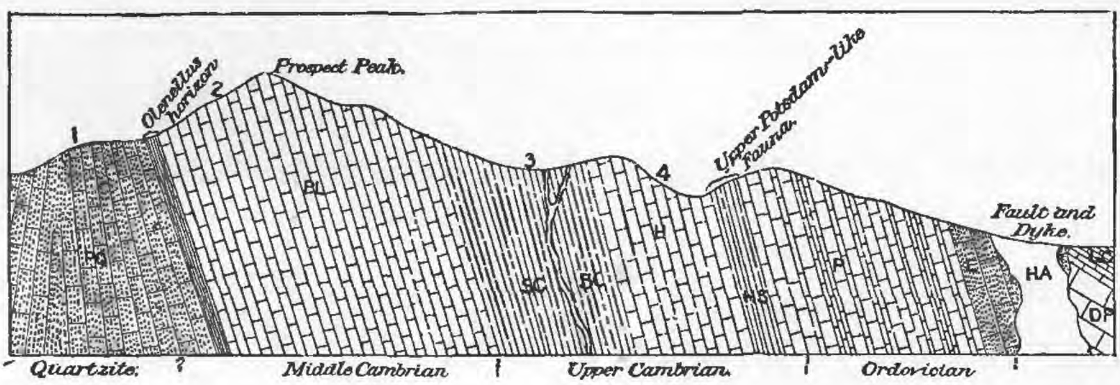


FIG. 45. Eureka section. This section includes the quartzite referred to the Algonkian on the west and conformably superjacent to it the Olenellus zone, above which the limestone of the Cambrian extends upward to the Ordovician.

The numbers on the upper line, and the letters on the section = 1&PQ, Prospect Mountain quartzite; 2&PL, Prospect limestone; 3&SC, Secret Cañon shale; 4&H, Hamburg limestone; HS, Hamburg shale; P, Pogonip limestone; E, Eureka quartzite. At this point the section is broken by massive dikes of hornblende andesite

Eureka section of Nevada.—In this section (Fig. 45) the Olenellus zone occupies a narrow belt of sandy shale and limestone that rests conformably upon a quartzite that exceeds 1,500 feet in thickness. This same quartzite occurs beneath the Olenellus zone in other sections in Nevada, and has a thickness of more than 10,000 feet in some instances. Above the Olenellus zone the limestones contain a fauna that may be referred to the Middle Cambrian, and still higher the Upper Cambrian fauna is largely developed. The layers of rock are now upturned at an angle of 70°, but as originally deposited they were level, or nearly so.

Wasatch section of Utah.—The second section is that of the Wasatch Mountain uplift in Utah (Fig. 46). The Olenellus zone occupies a thin belt of arenaceous strata just beneath the Middle Cambrian zone much as in the Eureka section (Fig. 45). Beneath it there are over 11,000 feet of strata that are referred to the Algonkian period, as no fossils have been found in them. The Upper Cambrian is absent either by nondeposition, or if deposited, the rocks have been removed by subsequent erosion. At present the basal line of the Cambrian in Utah and Nevada is drawn at the bottom of the band

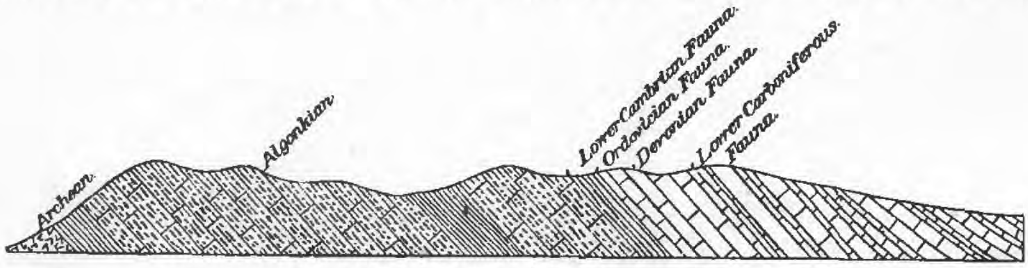


Fig. 46. Wasatch section. This crosses the Wasatch Mountains a little south of Big Cottonwood Cañon. The strata from the Archean to the band of shale carrying the Lower Cambrian fauna is referred to the Algonkian. The strata of the Olenelius zone rest conformably upon the Algonkian rocks, and are conformably subjacent to the strata containing the Middle Cambrian fauna which, in turn, are conformably subjacent to the strata containing the Ordovician fauna.

of arenaceous shales carrying the Olenellus fauna. This refers the quartzites and siliceous shales of the Wasatch and similar sections, including that of the Eureka district and Highland range of Nevada. to the Algonkian system.

Mt. Stephen section of British Columbia.—A somewhat similar section to that in the Eureka district is described by Mr. R. G. McConnell as occurring in British Columbia.[1] It crosses Cathedral Mountain and Mt. Stephen on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains near the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. In this section (Fig. 47) the Olenellus fauna occurs in the lower portion of the Castle Mountain limestone (A) and the Middle Cambrian fauna 2,000 feet above, and still higher in the series (B) the Lower Ordovician

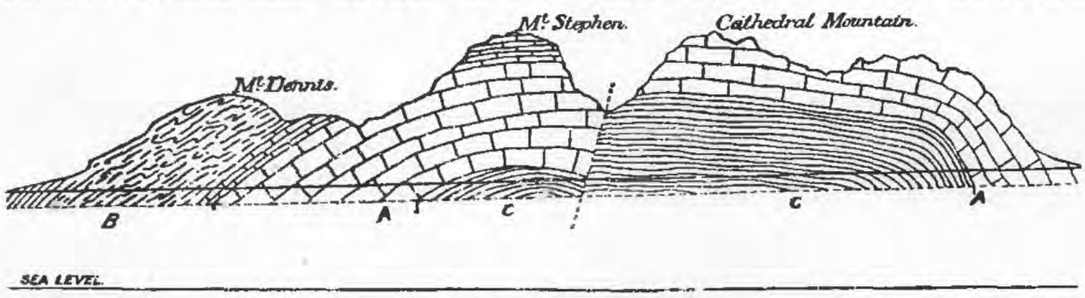


Fig. 47. Section of Cathedral Mountain and Mt. Stephens, showing (C) strata referred to the Bow River series, which are in an equivalent stratigraphic position to the Algonkian rocks of the Wasatch section. The Castle Mountain limestone (A) contains the Olenelius fauna near its base. The Middle Cambrian fauna occurs in the lower portion of the Calcareous shale (B).

fauna. The strata (C) are described by Mr. McConnell as a great series of dark colored argillites associated with some sandstones, quartzites, and conglomerates. The portion exposed has an estimated thickness of over 10,000 feet, and it corresponds in stratigraphic position and character to the pre-Olenellus strata of the Wasatch section. (See Fig. 46.)

Grand Cañon section of Arizona.—The section (Fig. 48) laid bare in the Grand Cañon of the Colorado, beneath the great unconform-

[1] Report on the Geological Structure of a portion of the Rocky Mountains. Geol. and Nat. Hist. Sur. Canada, n. ser., vol. ii for 1886, 1887, pp. 28–30 D, with section.

ity at the base of the known Cambrian, shows 12,000 feet of unaltered sandstone, shales, and limestones, that, I think, were deposited in pre-Cambrian time and should be referred to the Algonkian.

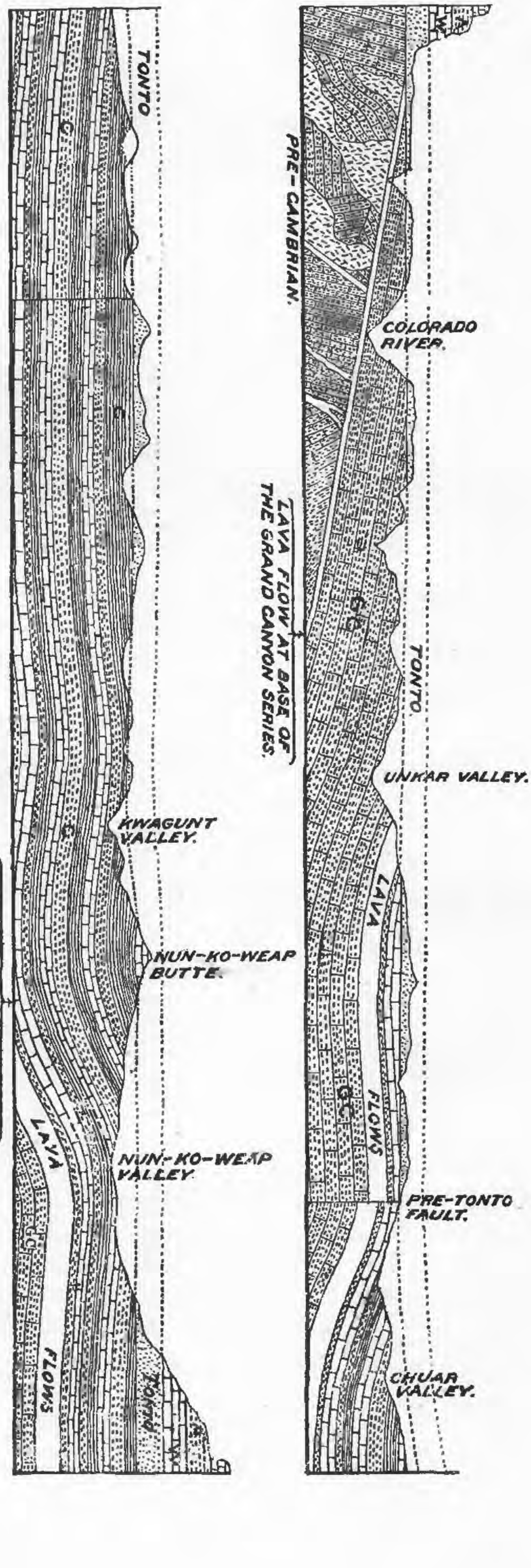


FIG. 48.—Grand Cañon Section. This section crosses the Algonkian strata nearly at right angles to their strike and illustrates the unconformity between the Cambrian and Algonkian rocks. The Cambrian (Tonto formation) has been removed by erosion on the direct line of the section, but it is shown on the sides of the cañon as indicated by the dotted lines. *GC* and *C'*, Grand Cañon and Chuar formation, or the strata referred to the Algonkian. *T*, the Tonto formation of the Cambrian. *W*, Redwall limestone of the Lower Carboniferous. *A*, Aubrey sandstone of the Carboniferous.

The entire section of pre-Cambrian strata is unbroken, and the sandstones, shales, and limestones are much like those of the Ordovician section of New York. In a bed of dark argillaceous shale, 3,550 feet from the summit of the section, I found a small Patelloid or Discinoid shell, a fragment of what appears to be the pleural lobe of a segment of a Trilobite, and an obscure, small Hyolithes, in a layer of bituminous limestone. In layers of limestone, still lower in the section, an obscure Stromatoporoid form occurs in abundance.[1] These fossils indicate a fauna, but do not tell us what it is. A similar series of rocks (Fig. 49) occur unconformably beneath the Cambrian, in Llano County, Tex. Fossils have not been reported from them.[2]

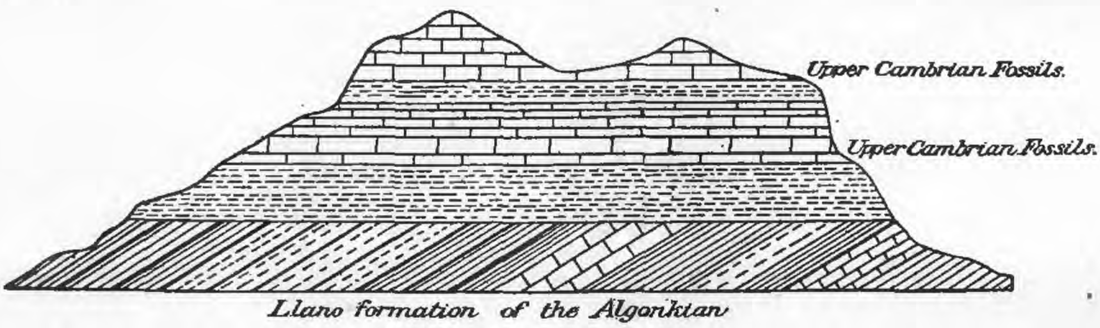


FIG. 49.—Section of Packsaddle Mountain, Texas, illustrating the same unconformable relation of the Cambrian to the Algonkian as shown by Fig 48. The lower horizontal sandstone of the Cambrian is equivalent in position and lithologic characters to the Middle Cambrian lower Tonto sandstone of Arizona, but no fossils have been found to further establish the correlation; the limestone capping the mountain may possibly pass up into the base of the Ordovician, but the typical fauna has not been found in it.

Eastern New York section.—The most puzzling of all the sections is that of eastern New York where the Olenellus fauna ranges through a great thickness of shales and slates—I have estimated it at 14,000 feet—but such a range for a species or subfauna is without precedent, and I wish to review the section before giving a final opinion. The vertical range *is very great* and the base of the Cambrian is unknown.

Vermont section.—In the northern Vermont section the Olenellus zone extends from the upper portion of the limestone through a considerable thickness of shales as shown by the section, Fig. 50. Beneath the Olenellus zone there are about 700 feet of conformably bedded limestones that have not yielded characteristic fossils.[3]

[1] Am. Jour. Sci., 3d ser., vol. 26, pp. 437–442, 1883.

[2] Notes on Paleozoic rocks of Central Texas. Am. Jour. Sci., 3d ser., vol. 28, pp. 431–432, 1884. By an error in the sketch the strata are represented as dipping in the wrong direction. The dip at the point where the section crosses is 15° to 40° south (loc. cit., p. 431). A misprint in the description of the figure refers 5 to the Potsdam *sandstone* instead of *limestone*.

[3] As this is going through the press I wish to record my discovery, in August, 1890, of Salterella and fragments of a trilobite about 500 feet lower down in this section.

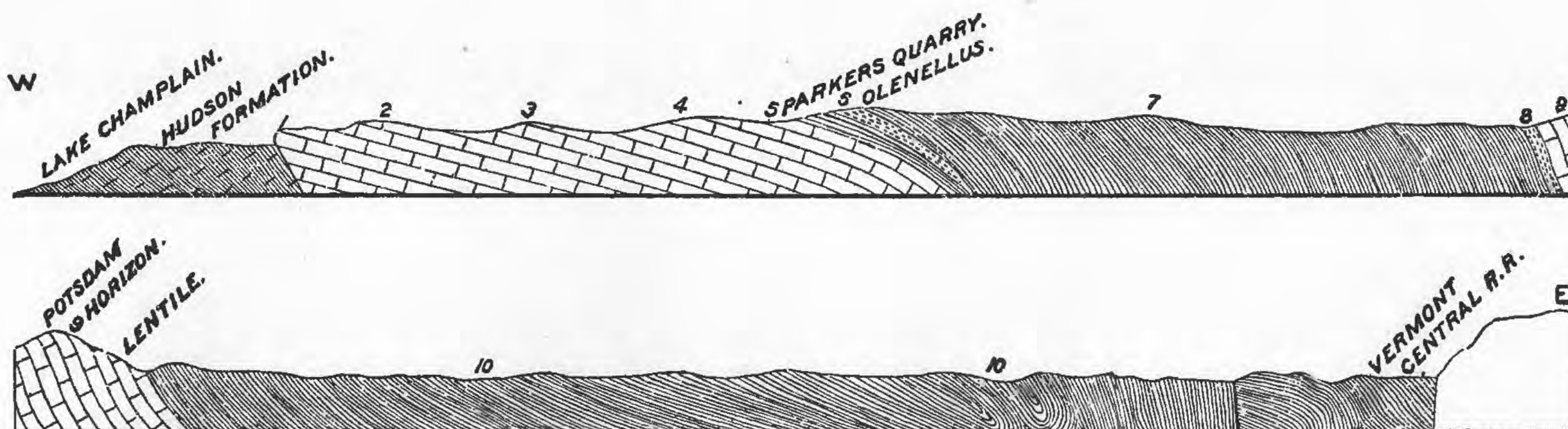


Fig. 50.—Section crossing from Lake Champlain east to the Vermont Central Railroad track, in the town of Georgia, Vt. At 1, an overthrust of the Lower Cambrian on the shales of the Hudson formation is shown. At 5 and 6 the Olenellus fauna is largely developed, and at 9 a few species occur which may belong to the Middle or the Upper Cambrian fauna.

High up in the section an interbedded limestone occurs that contains a fauna that may prove to be a portion of the Middle or it may be the Upper Cambrian fauna. In the St. Lawrence and Hudson valleys there is but one area known where the Lower Cambrian strata rest on the Algonkian and Archean rocks; this is in southern Vermont and western Massachusetts. Here the Olenellus zone is represented by a quartzite that was a sandy sea beach upon which the remains of a species of Olenellus were scattered and buried in the sand by the action of the waves. On the western or Adirondack side of

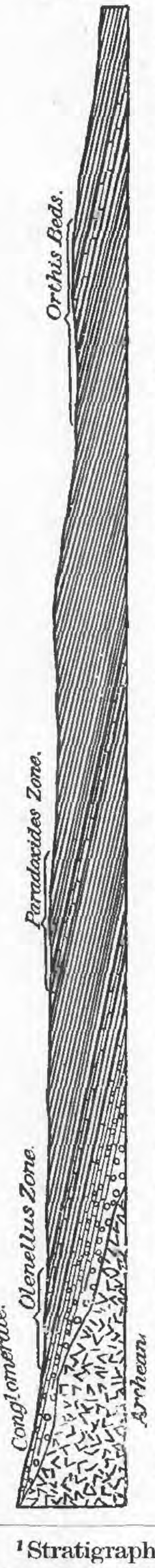


Fig. 51.—Section on Manuel's Brook, Newfoundland. The strata of the Lower Cambrian rest unconformably upon the Archean. Above the conglomerate the shales and sandstone, etc., dip at an angle of 12°, and are conformable through the Olenellus and Paradoxides zones and into the Orthis beds where the section is cut off by the sea.

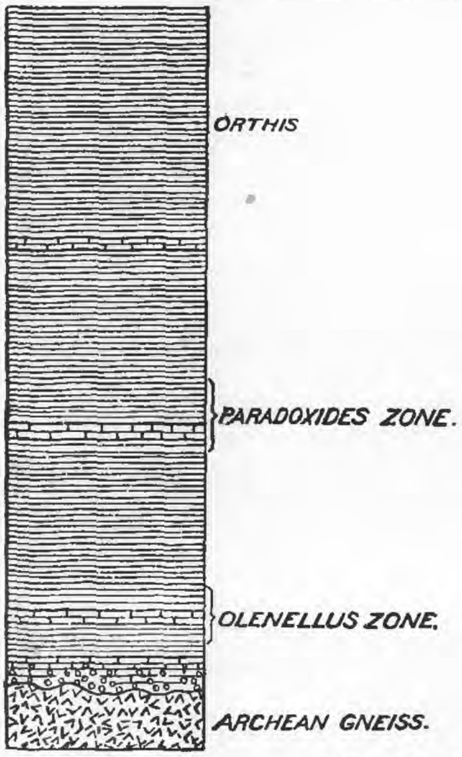
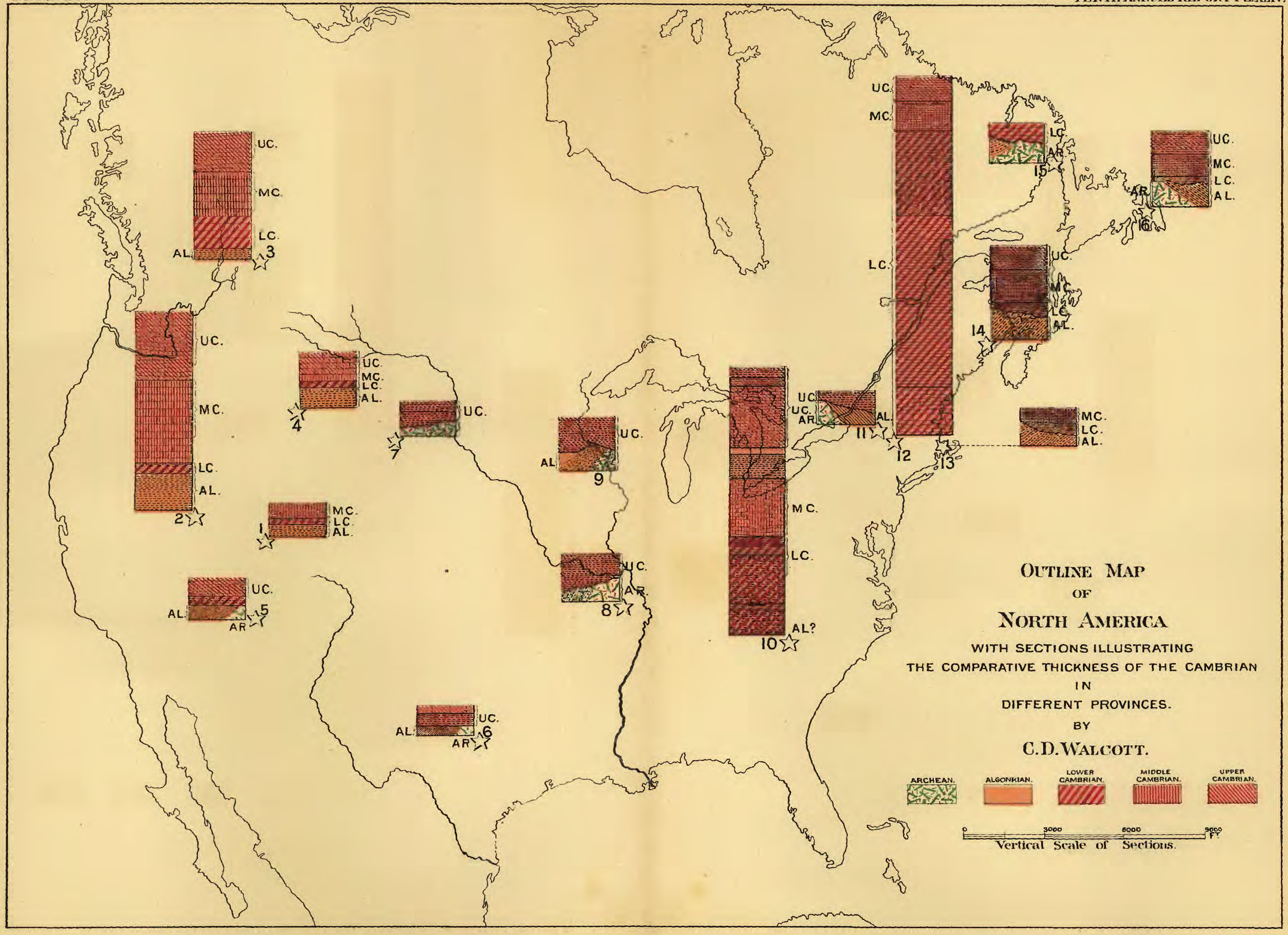


Fig. 52.—Restoration of the section represented by Fig. 51, to show a direct superposition of the Paradoxides zone upon the strata of the Olenellus zone.

the Cambrian Strait the Upper Cambrian sandstone rests unconformably upon the strata of the Algonkian; and the Lower Cambrian appears a few miles to the eastward, where it is brought up to view by a profound displacement of the strata.

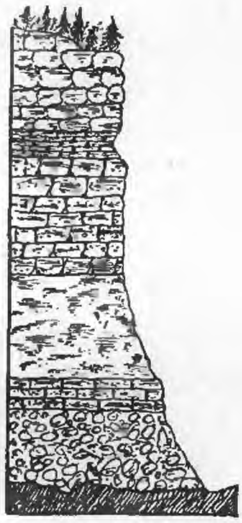
Newfoundland section.—In Newfoundland a section is found, on Manuel's Brook, Conception Bay, that exhibits very clearly the stratigraphic relation of the Olenellus and Paradoxides faunas[1] (Figs. 51 and 52). At the base of the section a bed of conglomerate outlines the coast line of early

[1] Stratigraphic position of the Olenellus fauna in North America and Europe. Am. Jour. Sci., 3d ser., vol. 37, 1889, p. 380.



THEORETIC SECTION AT CLOSE OF CAMBRIAN TIME.

Atlantic Coast Province. Over the interior of the continent their relations are shown by Figs. 53 and 54, where the Upper Cambrian



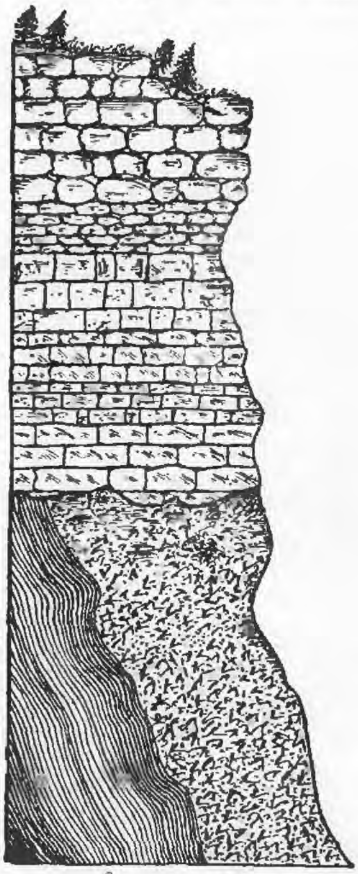


FIG. 53.—Section of the Upper Cambrian sandstone on Lower Rapid Creek, showing the conglomerate at the base and its unconformity with the subjacent Archean schists. 1. Massive gray limestone. 2. Thin-bedded impure limestone. 3. Reddish sandstone. 4. Concealed. 5. Coarse reddish sandstone. 6. Loose bowlders. 7. Schists. Numbers 1 and 2, Carboniferous; 3, 4, 5, and 6 Upper Cambrian.

FIG. 54.—Section of Upper Cambrian sandstone on Lower French Creek, showing the unconformity between it and the subjacent Archean rocks. (After Newton, Rep. Geol. and Resources Black Hills of Dakota, 1880, p. 90, Fig. 12.)

sandstones rest unconformably upon the upturned strata of the Algonkian or Archean, in the Black Hills of Dakota (7, of map, Pl. XLIV). In the Upper Mississippi Valley they are shown by Figs. 55–57, and Pls. XLV and XLVI. In Fig. 55 the Huronian quartzites

FIG. 55.—North and south sections through the Baraboo Ranges looking east. The section shows the horizontal Potsdam sandstone lying upon a deeply denuded surface of Huronian quartzite and quartz porphyry. (After Irving, Seventh Ann. Rep. U. S. Geological Survey, p. 405, Fig. 78.)

are seen to project up through the Potsdam sandstone. This is further illustrated by Prof. Chamberlin's theoretic restoration of the land surface in central Wisconsin, during the deposition of the Potsdam sandstone. In this section (Pl. XLV, *a*) the strata of the Archean, Huronian and Keweenaw series are shown to have formed the land surface from which the sediments forming the Potsdam sandstone were derived. The other sections show the unconformity between the Potsdam sandstone and the subjacent rocks. Figs. 56 and 57

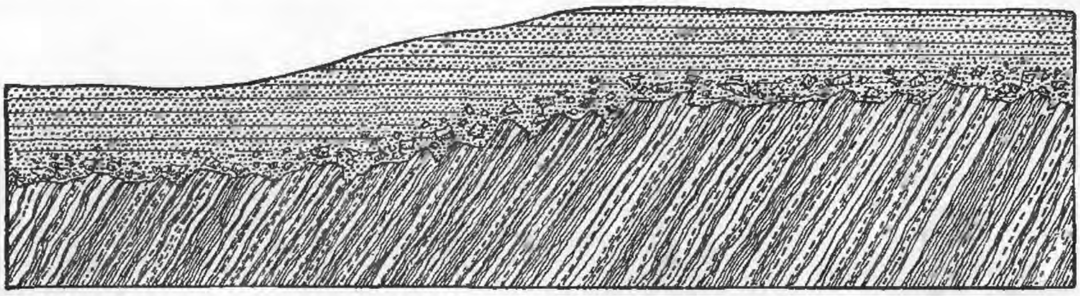


Fig. 56.—Section near Norway, Mich., showing the Potsdam sandstone overlying the ferruginous schists and ore of the Huronian or iron bearing series. (After Irving, Seventh Ann. Rep. U. S. Geological Survey, p. 410, Fig. 85.)

further illustrate the origin of the material forming the Potsdam sandstone, and Fig. 55 and Pl. XLV. fig. 1, prove that as the sea advanced upon the land the higher points of the Keweenawan continent continued to project above it as islands, and on the north as

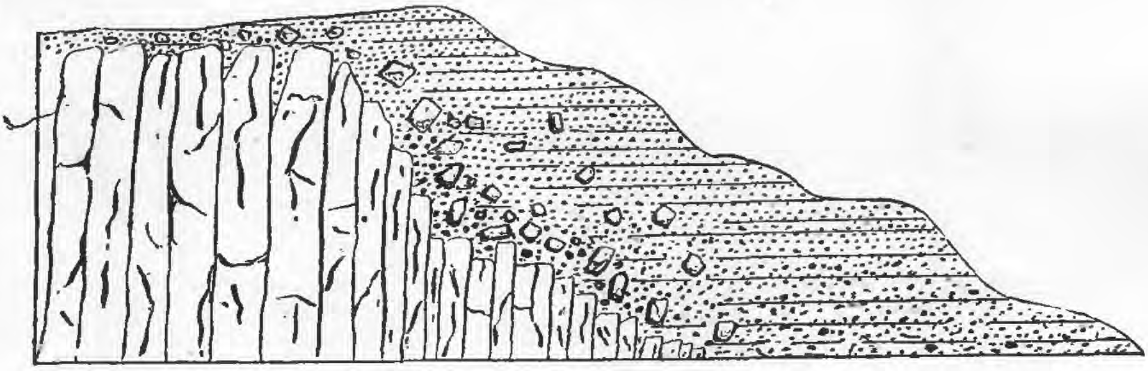


Fig. 57. Contact of the Huronian quartzite and Potsdam sandstone. South end of cliff on the east side of the upper Narrows of the Baraboo River near Ableman, Wis. Scale 50 feet to the inch. (After Irving, Seventh Ann. Rep. U. S. Geological Survey, p. 404, Fig. 76.

the great Archean nucleus of the continent during Upper Cambrian time. Around the islands, large and small, and along the shores of the northern continental mass, the sands, clays, etc., accumulated that now form the widely distributed sandstones and shales of the Upper Cambrian.

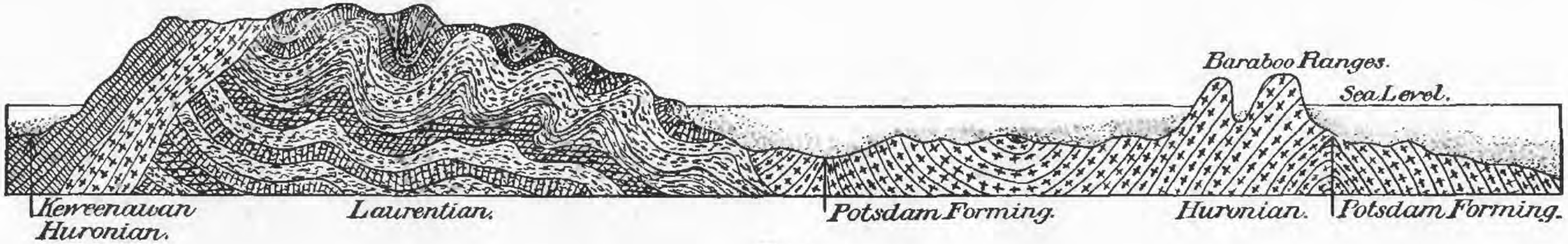
Description of Plate XLV.

1, Vertical section across northern central Wisconsin during the deposition of the Upper Cambrian (Potsdam) sandstone. (After Chamberlin, Geology of Wisconsin, vol. 1, 1883, Pl. 5, section.)

2, Section displayed to view on the east side of the gorge at the upper Narrows of the Baraboo River, showing the unconformity between the Potsdam sandstone and the subjacent Huronian quartzite. (After Irving, Seventh Ann. Rep. U. S. Geological Survey, p. 407, Fig. 80.)

3, Section on Black River in the vicinity of Black River Falls, Wis., showing the Potsdam sandstone resting on an eroded surface composed of granite and steeply inclined layers of gneiss and ferruginous schists. Scale 2 miles to the inch. (After Irving, Seventh Ann. Rep. U. S. Geological Survey, p. 403, Fig. 75.)

4, Section from southeast to northwest in the St. Croix River region of northwestern Wisconsin, through the Keweenaw series and Potsdam sandstone. (After Irving, Seventh Ann. Rep. U. S. Geological Survey, p. 413, Fig. 88.)



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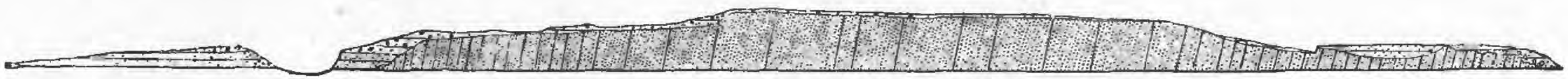

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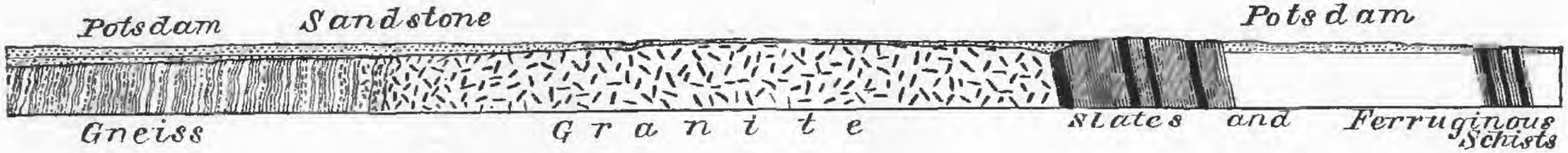

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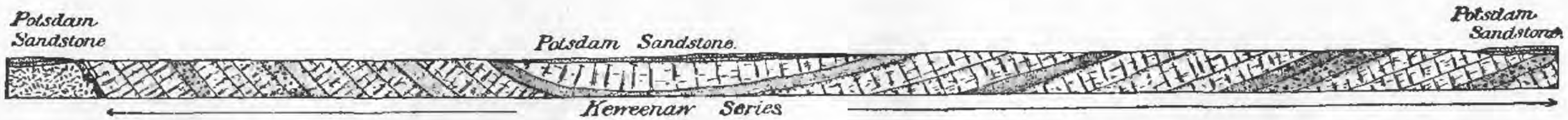


Fig. 4.

SECTIONS SHOWING DEPOSITION OF POTSDAM SANDSTONE IN WISCONSIN.

UNCONFORMITY BETWEEN POTSDAM SANDSTONE AND FERRUGINOUS SCHISTS.

E, and it is quite probable that the Lower Cambrian fauna is present in section A. To further illustrate the unconformity between the Archean and the Cambrian, illustrations of a section in Wales and one in Norway are introduced. (Figs. 58 and 59.)

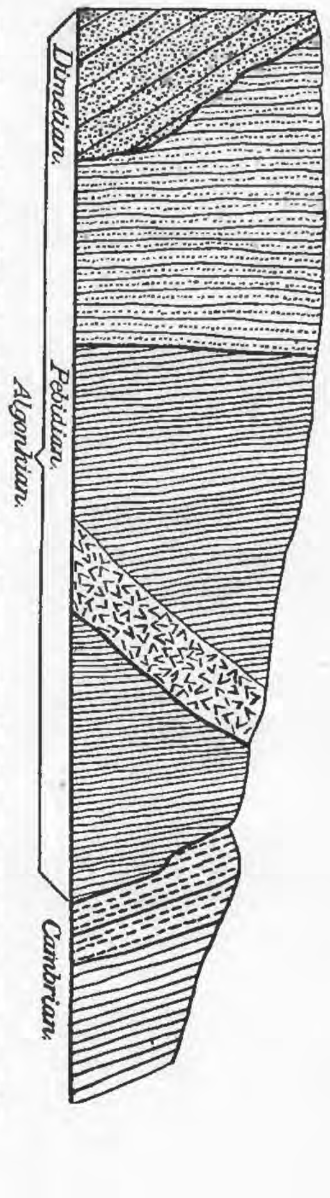


FIG. 58.—Section at Nun's-well Bay, St. David's, Wales. The Cambrian rocks are unconformably superjacent to the Pebidian strata of the Algonkian. (After Hicks, Quart. Jour. Geol. Soc., vol. 33, p. 236.)

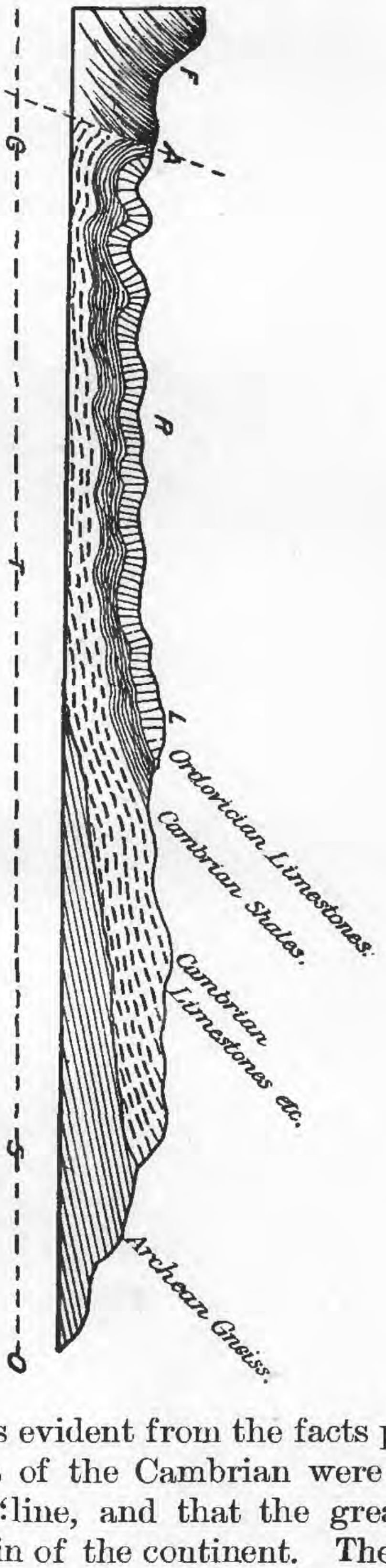
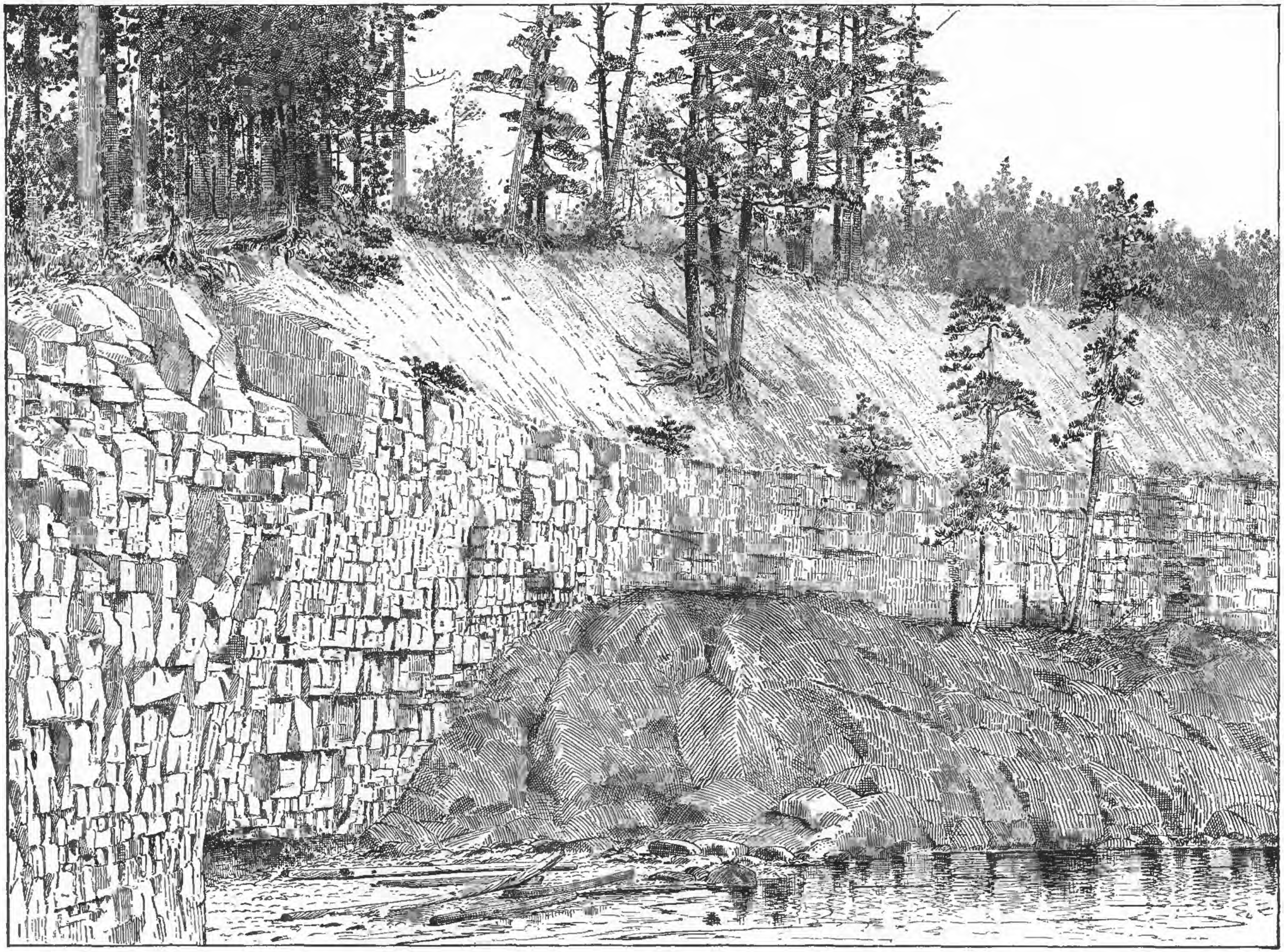


FIG. 59.—North and south section through the Dokka Valley, Torpen and Land, etc. Central Norway. (After Kjerulf.)

It is evident from the facts presented in Dr. Hicks's map that the strata of the Cambrian were deposited upon a gradually sinking coast line, and that the greatest depression was on the western margin of the continent. The study of the sections containing the Olenellus or Lower Cambrian fauna indicates that the central portions of the continent, Bohemia, etc., were not depressed to the sea-



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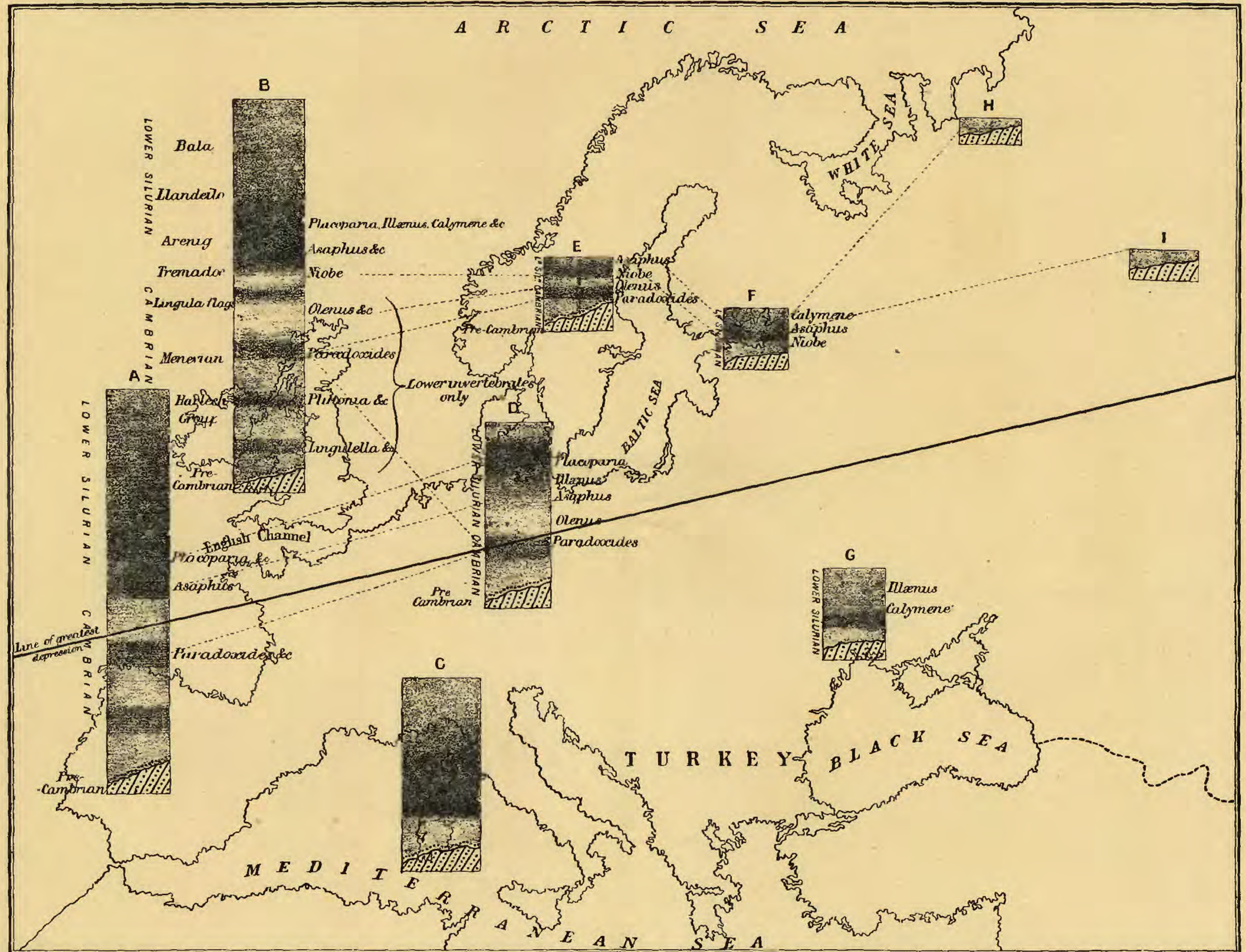


Conglomerates, Sandstones and Grits (shallow water accumulations) — Flags and fine sandstone — Schists and slates (deep water accumulations)

A. Central regions of Spain (Guadarama, Montes de Toledo, province of Leon, Daroca &c)
B. Wales (North & South) For the most part this represents the succession also in France (Brittany &c)
C. Sardinia. The succession here has not yet been thoroughly worked out, but this order appears to represent generally, the conditions observed here, & also on the South Coast of the Mediterranean (Algiers &c)
D. Bohemia and Bavaria
E. Norway and Sweden (Neighbourhood of Christiania)
F. West coast of Russia (Finland and neighbourhood of St Petersburg)
G. Podolia H. Shore of the Arctic Sea (region of Petchora &c) I Ural Mountains

OUTLINE MAP OF EUROPE, SHOWING THE COMPARATIVE THICKNESS AND DEPTH OF DEPOSITION OF THE CAMBRIAN AND LOWER SILURIAN ROCKS IN DIFFERENT AREAS.

both five and six rayed specimens occur. Some of the specimens show the structure figured by Dr. Fitch, and others that seen on the plate published by Prof. Hall. Dr. Fitch classed the species with plants, indicating by the generic name a fucoid. Prof. Hall compares it with the graptolites, but thinks the form is referable to the sponges or marine algæ. Neither author gives its correct stratigraphic position.

A comparison with figures given by Nathorst of Medusites, suggests that the problematical forms under consideration are compressed impressions of the mouth and gastric cavity of a species of Medusa. The scope of the present paper does not permit of a full discussion of the evidence favoring this view. It may be presented in the future.

I found *Olenellus (M.) asaphoides, Microdiscus speciosus* and other species of Lower Cambrian fossils in a thin bed of limestone interbedded in the slate at the quarry from which the slabs containing the impressions of this species were obtained.

Formation and locality.—Lower Cambrian; Middle Granville, Washington County, New York.

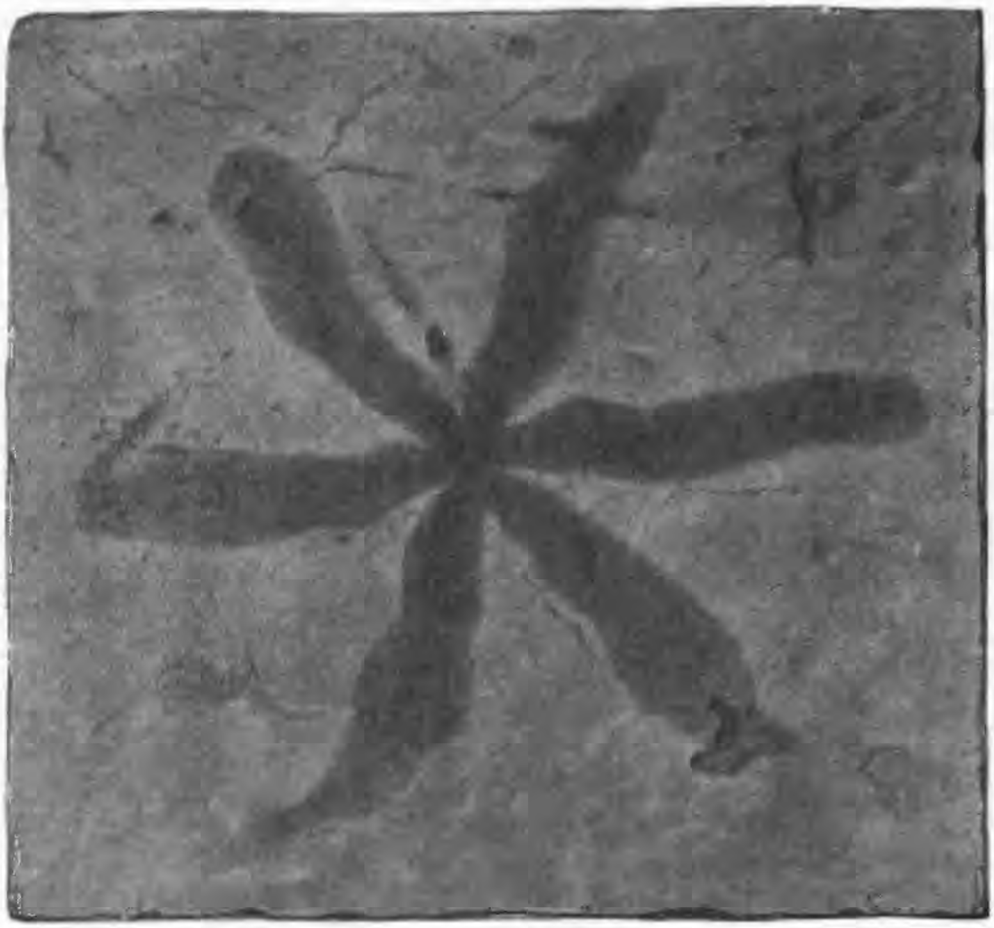


FIG. 61.—*Dactyloidites asteroides.* Specimen on a slab of slate from Middle Granville, N. Y. The six rays are narrow, as in the type figured by Dr. Fitch.

STENOTHECA CURVIROSTRA S. & F.

(Pl. LXXIV, fig. 10.)

Stenotheca curvirostra Shaler & Foerste, 1888. Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., vol. 16, p. 30, Pl. i, Fig. 8.

"Shell small, rather elongate; the lower part gently curved, the curvature more marked, especially at the beak; the beak always considerably elevated above the aperture of the shell. The transverse ribs are narrow and sharp; from ten to eighteen are found on a single shell; the interspaces are broad and flat. The longitudinal striæ are fine and closely set. Diameter of the aperture of the shell in the largest specimen found, 4^{mm}; height of the shell, 5^{mm}.

"*Locality and position.*—Station No. 2, North Attleborough, Mass.; Cambrian; 5 specimens."

Type in collection of Prof. N. S. Shaler.

PLATYCERAS Conrad.

PLATYCERAS PRIMÆVUM Billings.

(Pl. LXXIV, figs. 11, 11*a*.)

See Bull. U. S. Geol. Survey, No. 30, p. 130.

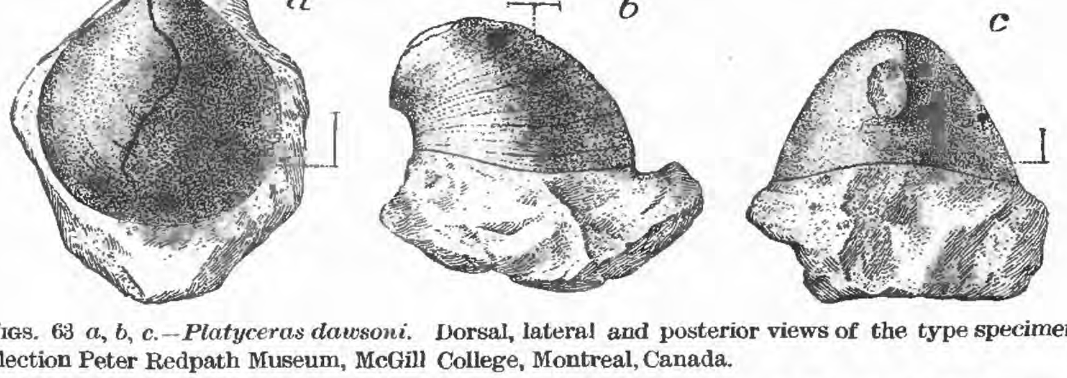
This little shell appears to have a wide geographic distribution and a great vertical range, as a form, apparently identical with it, occurs in the Upper Cambrian limestones of New York. Since Bulletin 30 was written it has been found at North Attleborough, Mass.,[1] and at Conception Bay, Newfoundland.

Nat. Mus. Cat. Invert. Foss., 15371.

PLATYCERAS DAWSONI, n. sp.

Shell small, ventricose; apex unknown. Body expanding rapidly from the base of the apex to the nearly circular aperture; peristome broadly sinuate at the posterior margin. Surface marked by a few concentric lines of growth.

This little shell is a strongly marked form. It is referred to Platyceras on account of the incurving toward the apex and the sinuosity of the posterior margin.



FIGS. 63 *a*, *b*, *c*.—*Platyceras dawsoni*. Dorsal, lateral and posterior views of the type specimen. Collection Peter Redpath Museum, McGill College, Montreal, Canada.

[1]Bull. Mus. Comp. Zool., Harvard College, Mass., vol. 16, p. 30.

PTEROPODA.

HYOLITHES Eichwald.

HYOLITHES AMERICANUS Billings.

(Pl. LXXV, figs. 2, 2*a–f*.)

See Bull. U. S. Geol. Survey, No. 30, 1886, p. 132.

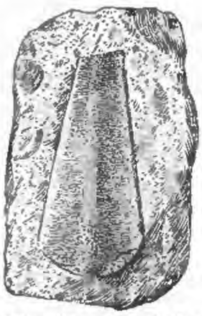


Fig. 64.—*Hyolithes americanus.* Dorsal surface. Natural size.

On the dorsal surface of some well preserved specimens from St. Simon, a central longitudinal ridge occurs that is very much like that on *H. billingsi*, from Nevada. The two species are closely related. The character of the median ridge is shown in Fig. 64.

Found also at North Attleborough, Mass., and at Manuel's Brook, Conception Bay, Newfoundland.

Nat. Mus. Cat. Invert. Foss., 15388.

HYOLITHES BILLINGSI Walcott.

(Pl. LXXV, figs. 1, 1*a–e*.)

See Bull. U. S. Geol. Survey, No. 30, 1886. p. 134.

Found also at North Attleborough, Mass.

Nat. Mus. Cat. Invert. Foss., 14903.

Among some specimens, from St. Simon, Canada, received from Sir William Dawson, there is one of this species showing three transverse septa. The septa are strong, apparently flat and imperforate.

Nat. Mus. Cat. Invert. Foss., 14884.

HYOLITHES COMMUNIS Billings.

(Pl. LXXVII, figs. 3, 3*a–g*.)

See Bull. U. S. Geol. Survey, No. 30, 1886. p. 136.

Fig. 65.—*Hyolithes communis*, Bill. Natural section of a portion of the tube in which three transverse septa are shown. Collection Peter Redpath Museum, McGill College, Montreal, Canada.

fragment of a species of Stenotheca. As a whole the fauna is more like that of the Lower Cambrian than that of the Middle Cambrian, and, as far as known, this belt of conglomerate has afforded only Lower Cambrian fossils.

Formation and locality.—In a bowlder of the Sillery conglomerate, four miles below Quebec, Canada, on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River.

Nat. Mus. Cat. Invert. Foss., 18450.

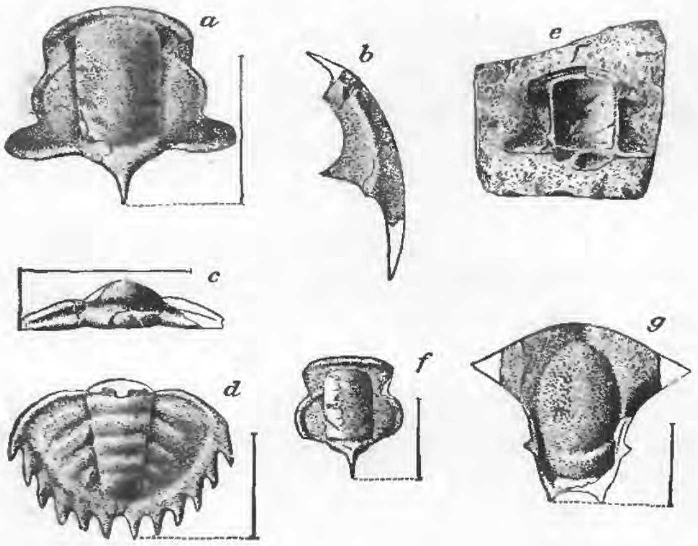


FIG. 66.—Olenoides ellsi; *a*, head within the facial sutures; *b*, interior of associated free cheek; *c*, thoracic segment; *d*, large pygidium; *e*, interior surface of a head that is longitudinally compressed; *f*, small head for comparison with FIG. *a*; *g*, enlargement of hypostoma; the outlined portions are taken from another specimen.

OLENOIDES (DORYPYGE) DESIDERATA, n. sp.

Head semicircular in outline, convex; marginal rim narrow in front, wider at the sides, and extended posteriorly into narrow, elongate, rounded spines at the union with the narrow posterior rim; within the marginal rim a narrow furrow separates the cheeks and glabella. Glabella subquadrangular, sides nearly subparallel in the larger, and slightly divergent anteriorly in the smaller specimens; surface convex and marked by three pairs of short furrows that divide the sides into four subequal lobes; occipital ring strong and provided with a short pointed spine extending upward and backward from the center; occipital furrow transverse and well defined; dorsal furrows of moderate depth at the sides of the glabella; fixed cheeks rather narrow at the eye-lobe and broader in front and back; eye-lobe about one-third the length of the head, crescentiform, and separated from the fixed cheek by a narrow groove that crosses the cheek just inside the short ocular ridge; free cheek subtriangular in outline, of medium convexity, and truncated on the inner side to support the visual surface of the eye.

Pygidium convex, semicircular, with a moderately rounded frontal margin; axial lobe prominent, convex, and divided into five rings, a frontal doublure and a terminal lobe by six transverse furrows. A sixth ring is sometimes formed by the terminal lobe being cut across by a transverse furrow. A short spine has its origin at the center of each of the five rings; lateral lobes divided by five broad furrows that extend obliquely backward towards the margin; the frontal rim and the first anterior annulation cross the border and terminate in rounded spines that curve slightly backward; the remaining annulations merge with the furrows into a broad, companulate margin that extends out back of the pygidium and rounds in nearly to the base of the axial lobe at the center. The undulation at the center, and also at the middle of the margin, varies considerably in different specimens. In some of the smaller pygidia the posterior margin closely resembles that of *Protypus senectus,* while in the larger it is more like that of *Dicellocephalus misa* of the Upper Cambrian.

Surface of glabella strongly granulose, with the granulations arranged in obscure lines parallel to the sides; surface of fixed and free cheeks and pygidium granulose.

The head of this species is much like that of *O.* (*Dorypyge*) *richthofeni* Dames[1] and it has a similarly granulated test. The associated pygidium differs from that of *O.* (*Dorypyge*) *richthofeni* in having an expanded instead of a spinous posterior margin. It may be desirable to distinguish the species with a granulose from those with a smooth test; if so, the former may be grouped under Dorypyge as a subgenus of Olenoides.

Formation and locality.—Lower Cambrian; limestone and calcareous sandstone, one and one-half miles east-southeast of Highgate Springs, Vt.

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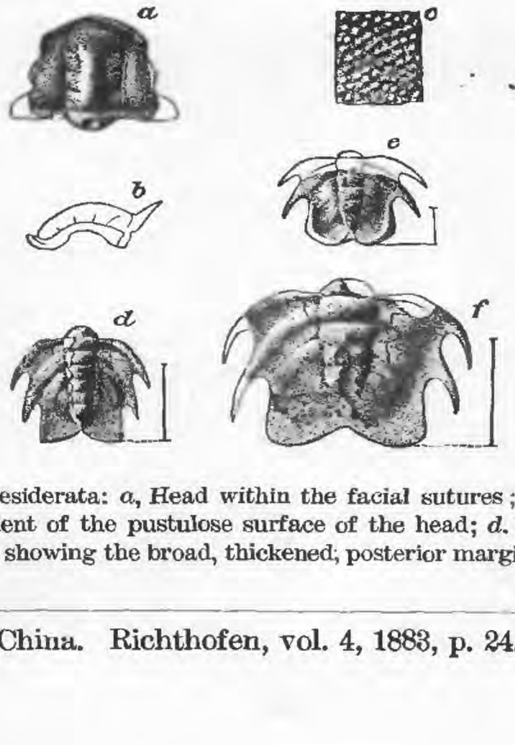

FIG. 67.—Olenoides (D.) desiderata: *a*, Head within the facial sutures; *b*, side view of head and occipital spine; *c*, enlargement of the pustulose surface of the head; *d*. pygidium, compressed laterally; *e*, a small pygidium, showing the broad, thickened, posterior margin; *f*, the largest pygidium found.

[1] China. Richthofen, vol. 4, 1883, p. 24.

me from the bowlders in the conglomerates of Bic, St. Simon, and Metis belong to the Lower Cambrian fauna, this is considered as *probably* of the same age.

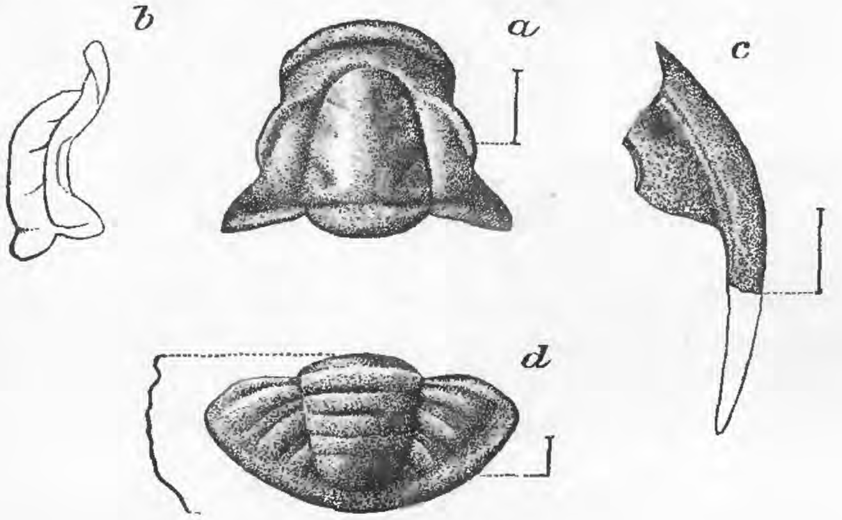

FIG. 68.—PTYCHOPARIA METISENSIS.

FIG. 68*a*. Enlargement of central portion of head.
FIG. 68*b*. Outline side view of fig. 68*a*
FIG. 68*c*. Enlargement of free cheek. The specimen is represented as it lies flat in the rock and thus the margin is too broad as compared with that of the head.
FIG. 68*d*. Enlargement of pygidium.

Collection: Peter Redpath Museum, McGill College, Montreal, Canada.

Formation and locality.—In a bowlder of limestone supposed to be of Lower Cambrian age, in conglomerate at Metis, province of Quebec, Canada.

Nat. Mus. Cat. Invert. Foss. 23838.

PTYCHOPARIA SUBCORONATA H. & W.

(Pl. XCVI, fig. 6.)

See Bull. U. S. Geol. Survey, No. 30, 1886, p. 205.

Specimens that are apparently identical with the types from Utah occur in the upper part of the Olenellus zone, in Washington County, N. Y. This gives a wide geographic range to the species, but with our present material it is impossible to separate the specimens collected from the distant localities.

Nat. Mus. Cat. Invert. Foss., 15442.

PTYCHOPARIA TEUCER Billings.

(Pl. XCVI, fig. 3.)

See Bull. U. S. Geol. Survey, No. 30, 1886, p. 197.

Nat. Mus. Cat. Invert. Foss., 15436.

anteriorly and into the short, postero-lateral limbs at the back. Frontal limb rather broad and separated from the partially defined frontal rim by two faint grooves that do not unite at the center. Postero-lateral limbs scarcely defined from the fixed cheeks; a strong furrow crosses from their outer margin to the base of the glabella. Palpebral lobes narrow, short, and confluent anteriorly with the ocular ridges that cross the cheeks to the dorsal furrow nearly opposite the anterior end of the glabella. The facial sutures have the direction shown in the accompanying figure.

Free cheeks, thorax, and pygidium unknown.

Surface apparently smooth.

This small species is strongly distinct from other forms found associated with the Lower Cambrian fauna. The specimen figured is the interior cast of the shell. The exterior of the shell scarcely shows the glabellar furrows, ocular ridge, and the groove separating the frontal limb and margin.

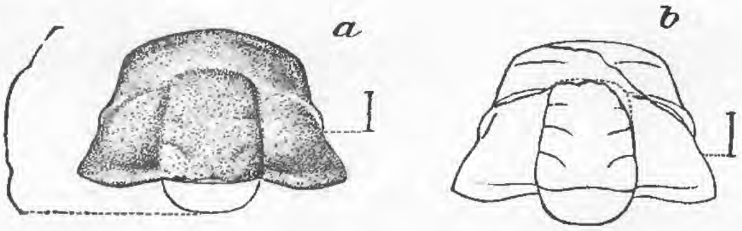

FIG. 69.—AGRAULOS REDPATHI, n. sp. *a*, Enlarged figure of the central portion of the head. Collection Peter Redpath Museum, McGill College, Montreal, Canada; *b*, outline view of a more convex specimen preserving a portion of the outer shell.

Formation and locality.—Lower Cambrian; associated with Olenellus in limestone bowlder of conglomerate at St. Simon, province of Quebec, Canada.

Nat. Mus. Cat. Invert. Foss., 23839. This is a plaster cast and matrix of the head.

PROTYPUS Walcott.

PROTYPUS HITCHCOCKI Whitfield.

(Pl. XCVIII, fig. 6.)

See Bull. U. S. Geol. Survey, No. 30, 1886, p. 211.

Nat. Mus. Cat. Invert. Foss., 15424.

PROTYPUS SENECTUS Billings.

(Pl. XCVIII, figs. 7, 7*a*–*c*.)

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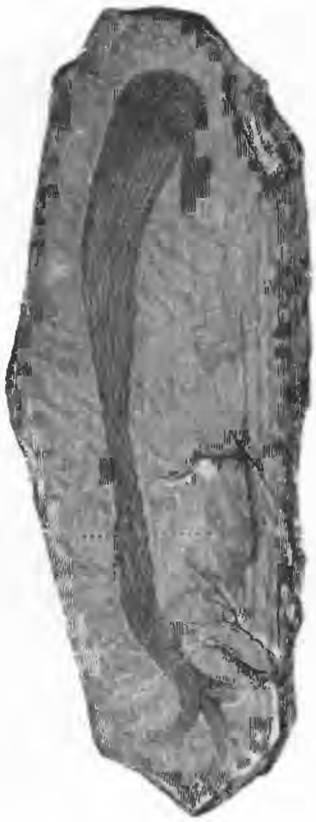

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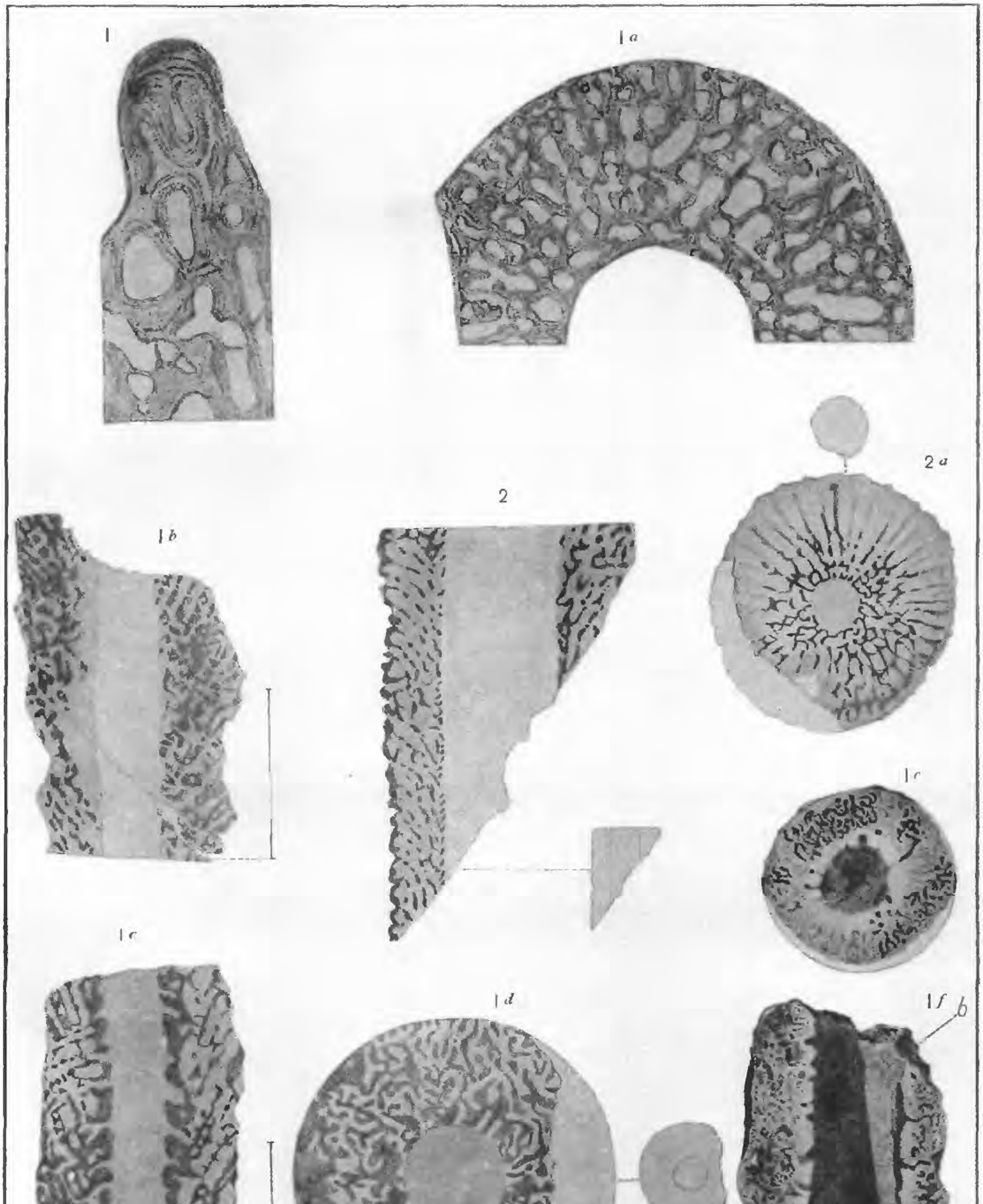

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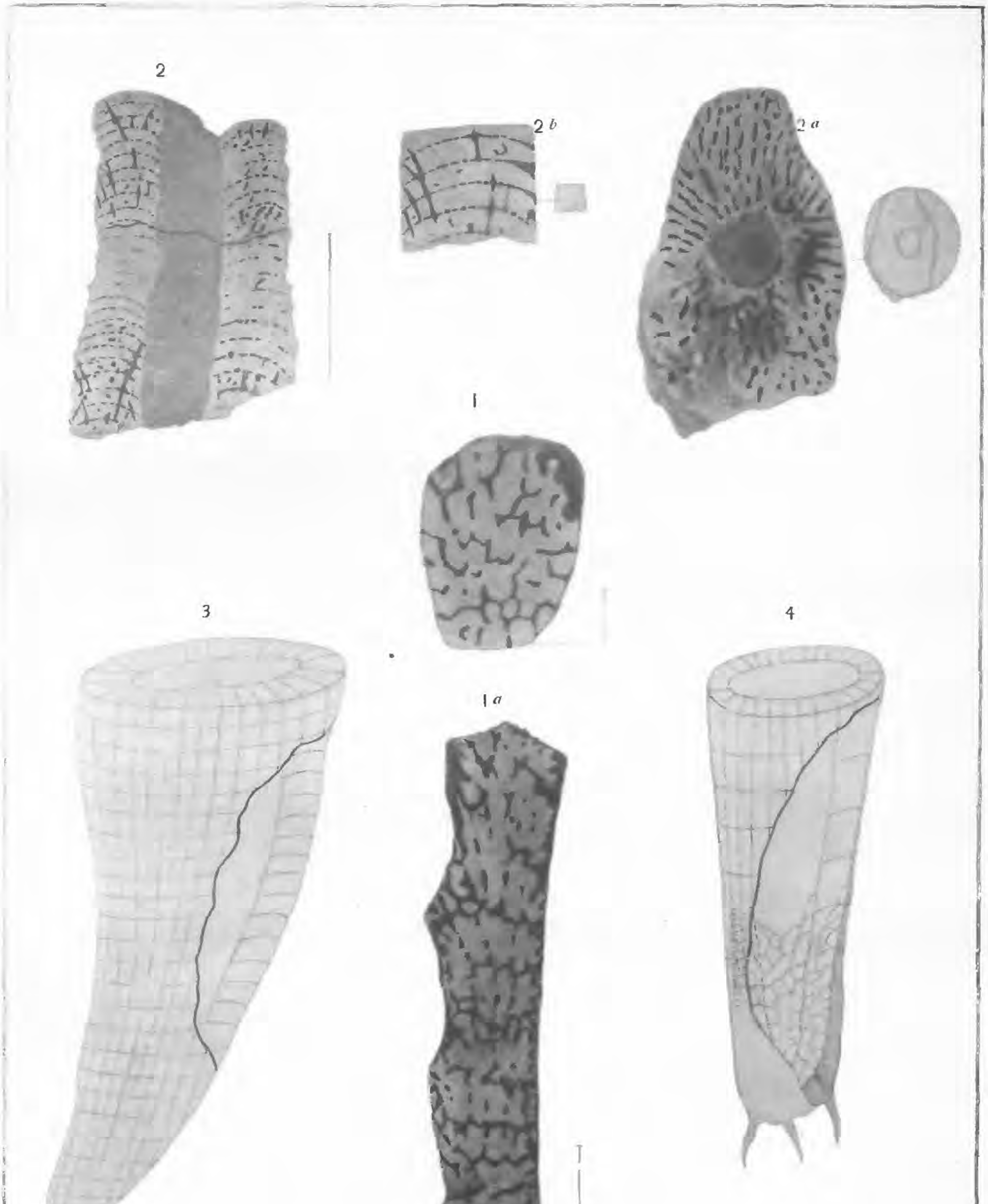

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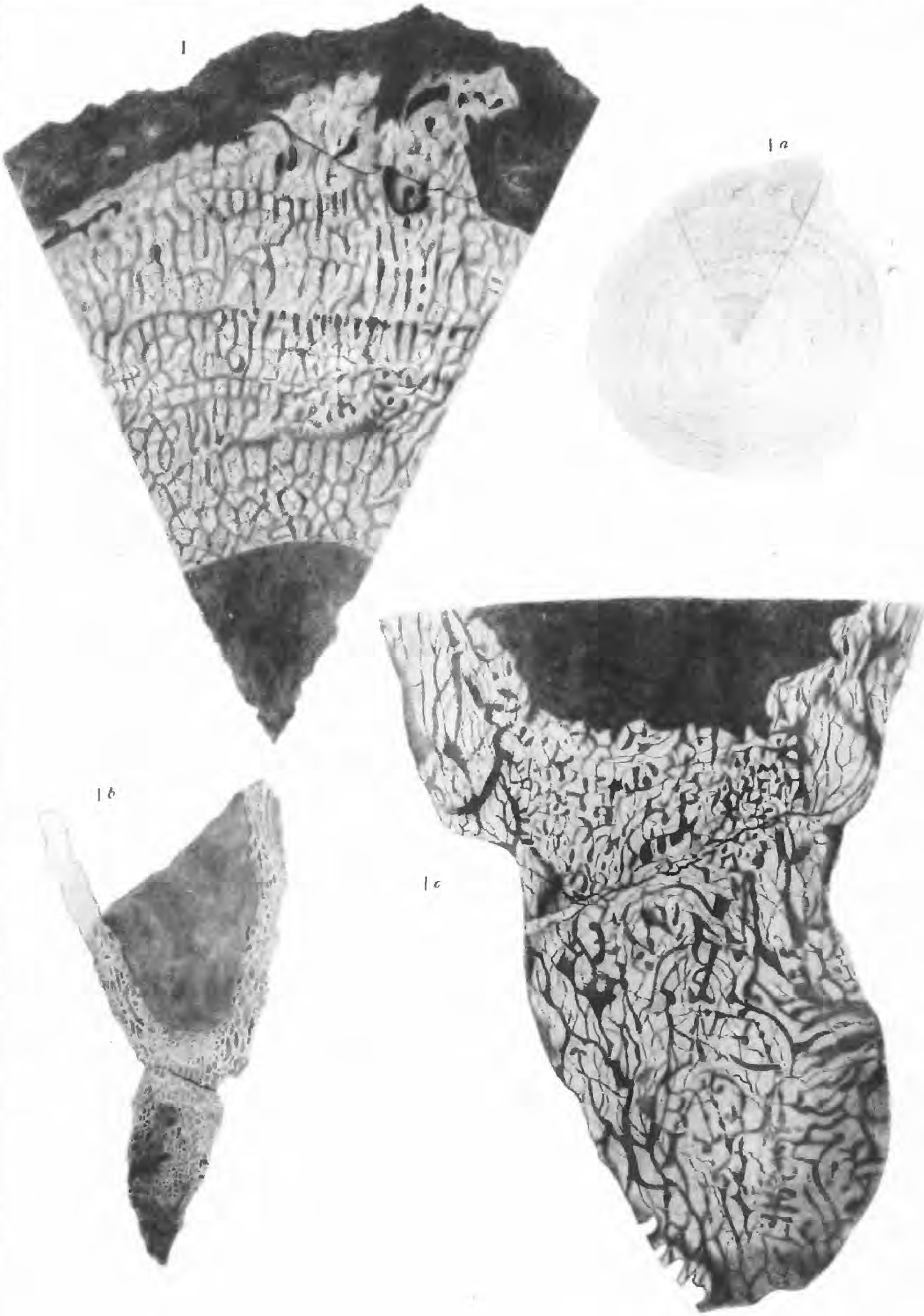

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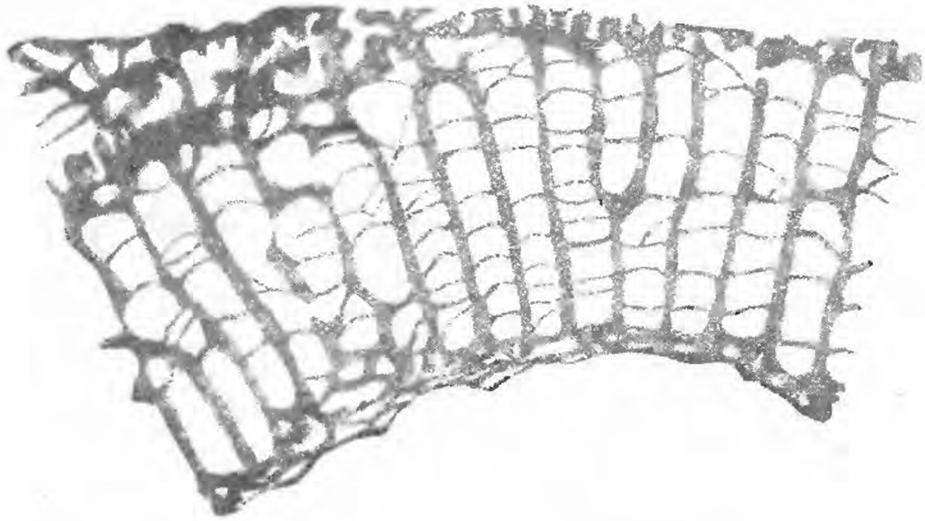

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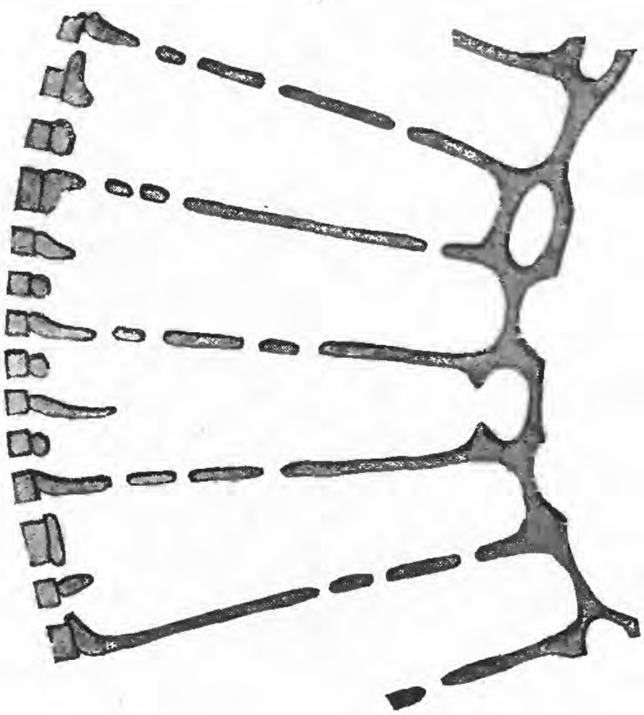

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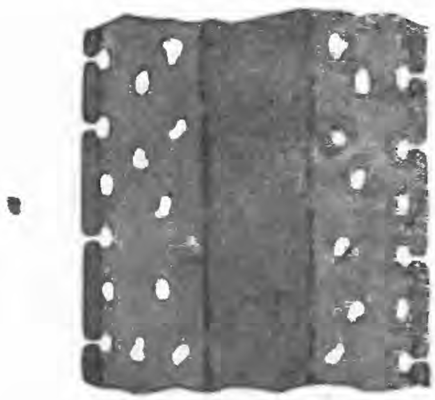

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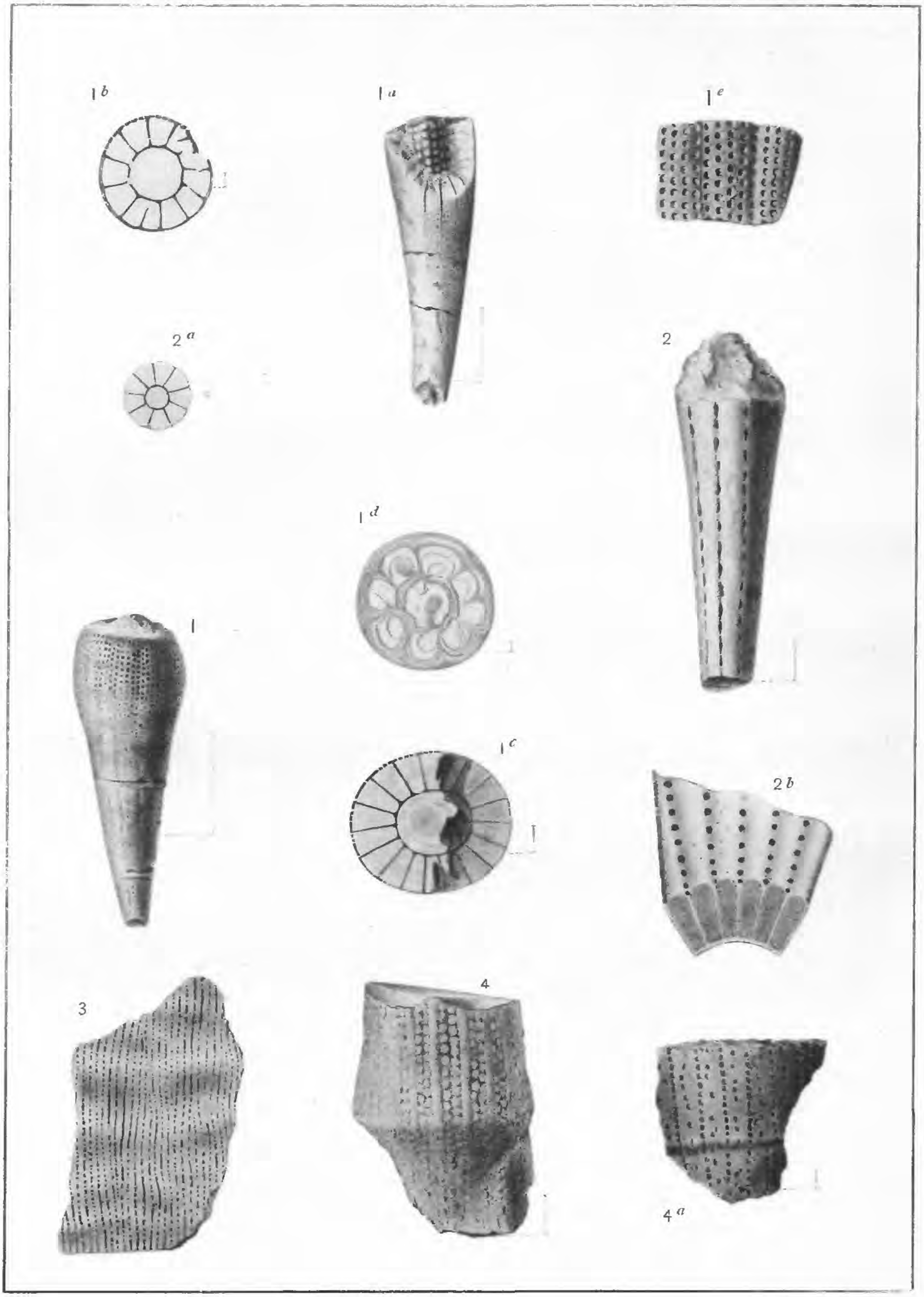

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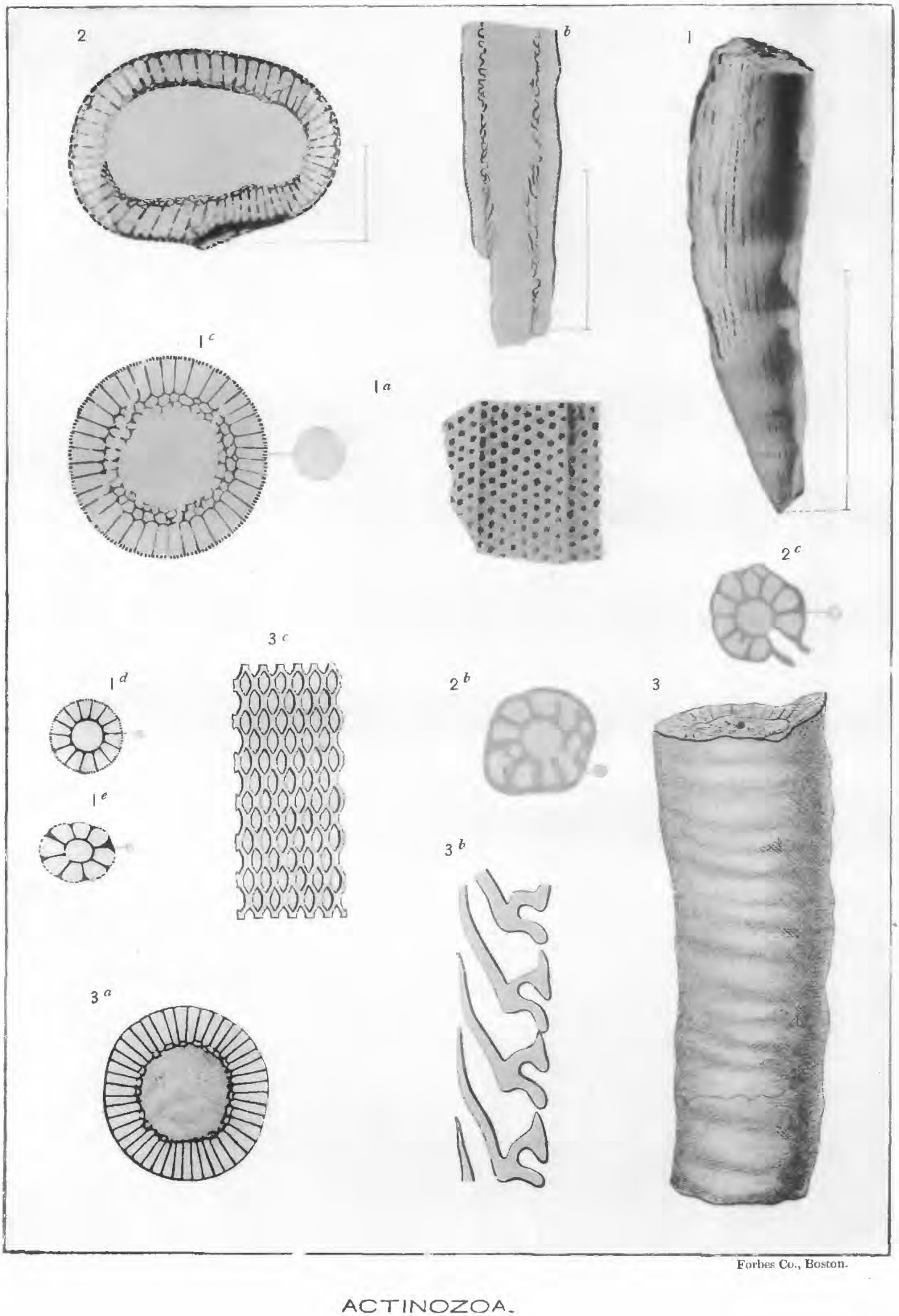

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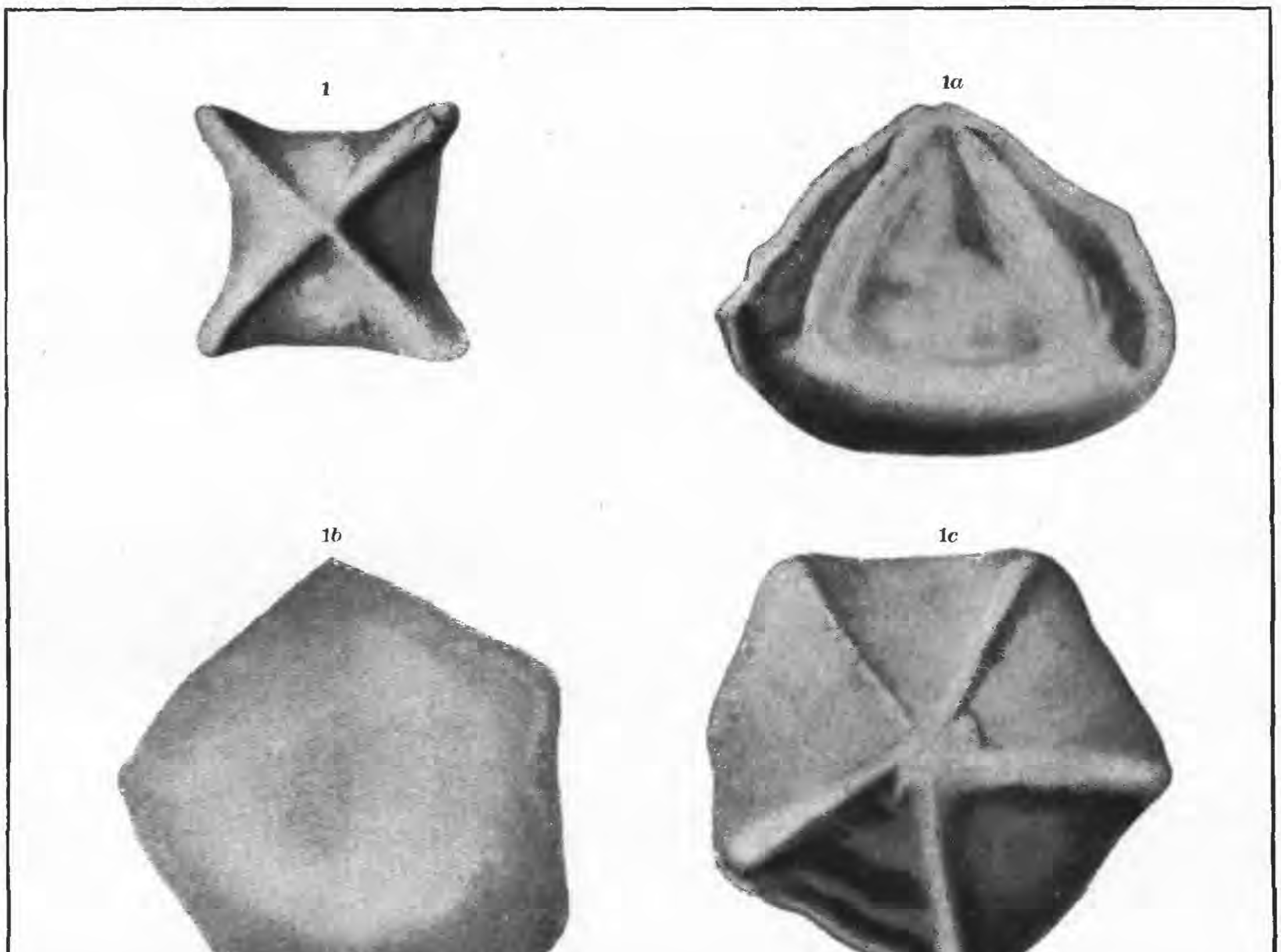

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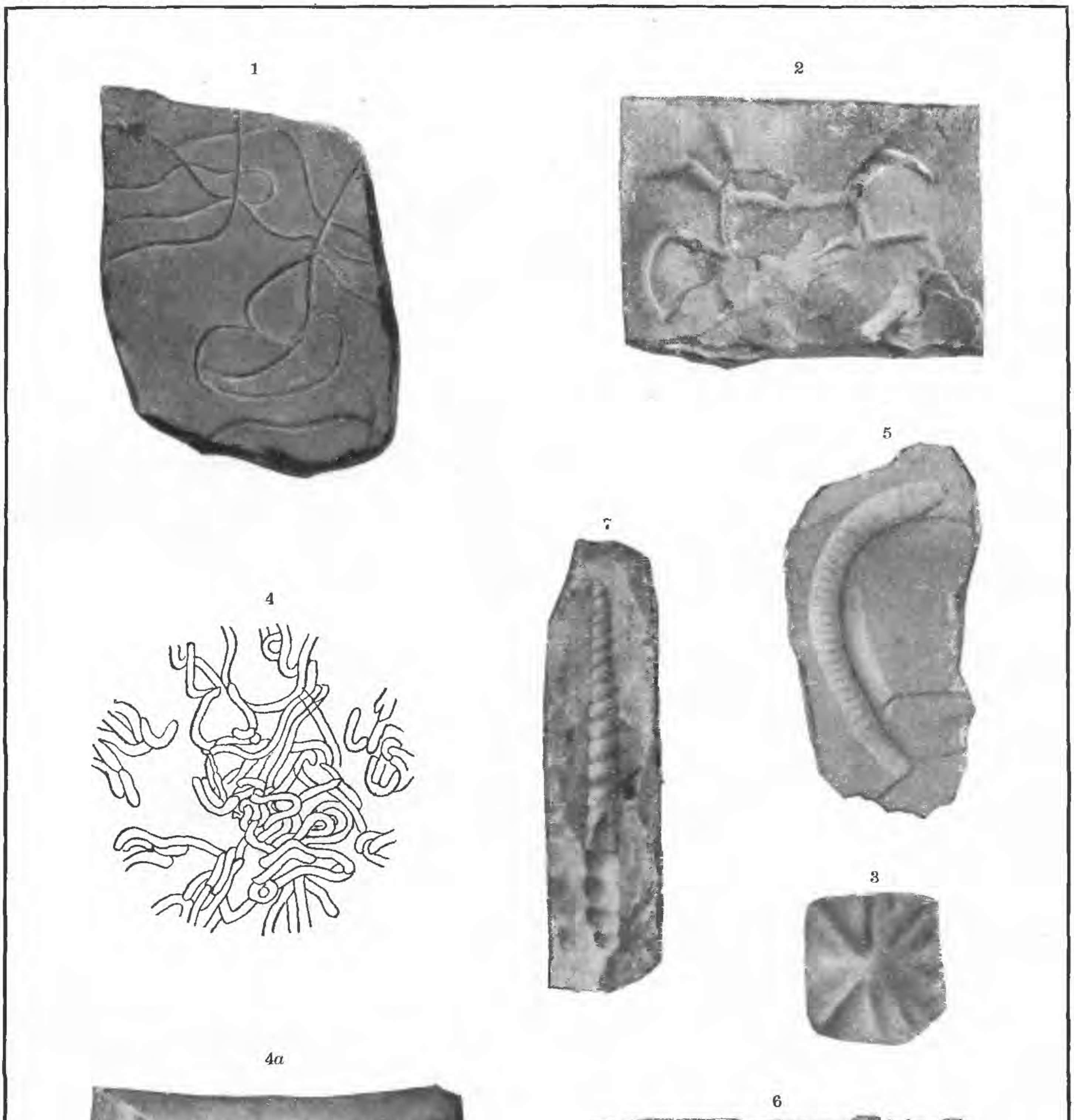

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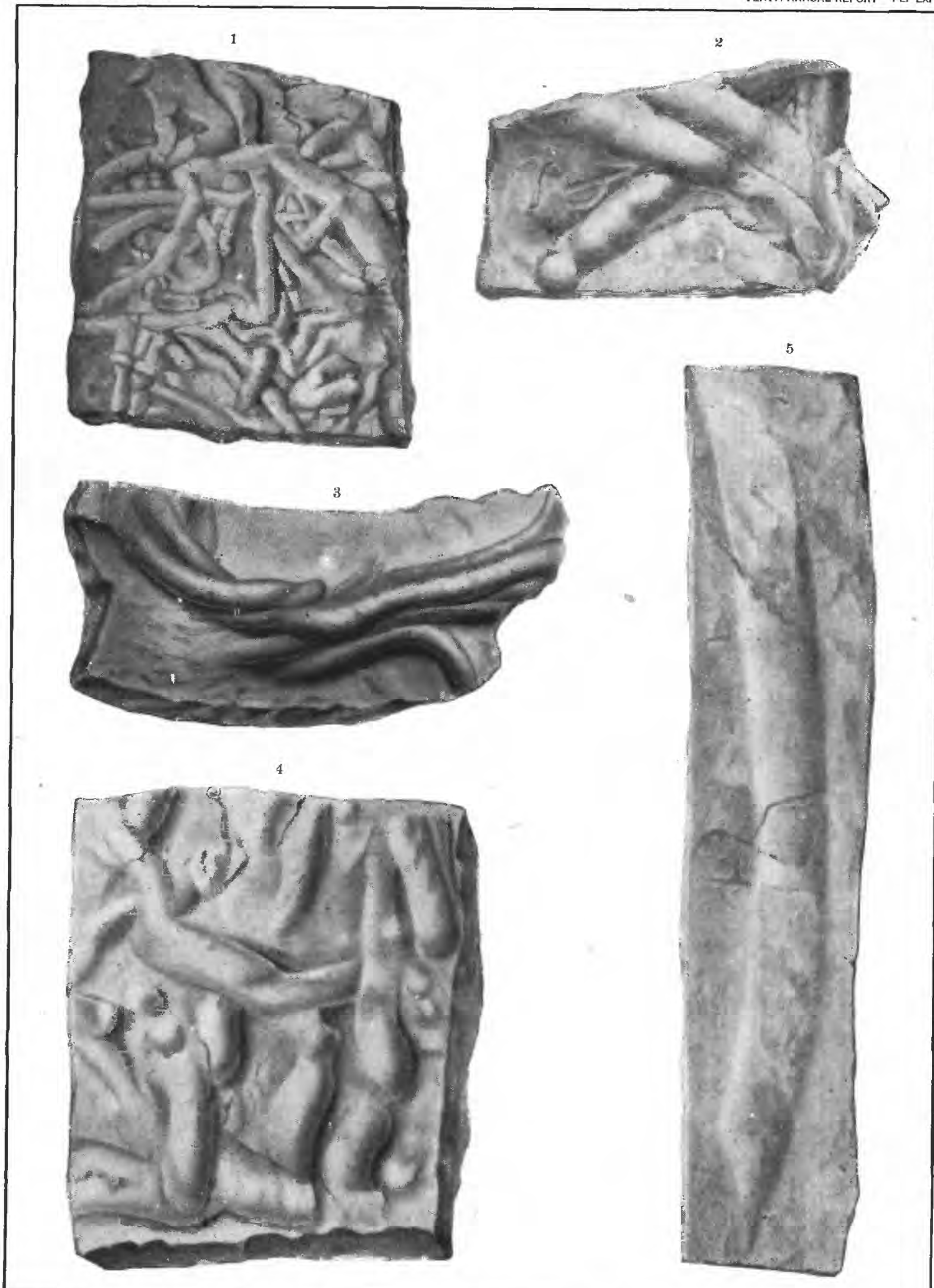

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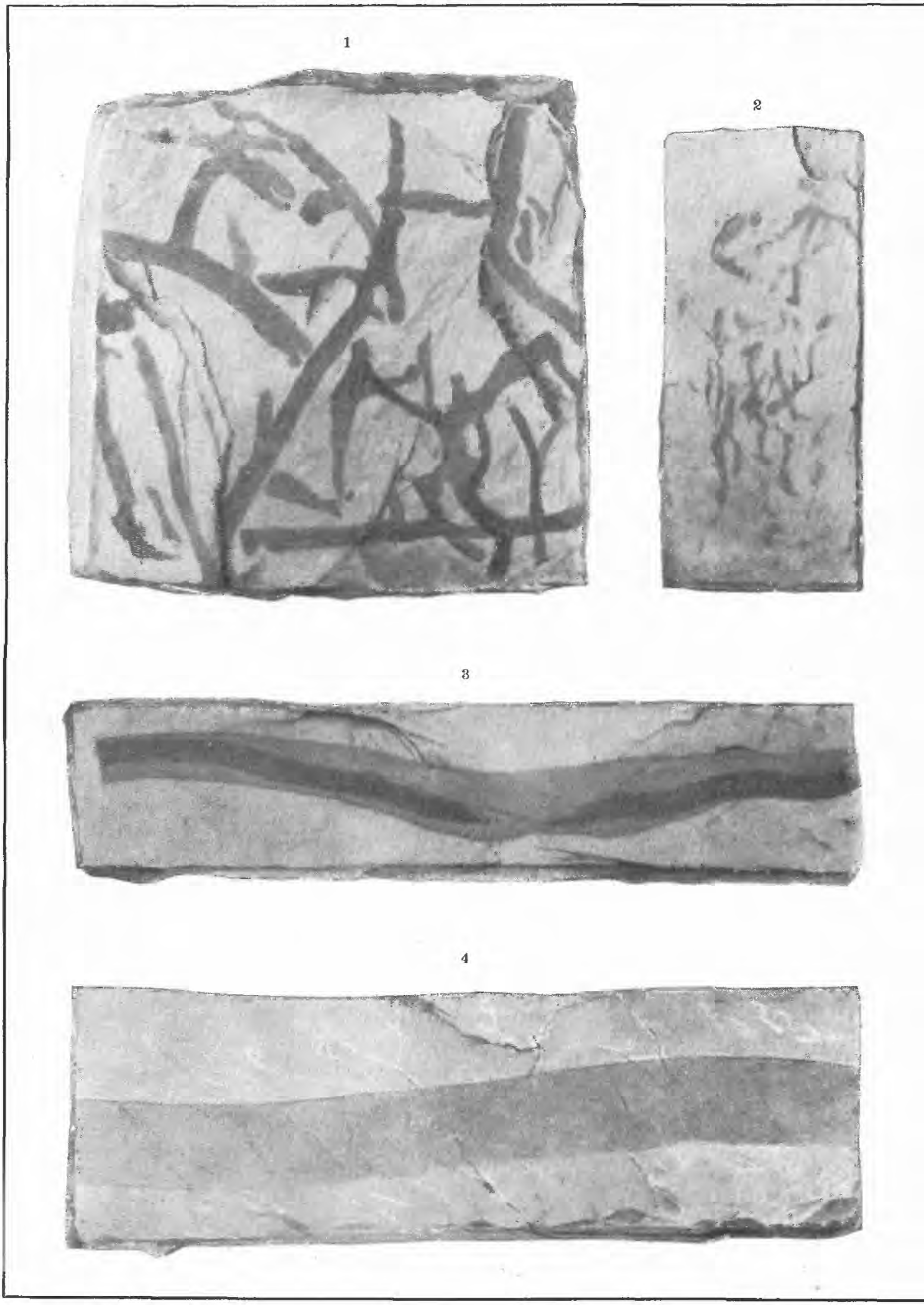

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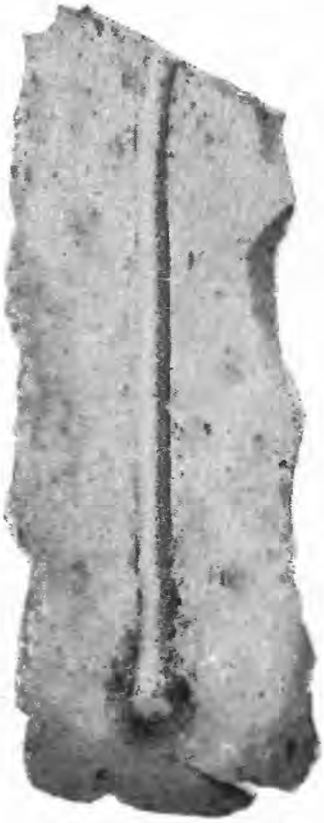

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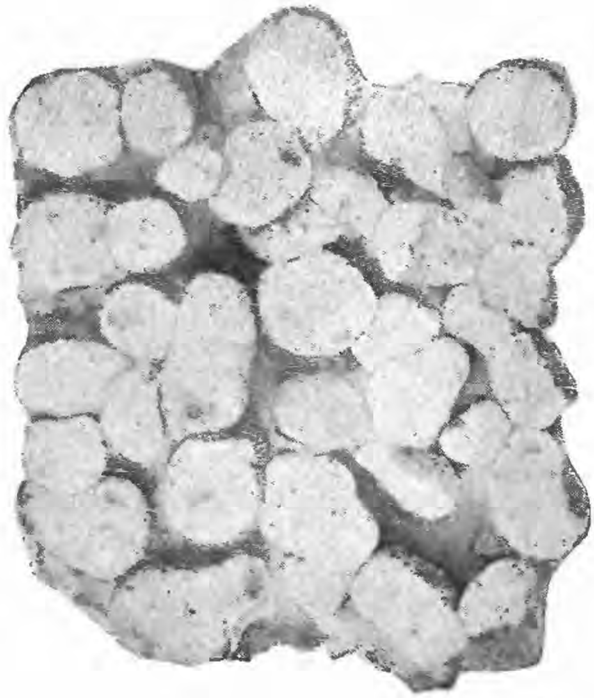

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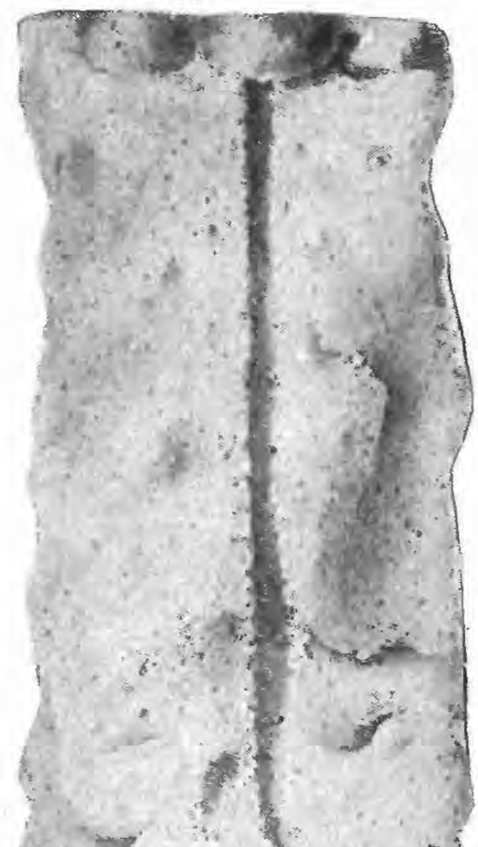

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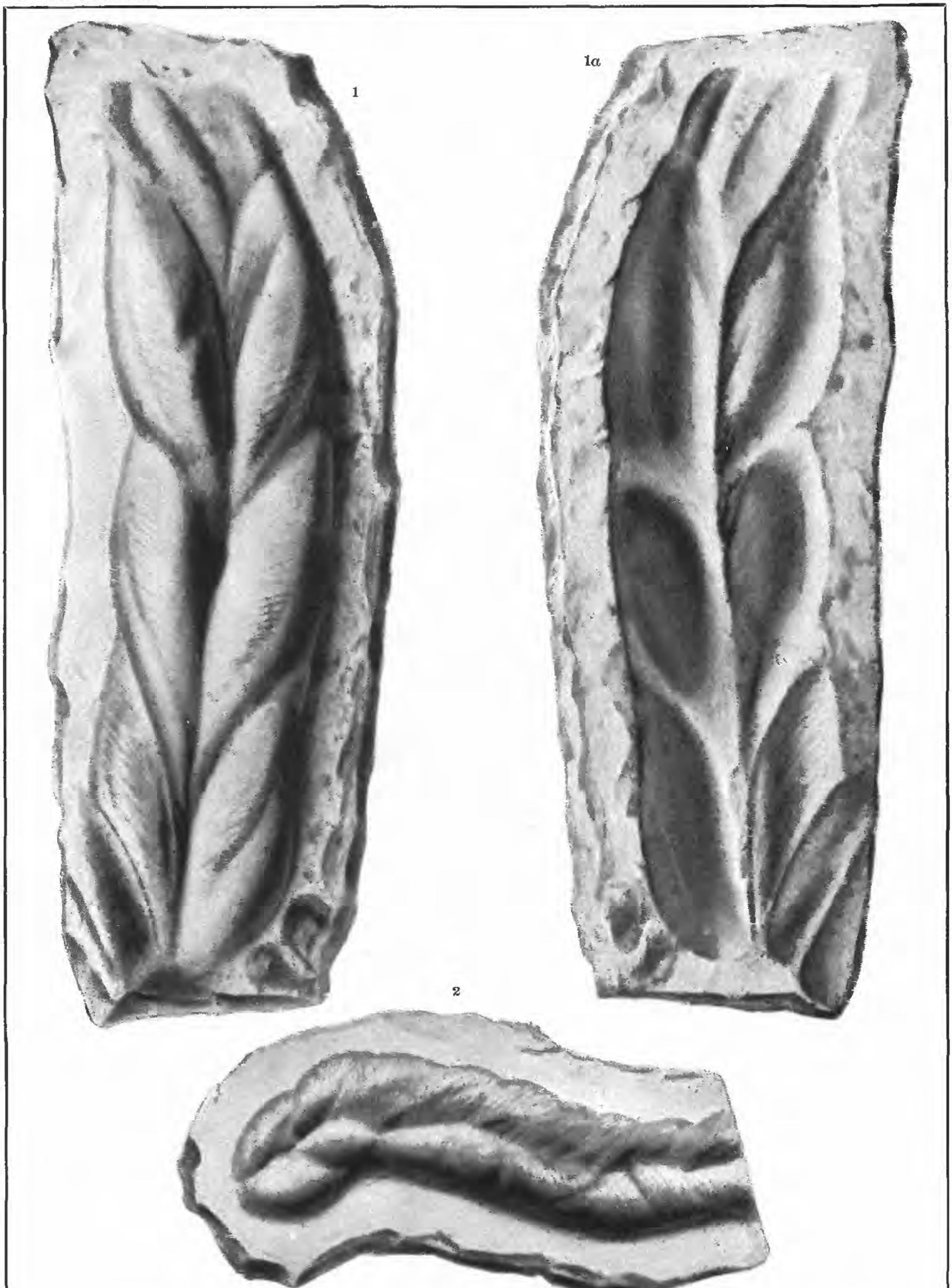

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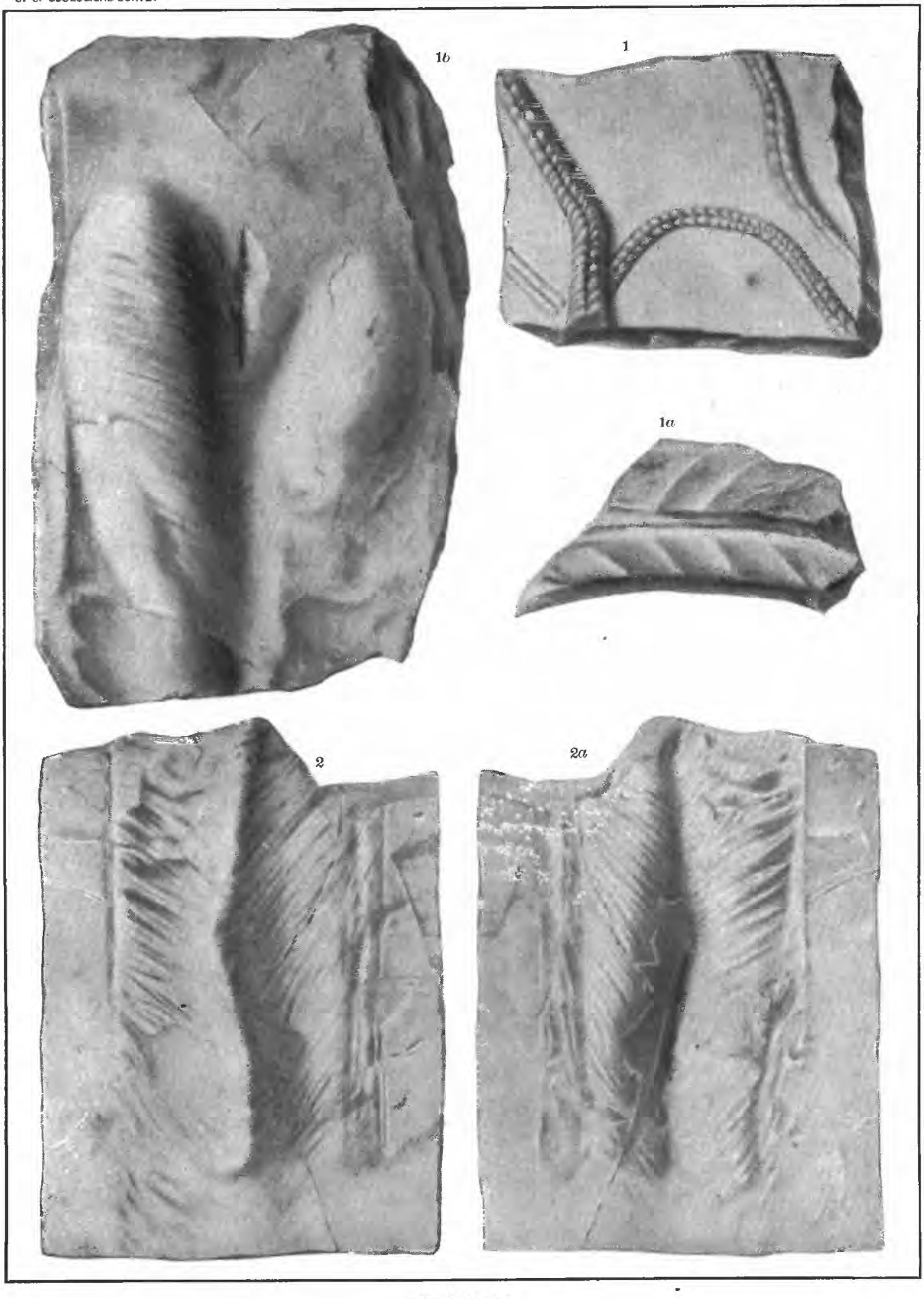

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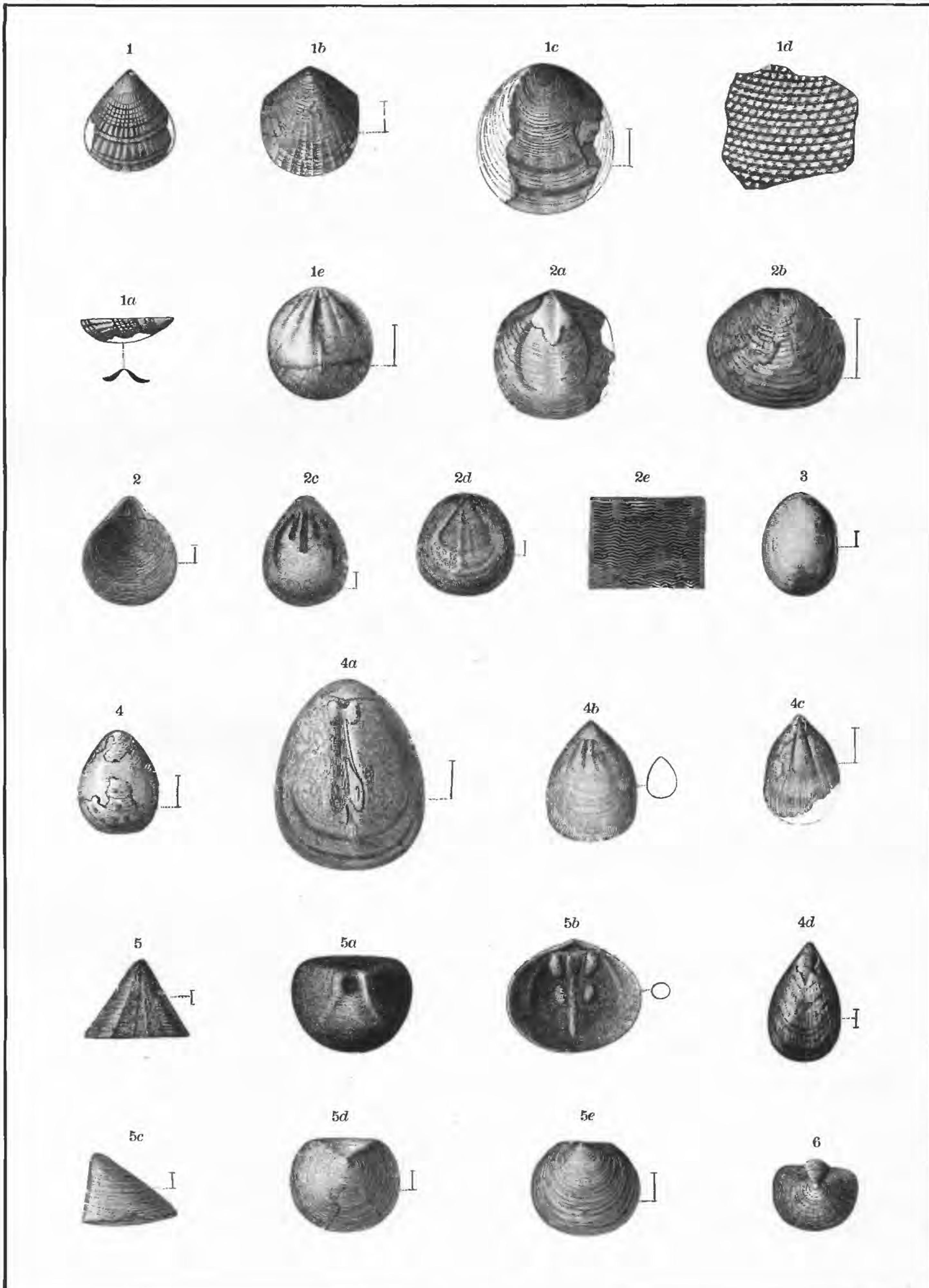

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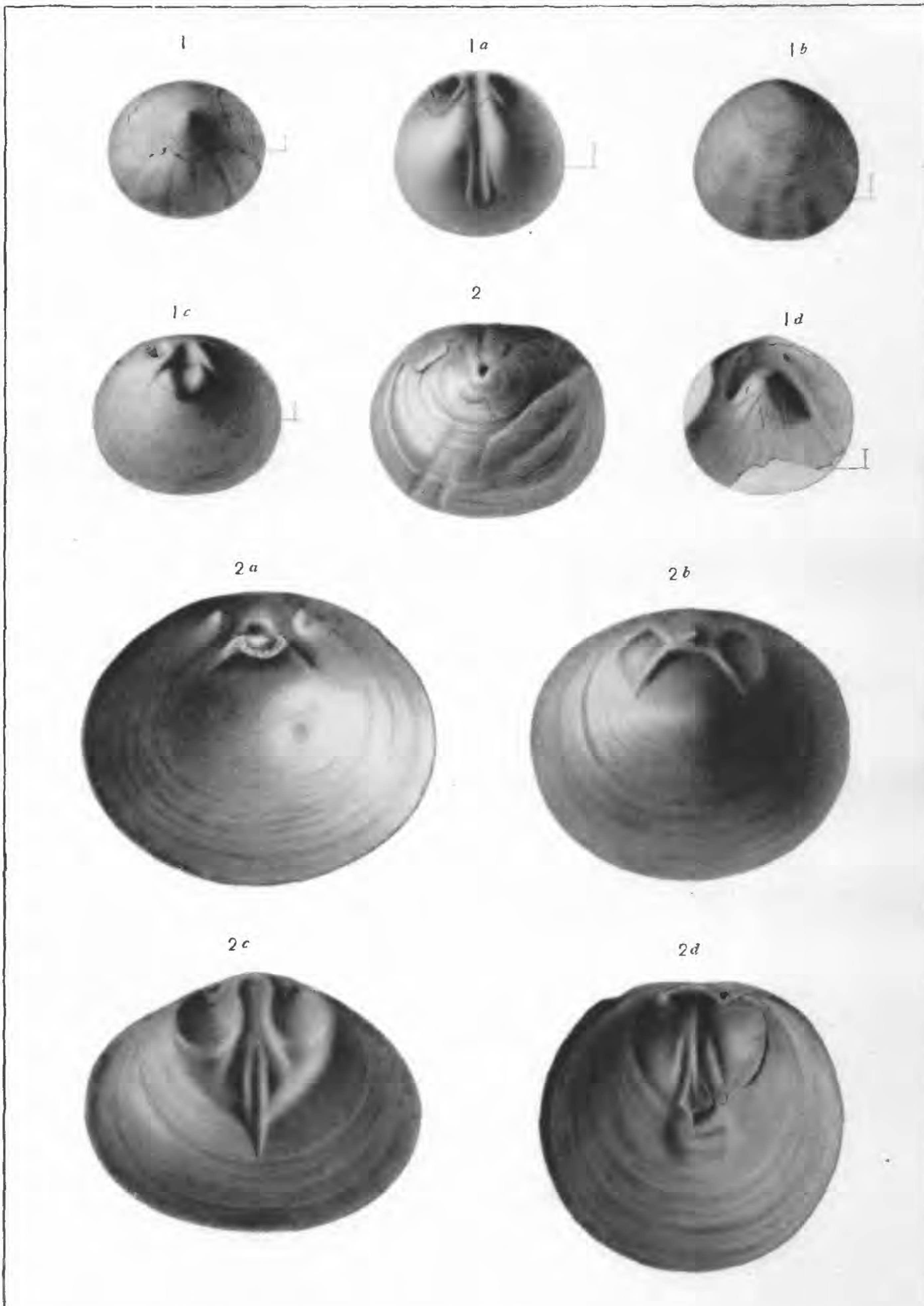

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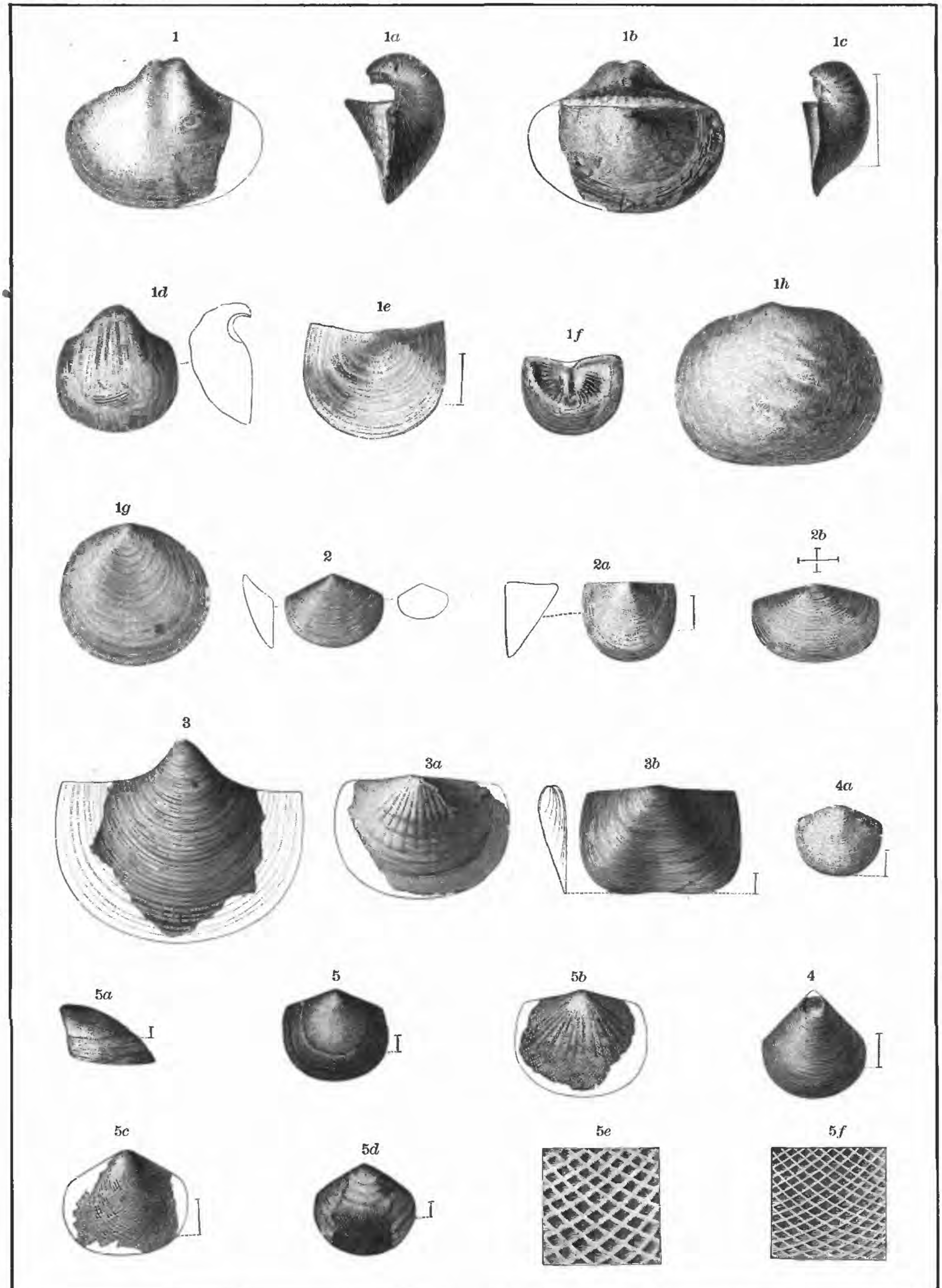

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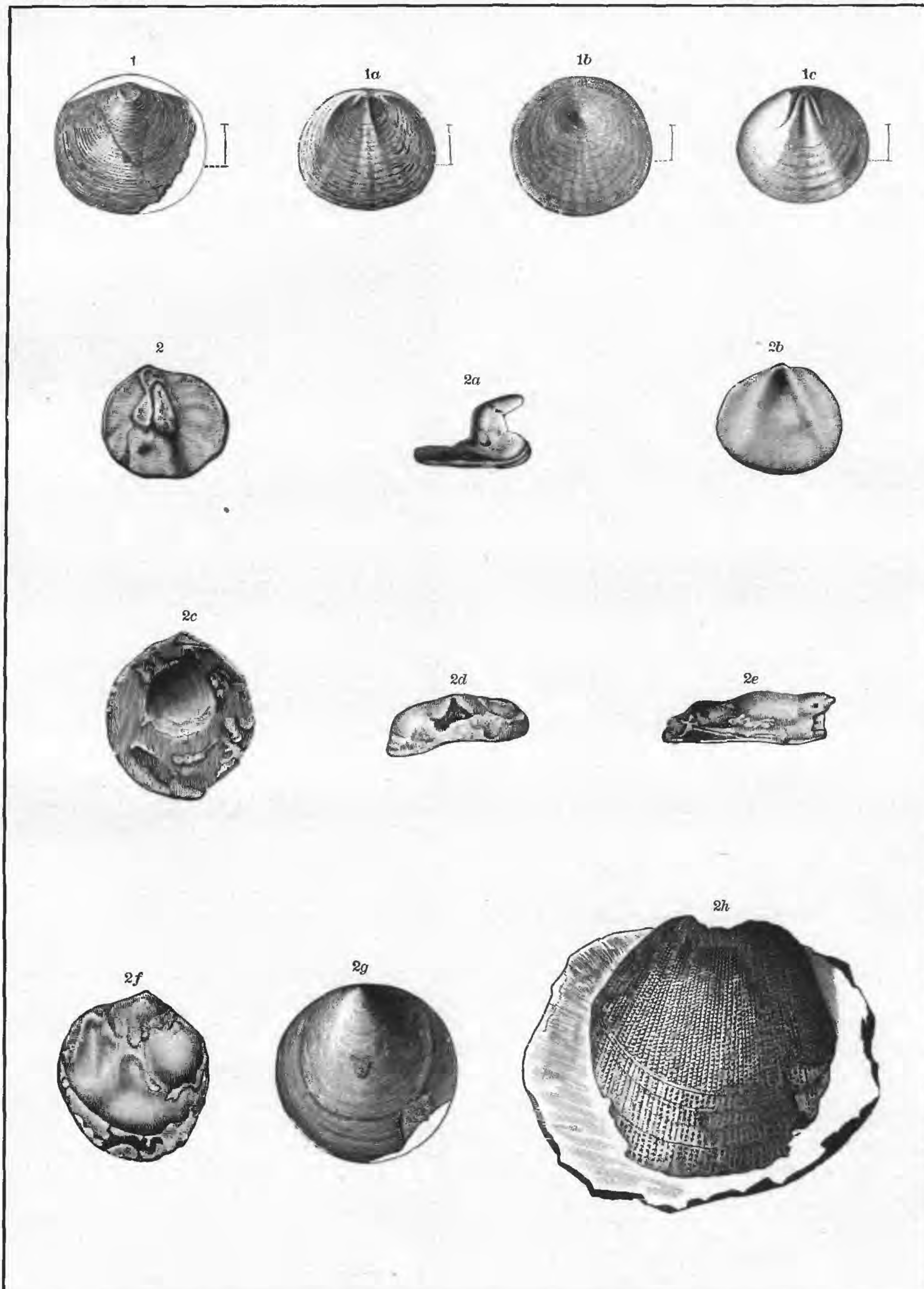

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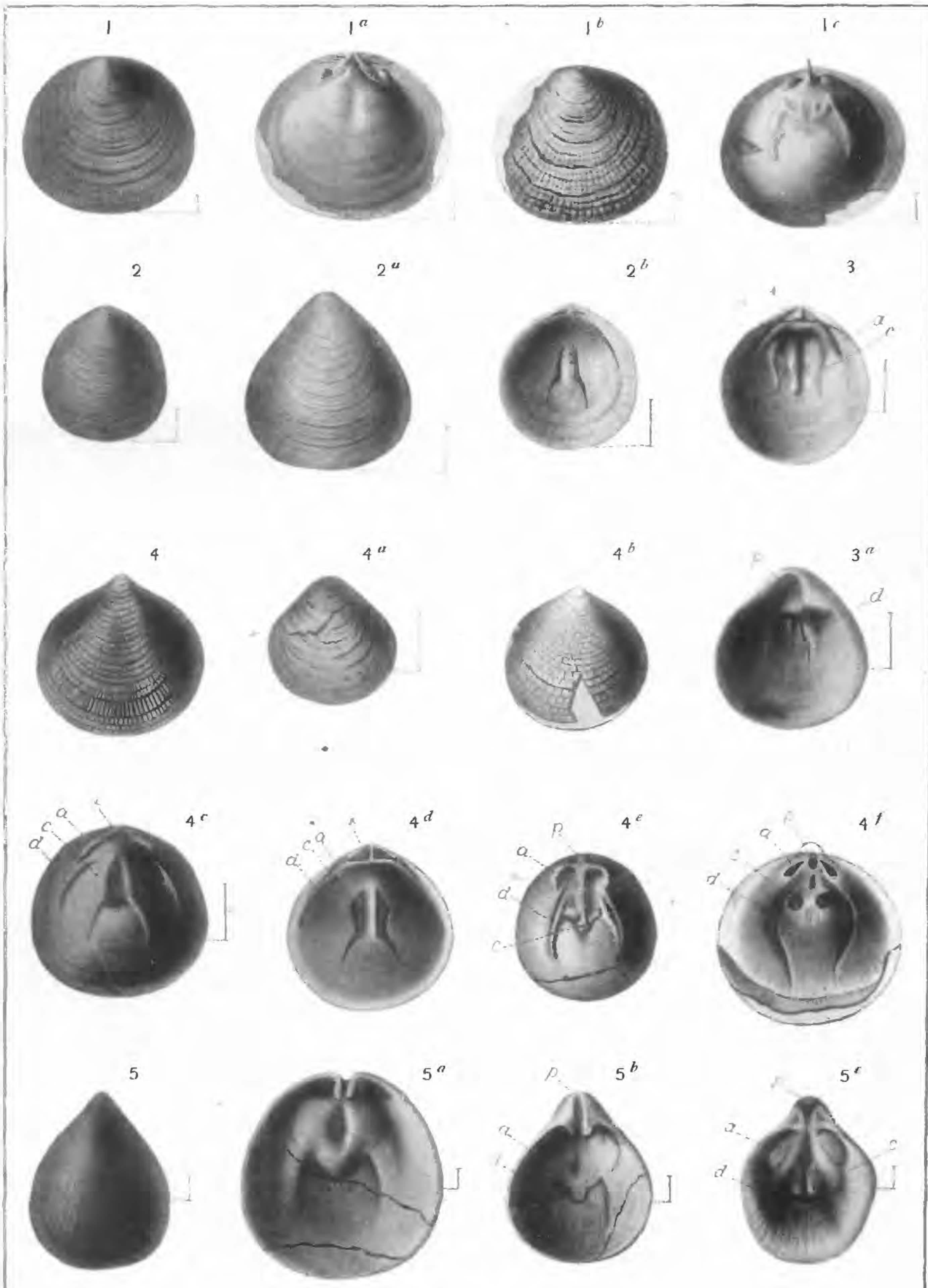

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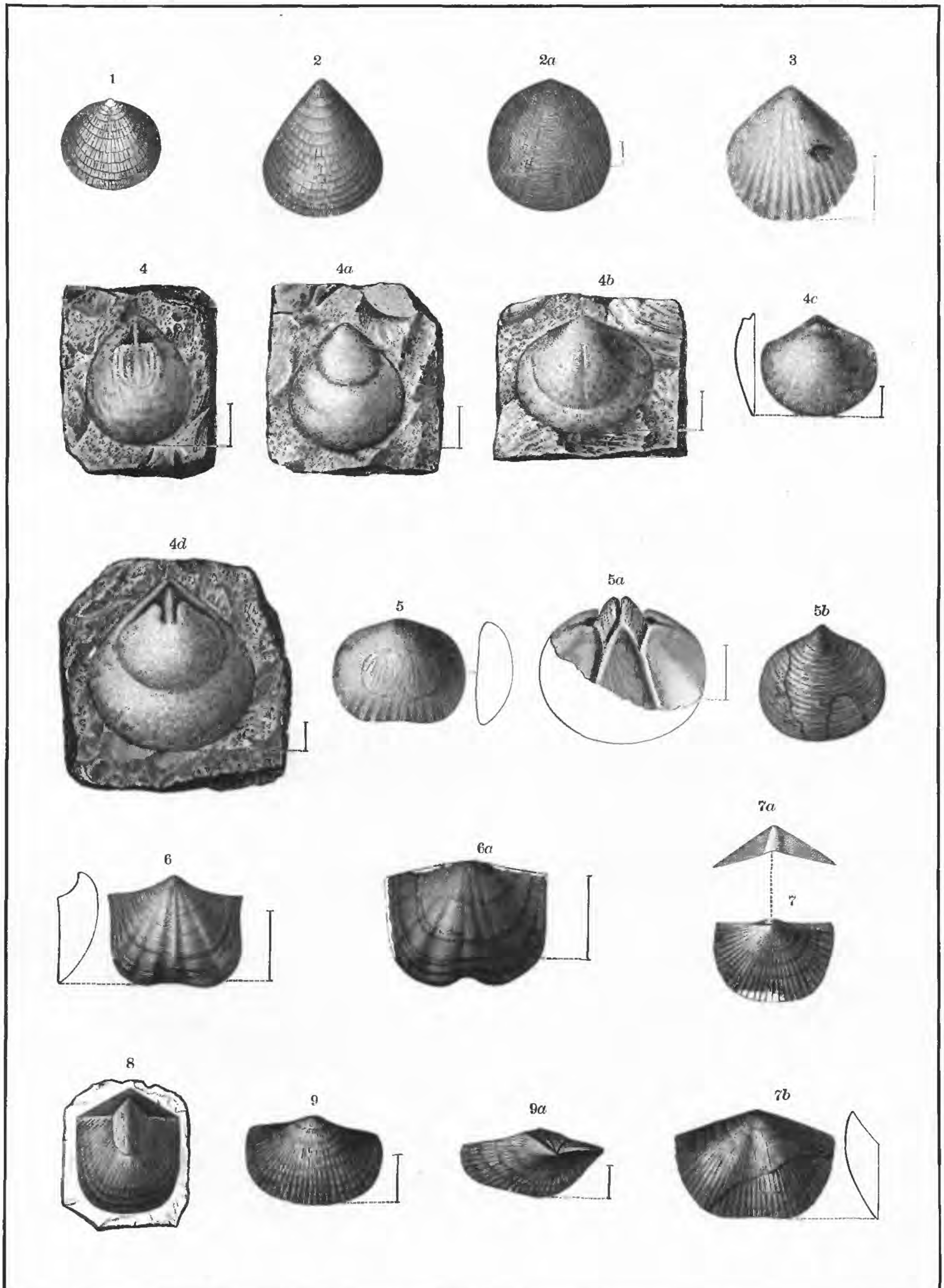

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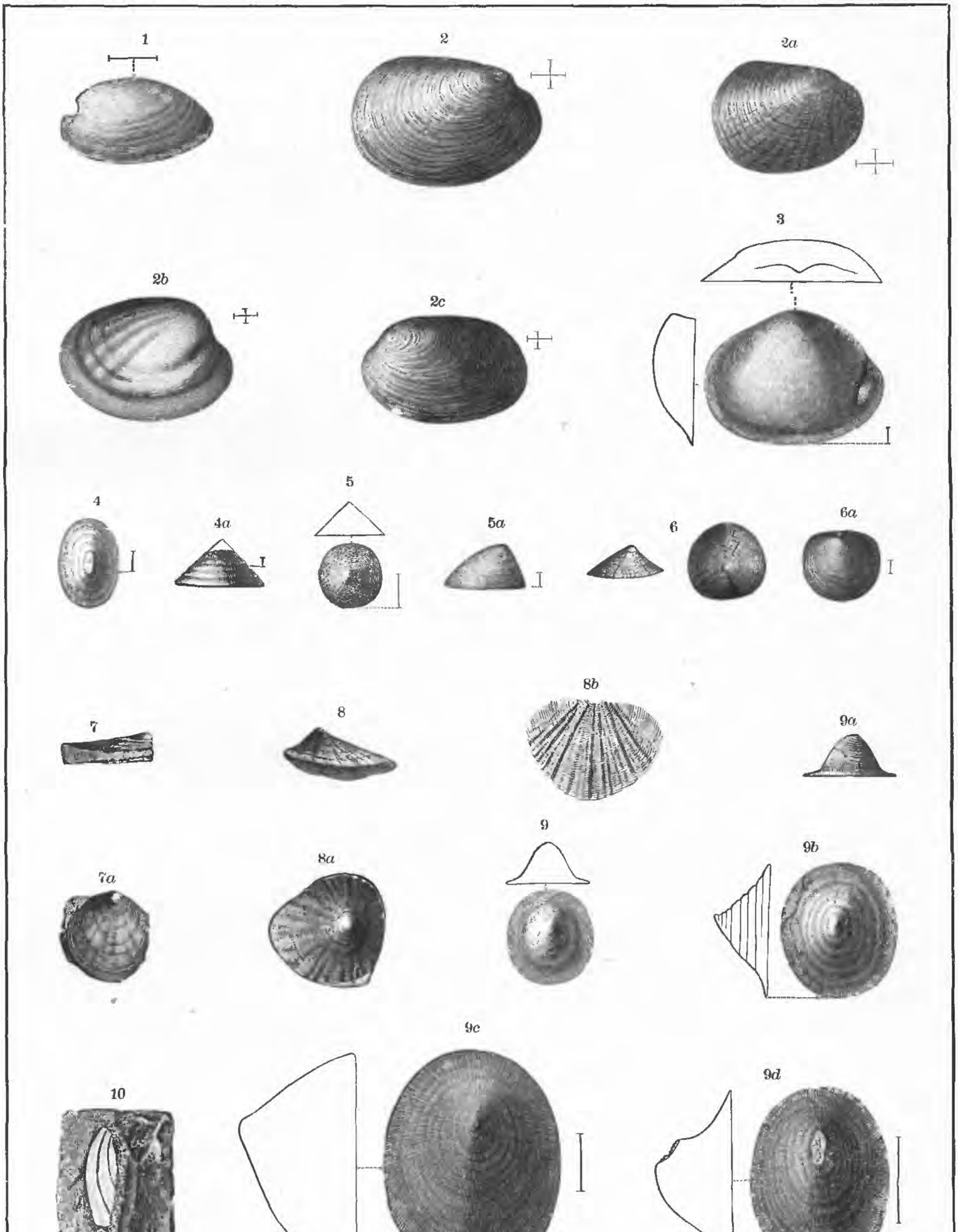

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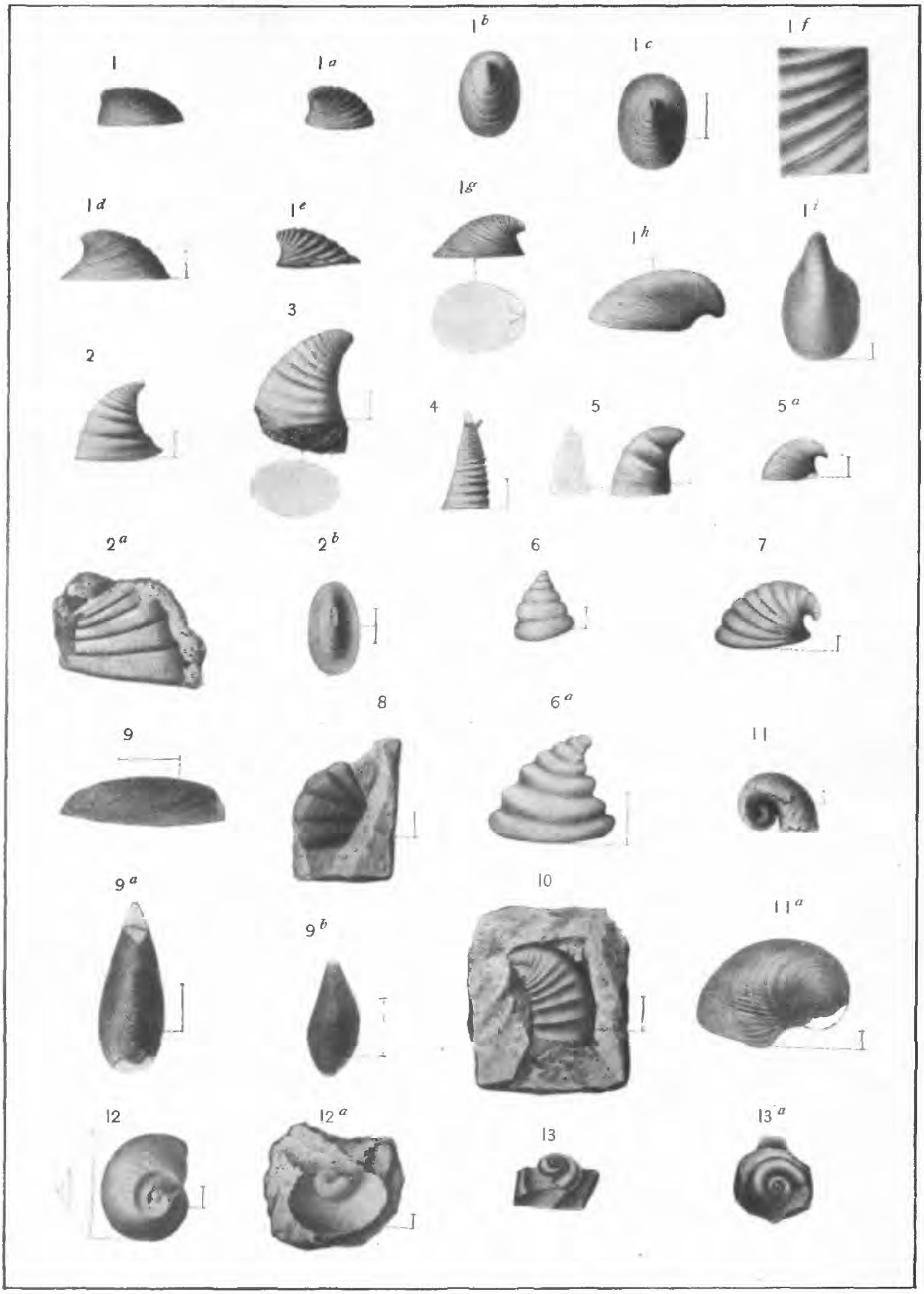

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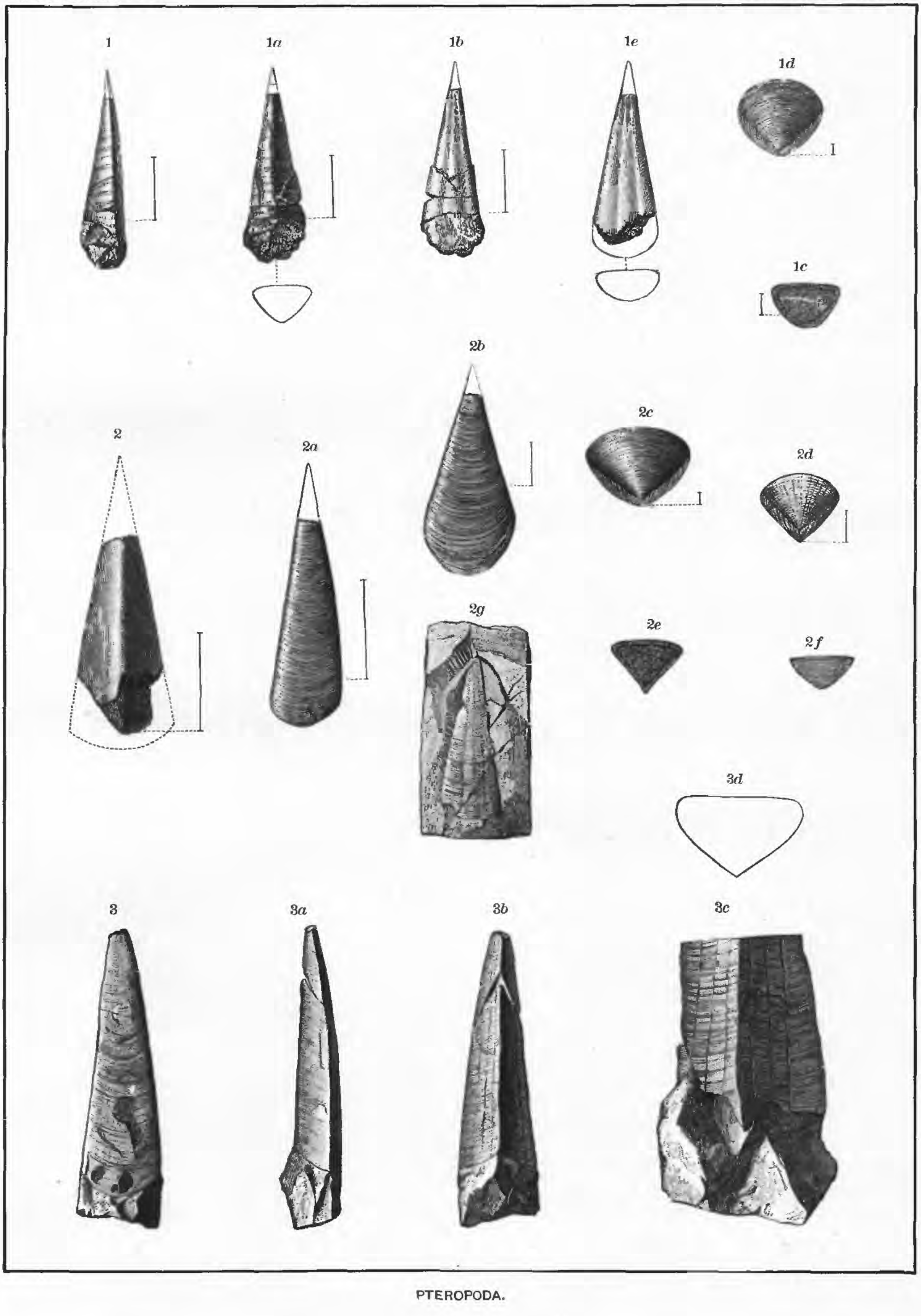

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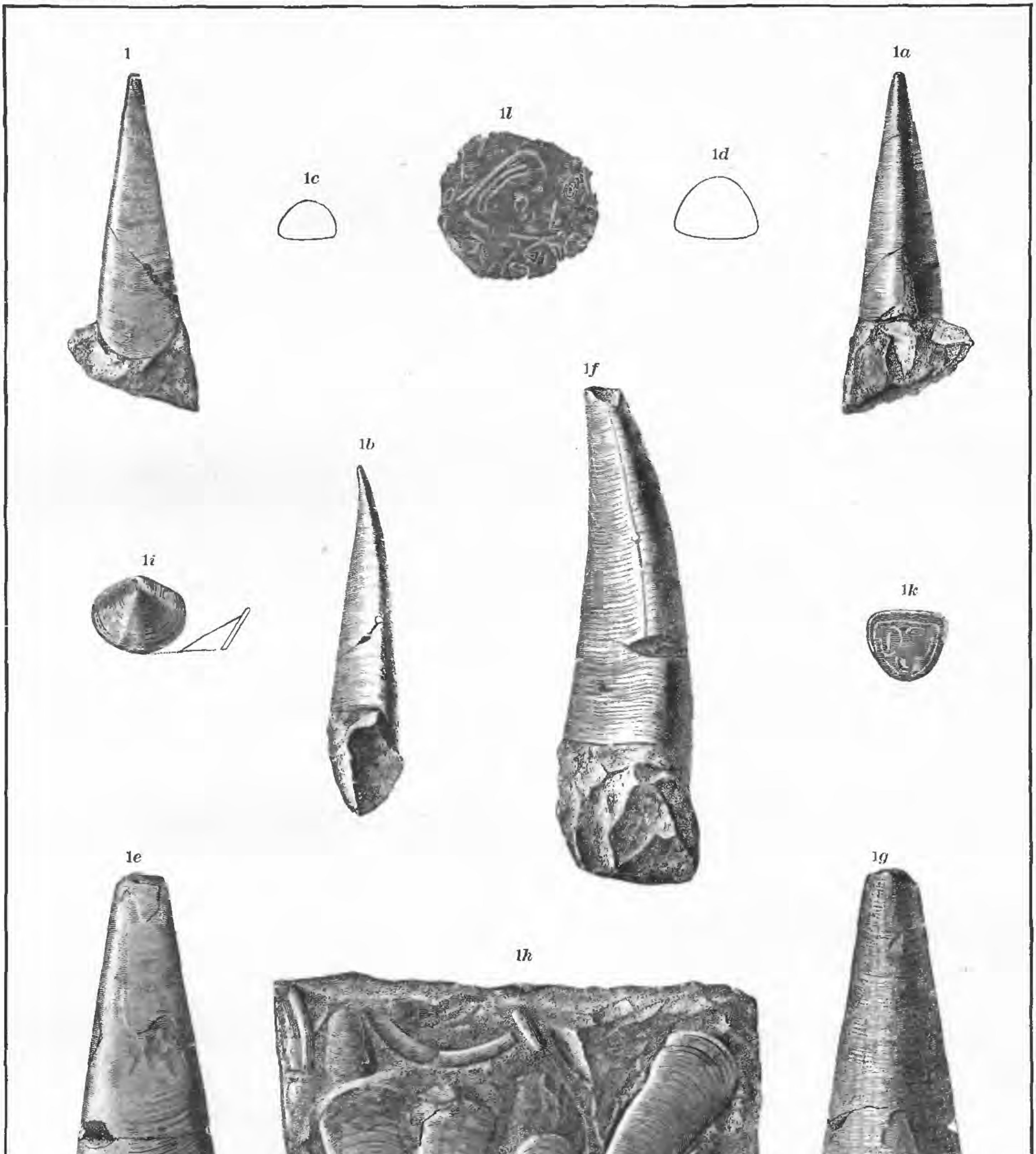

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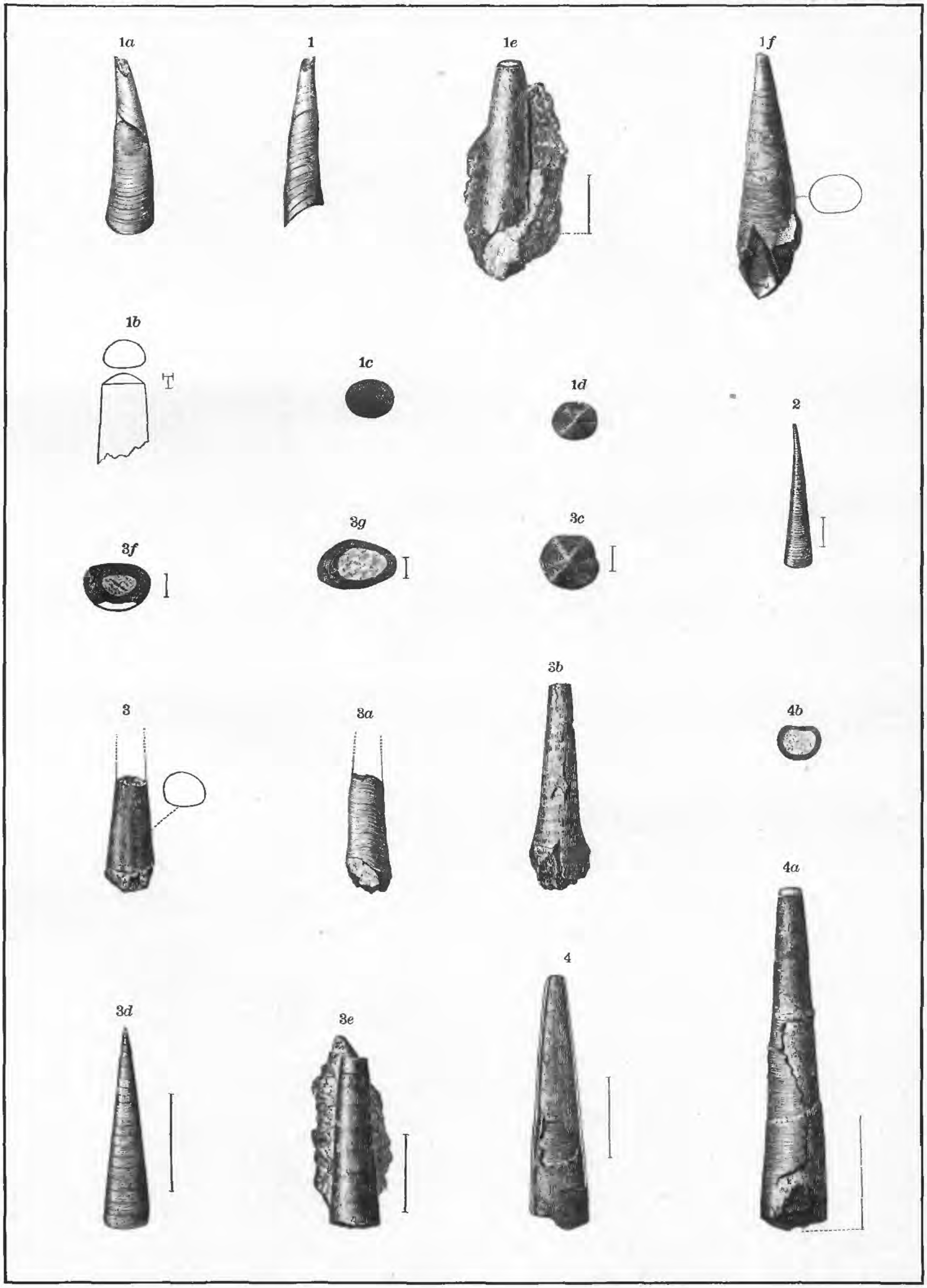

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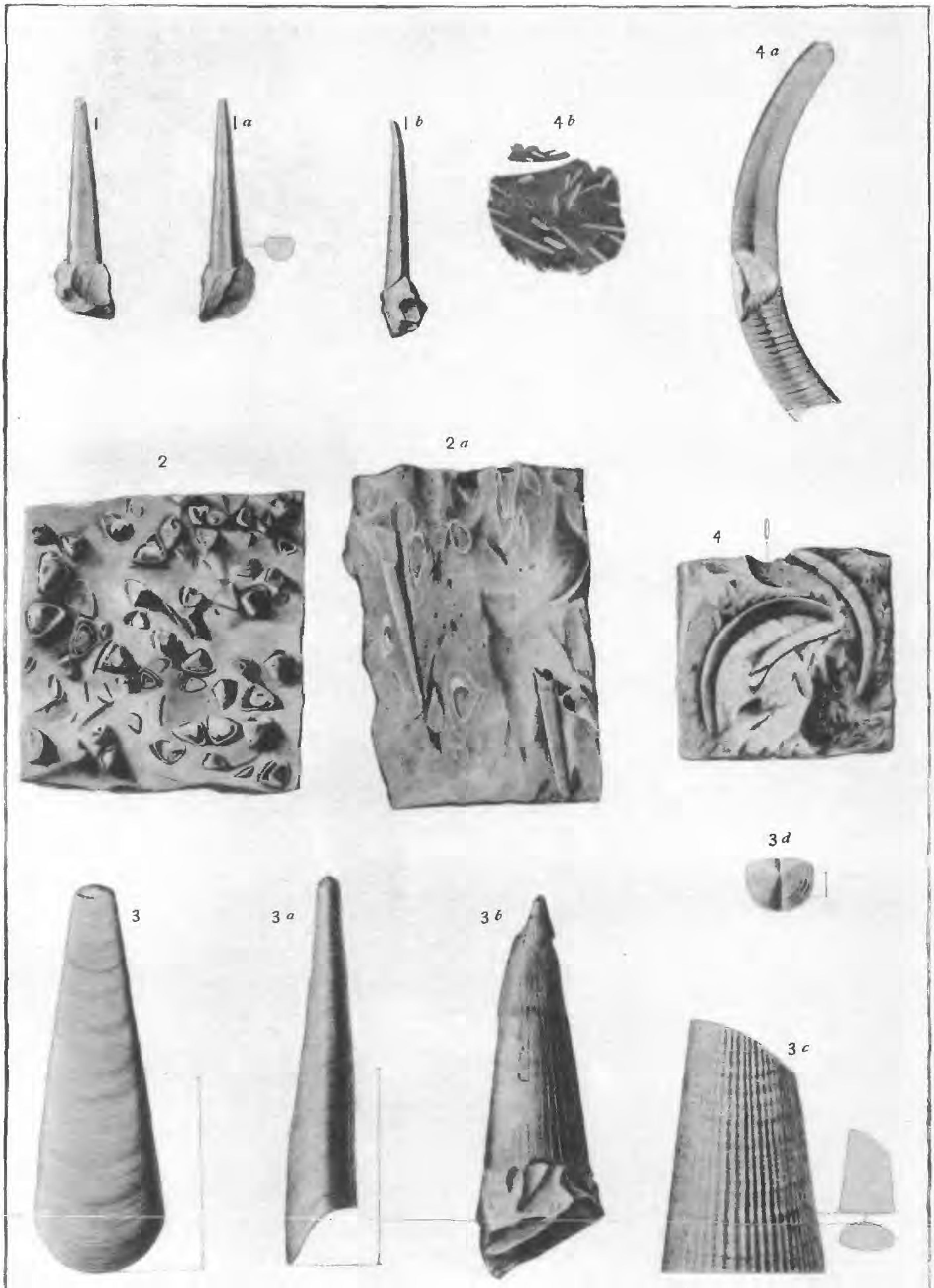

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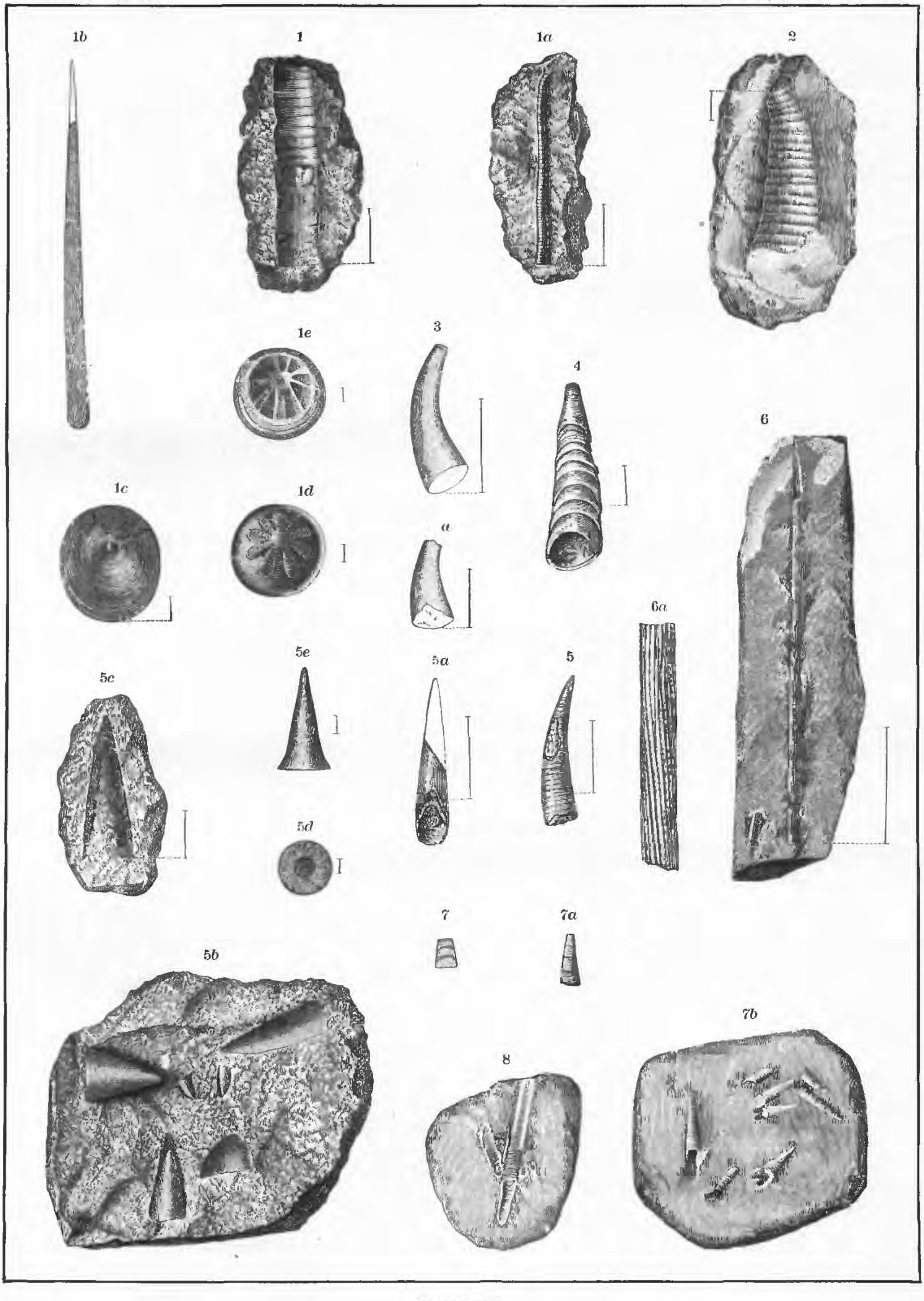

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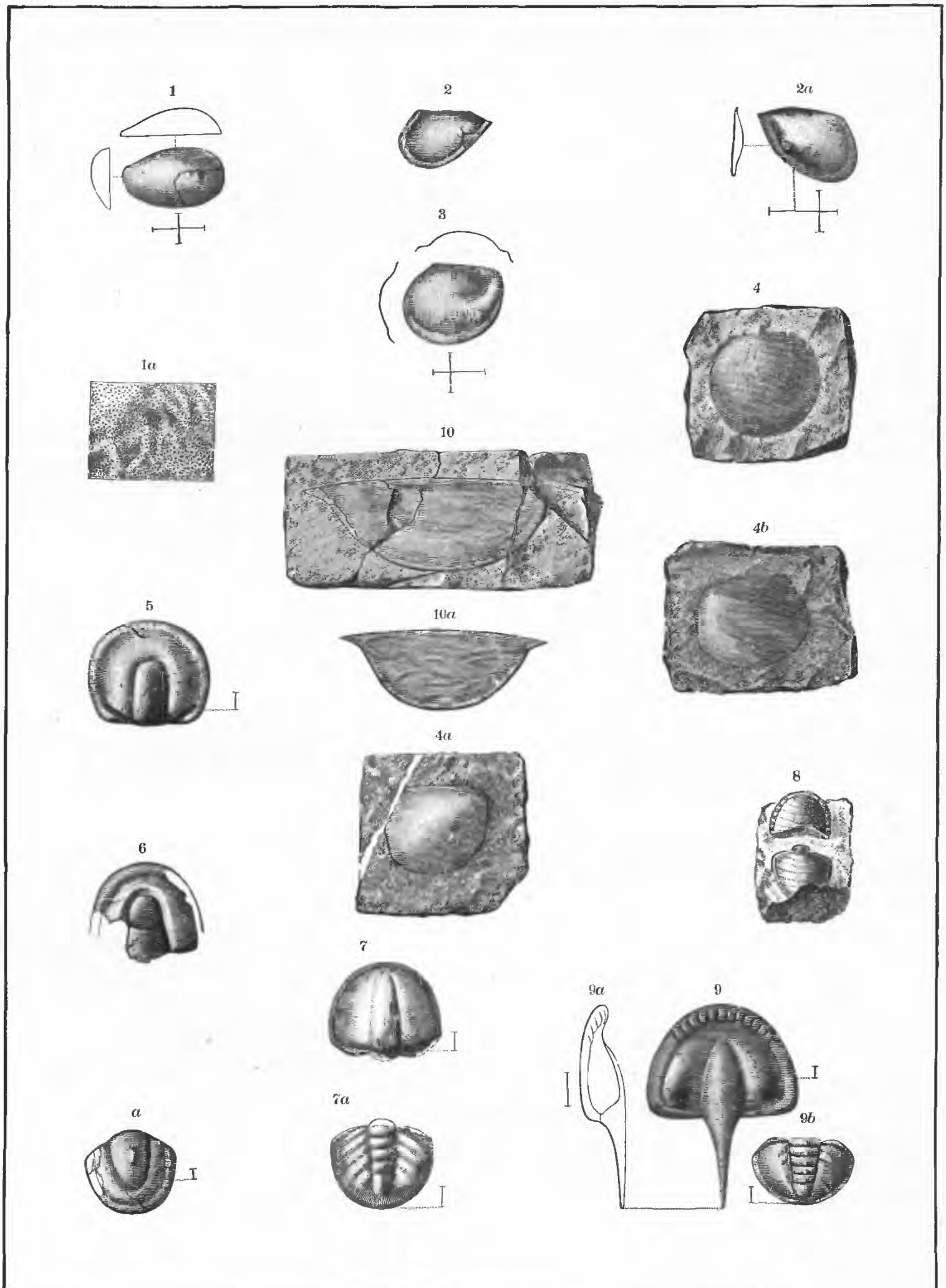

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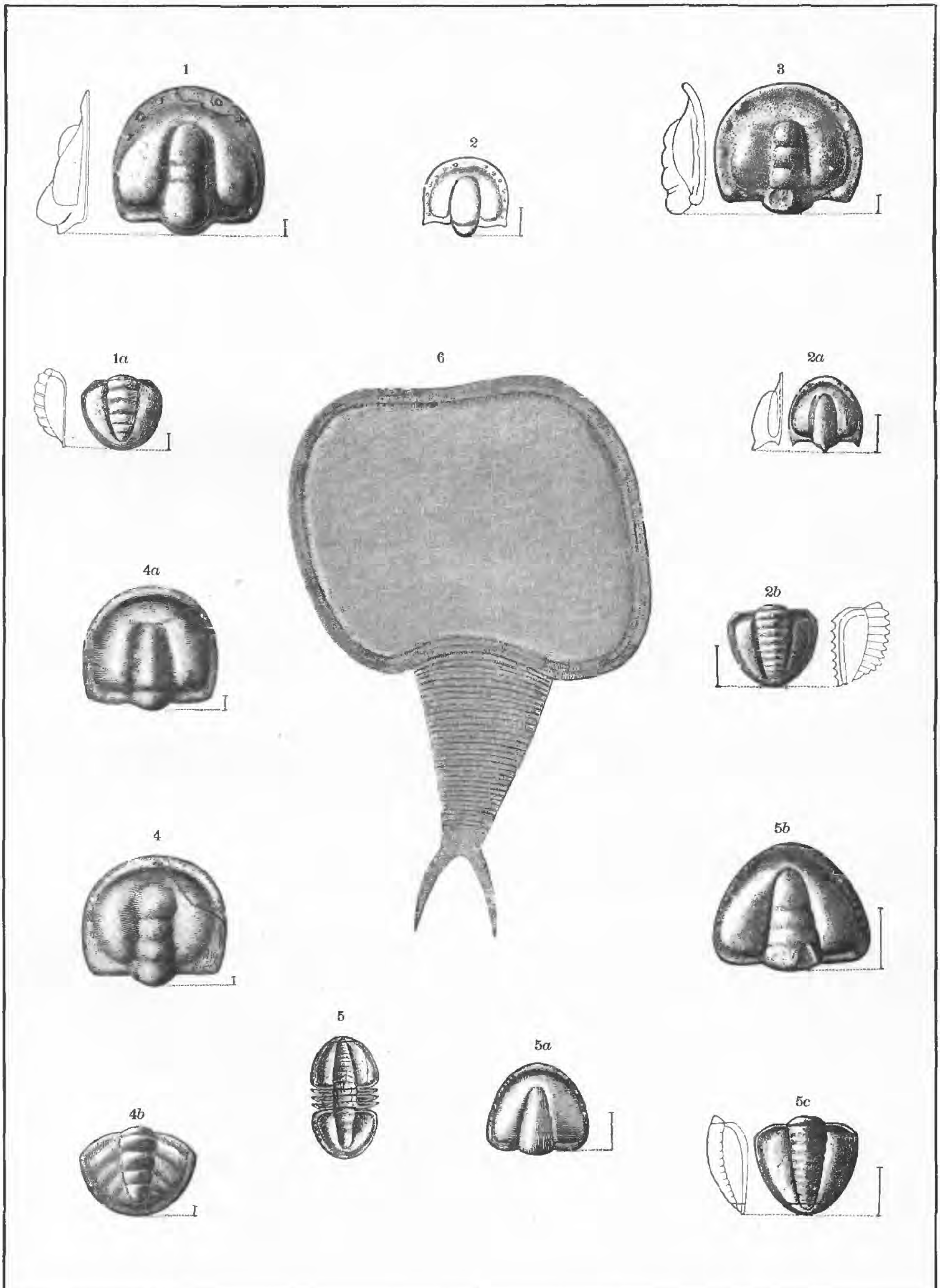

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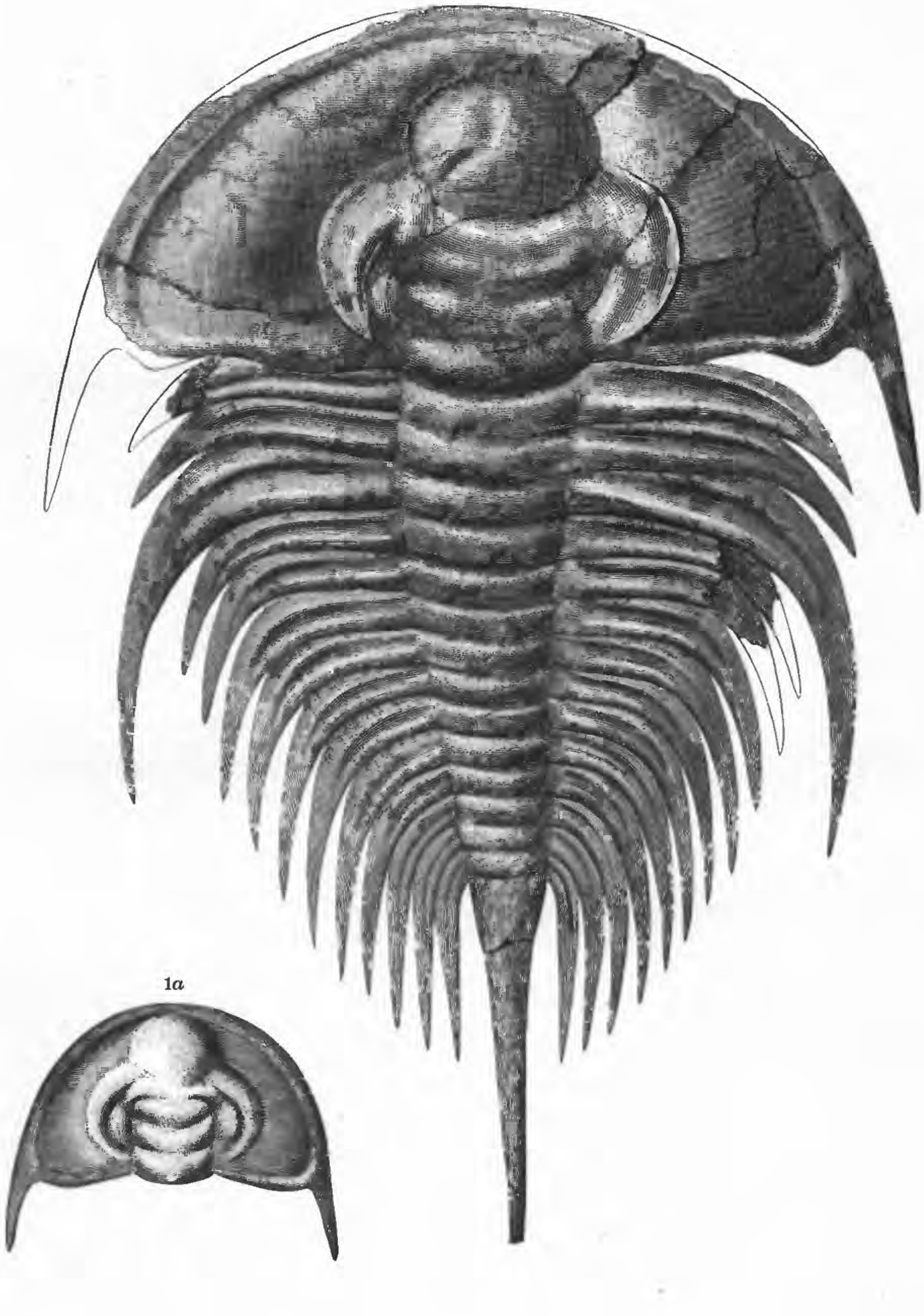

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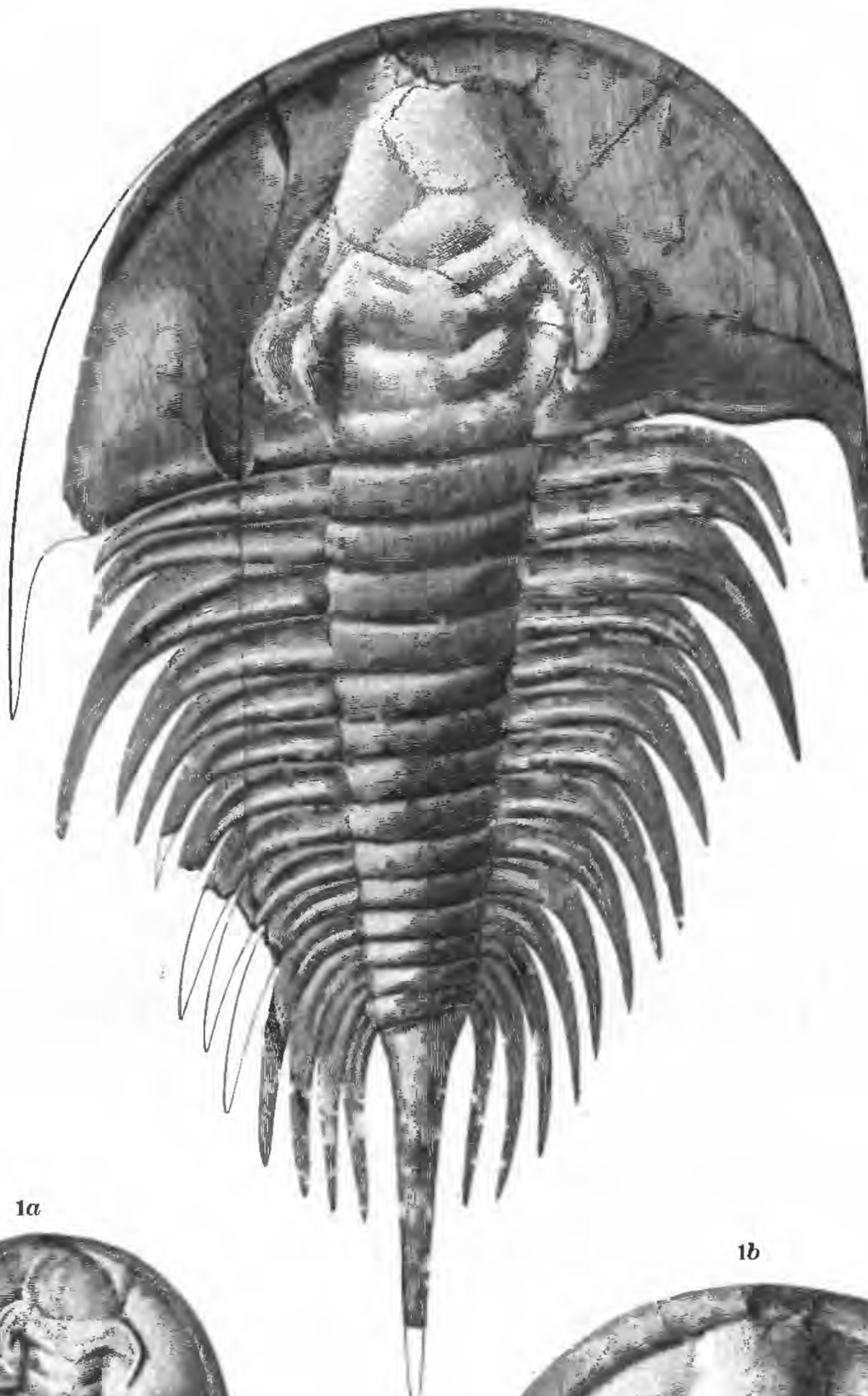

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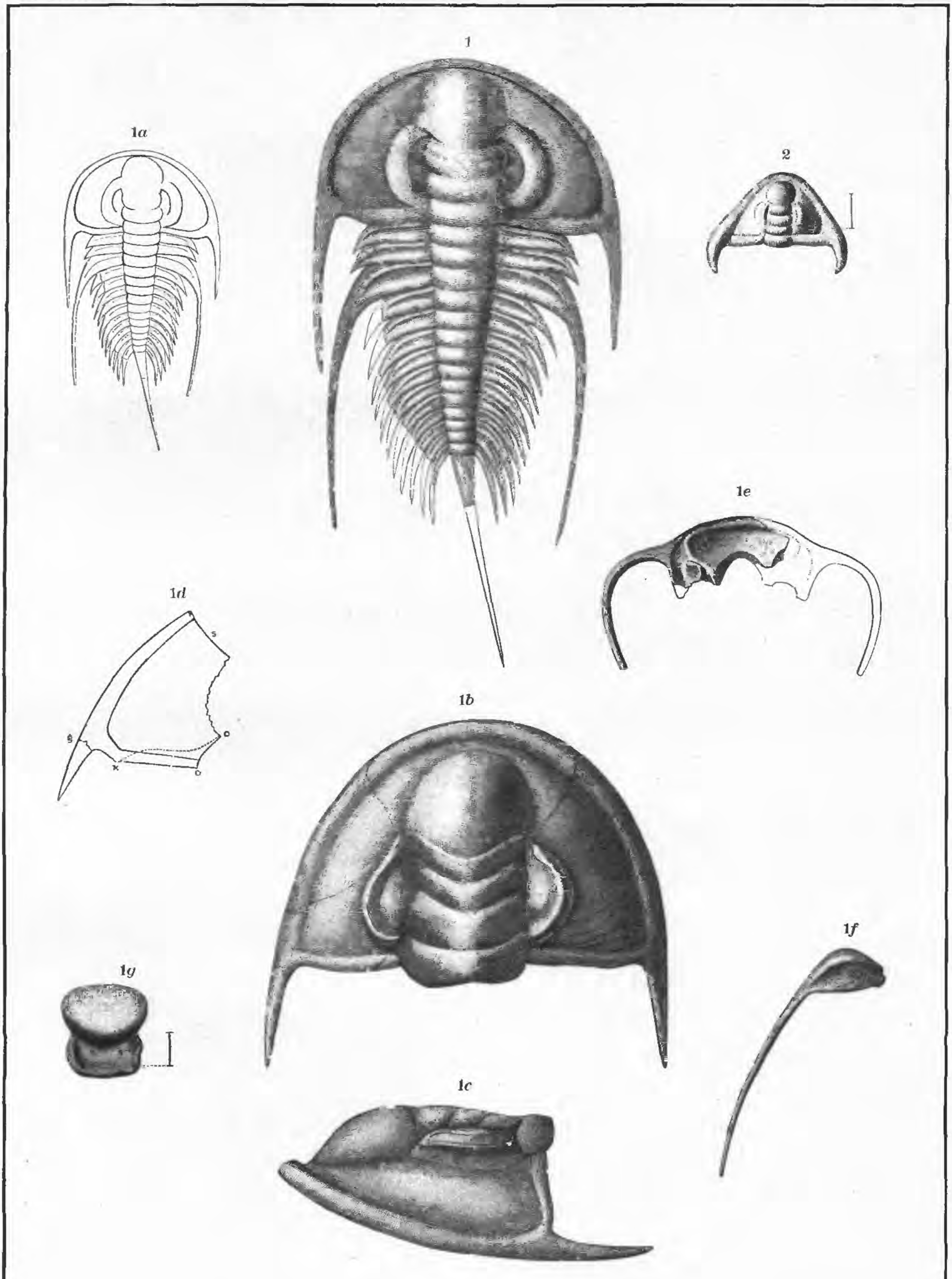

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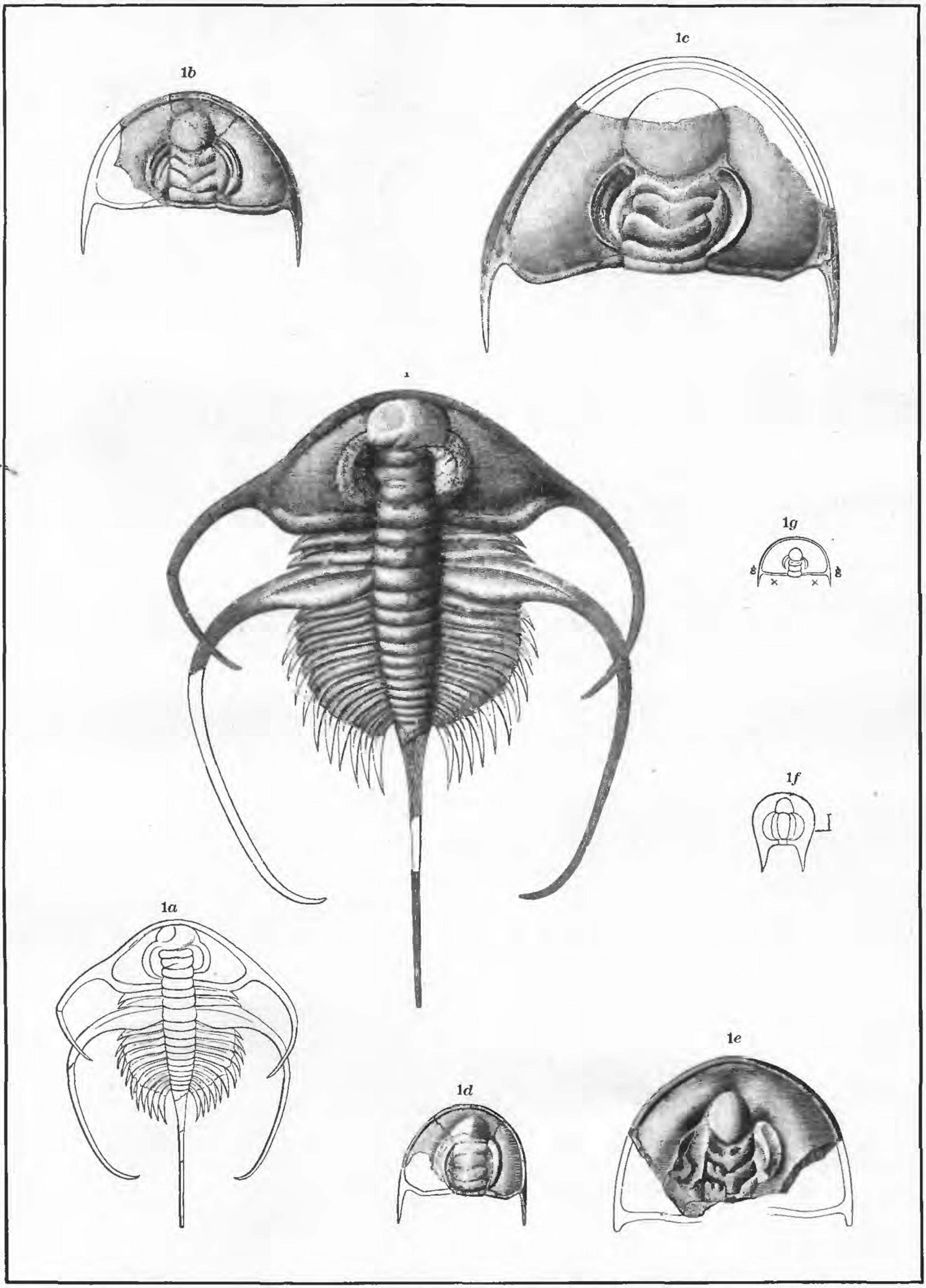

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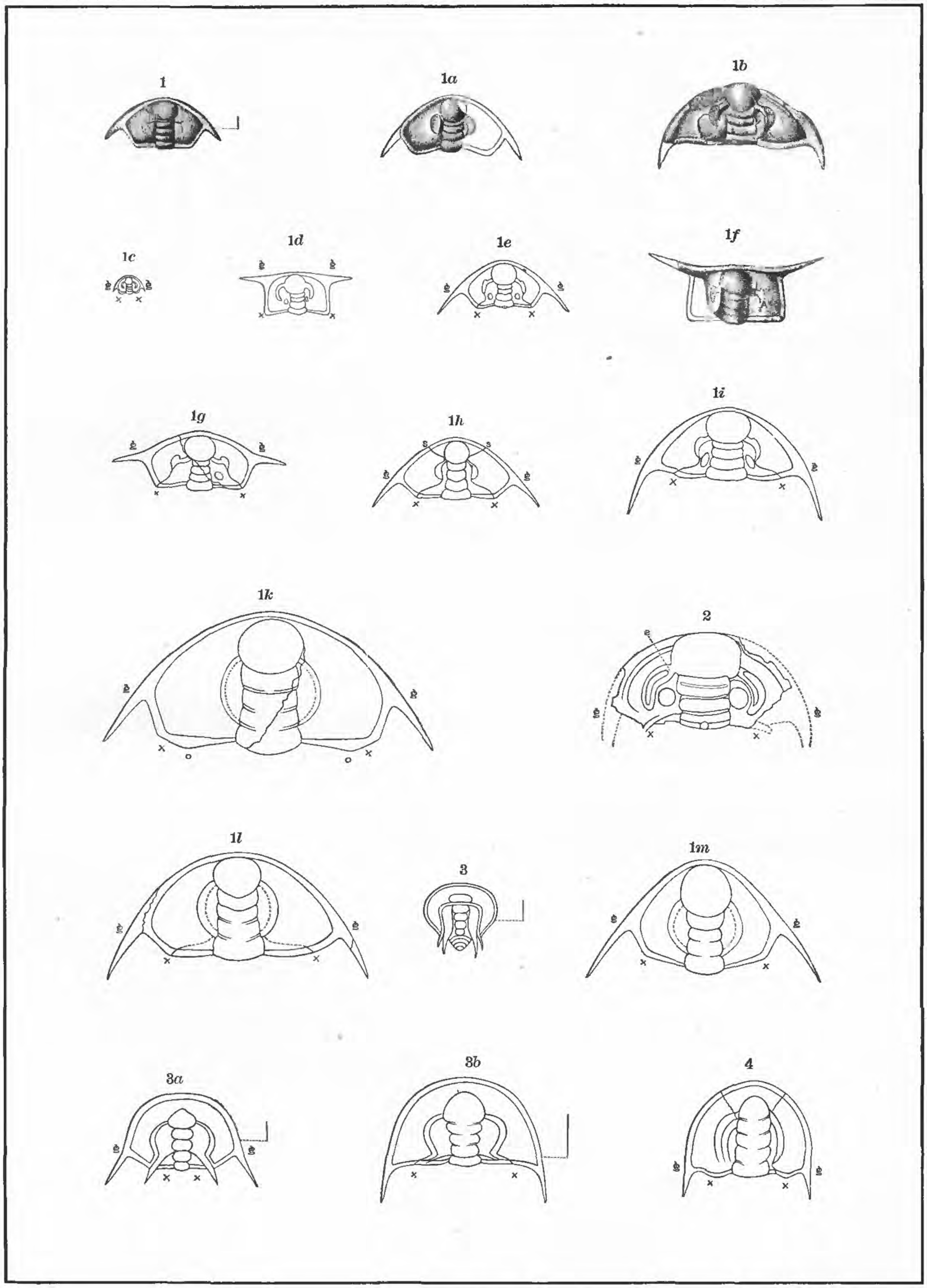

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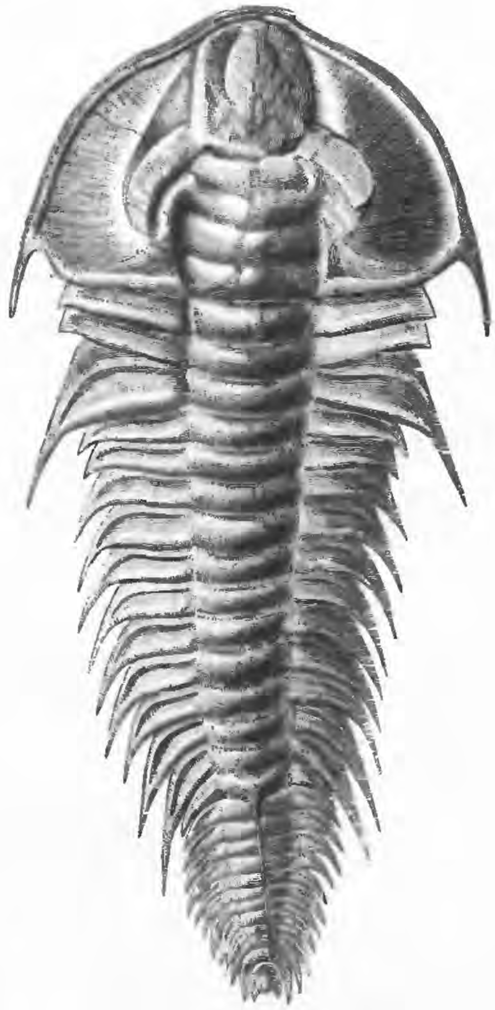

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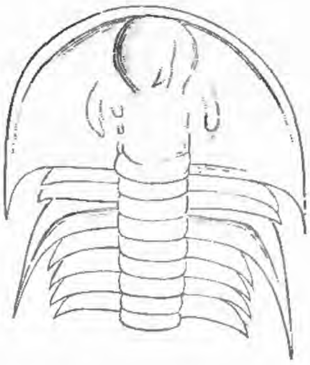

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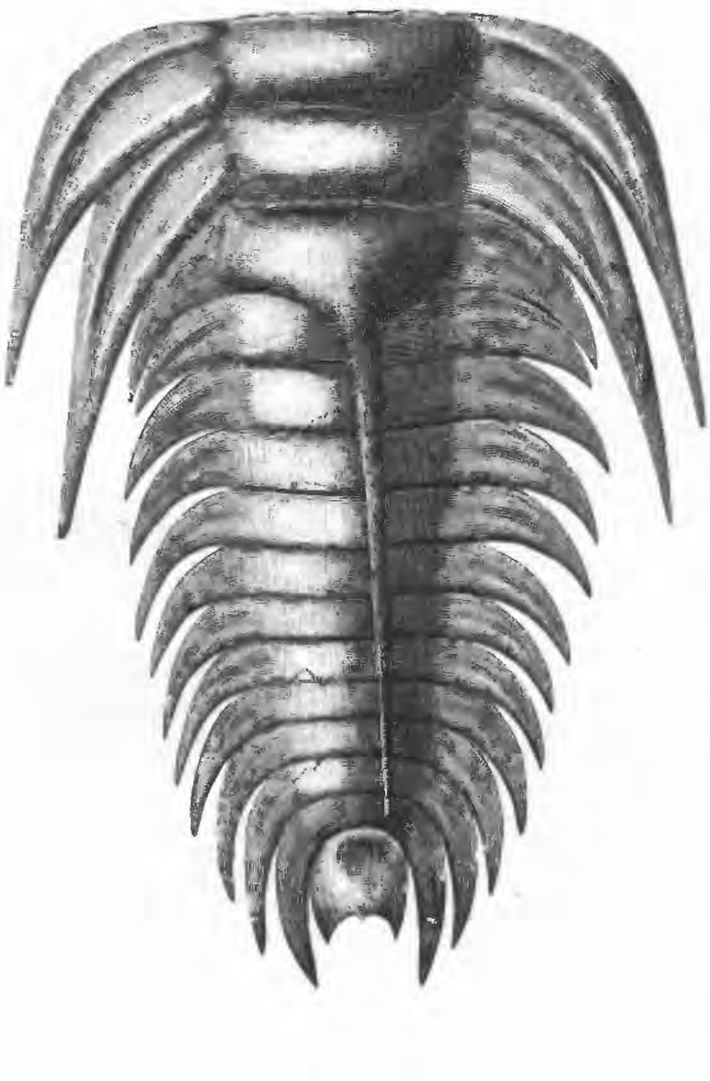

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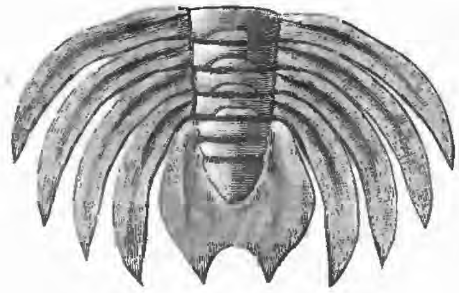

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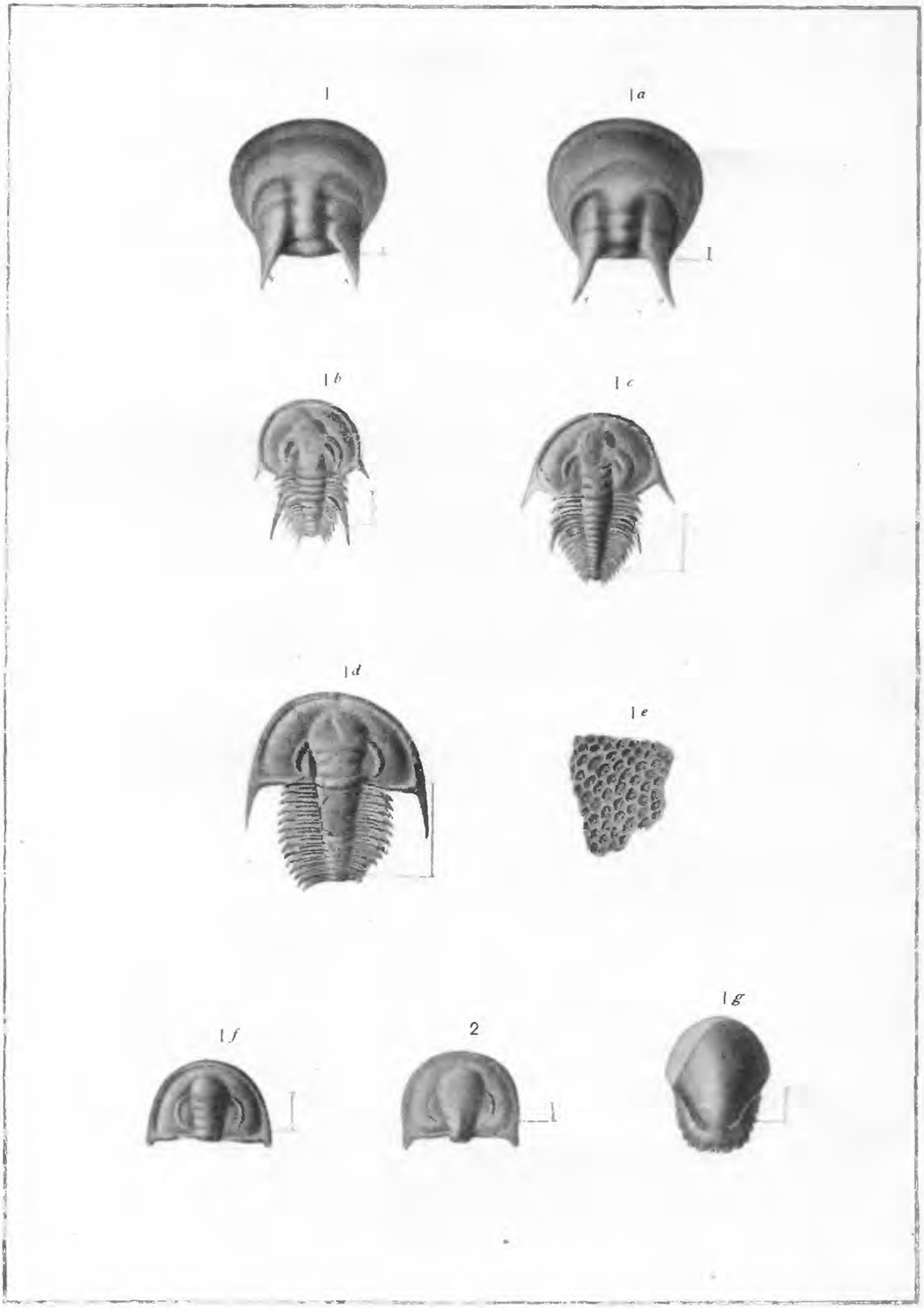

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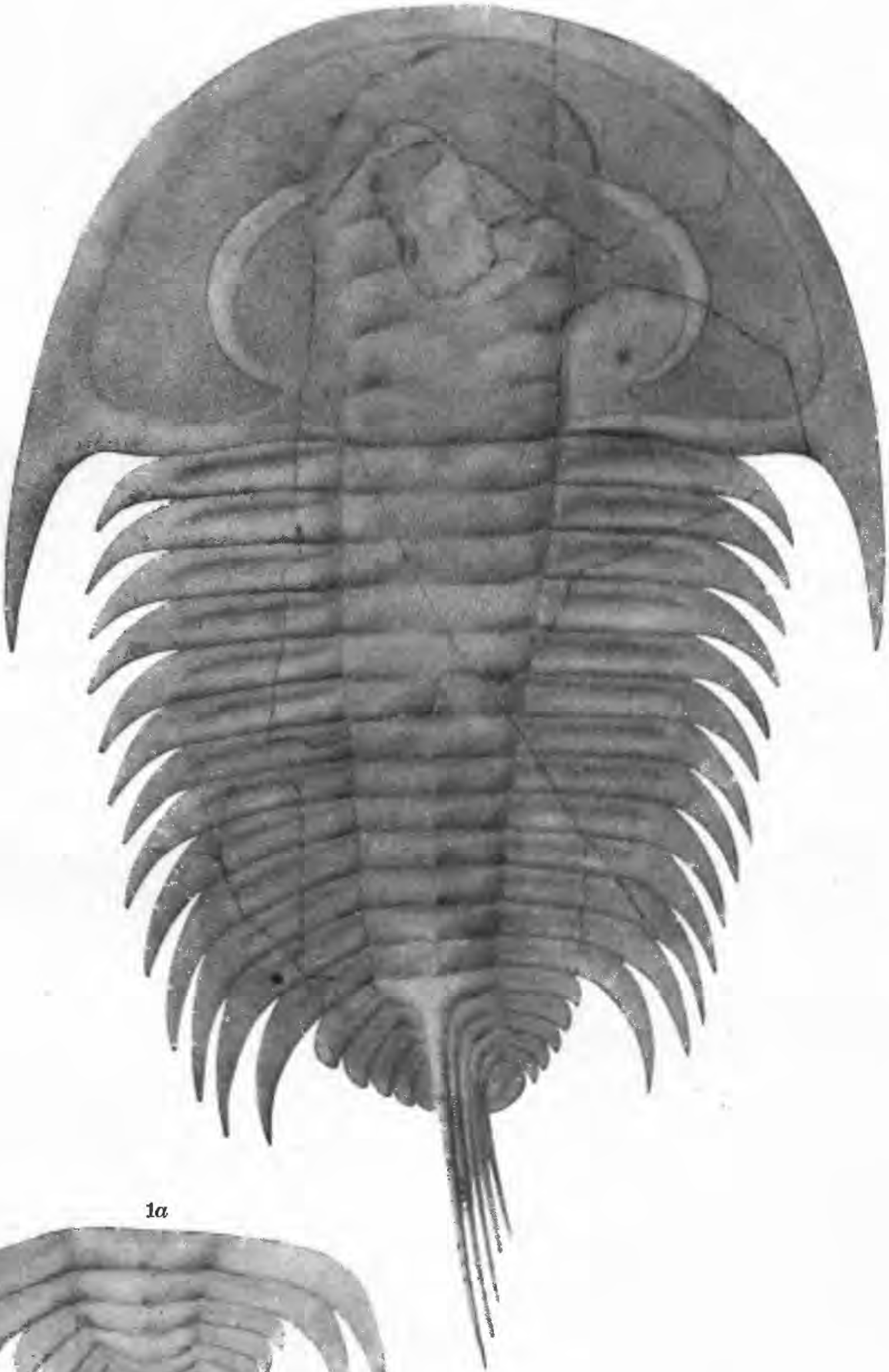

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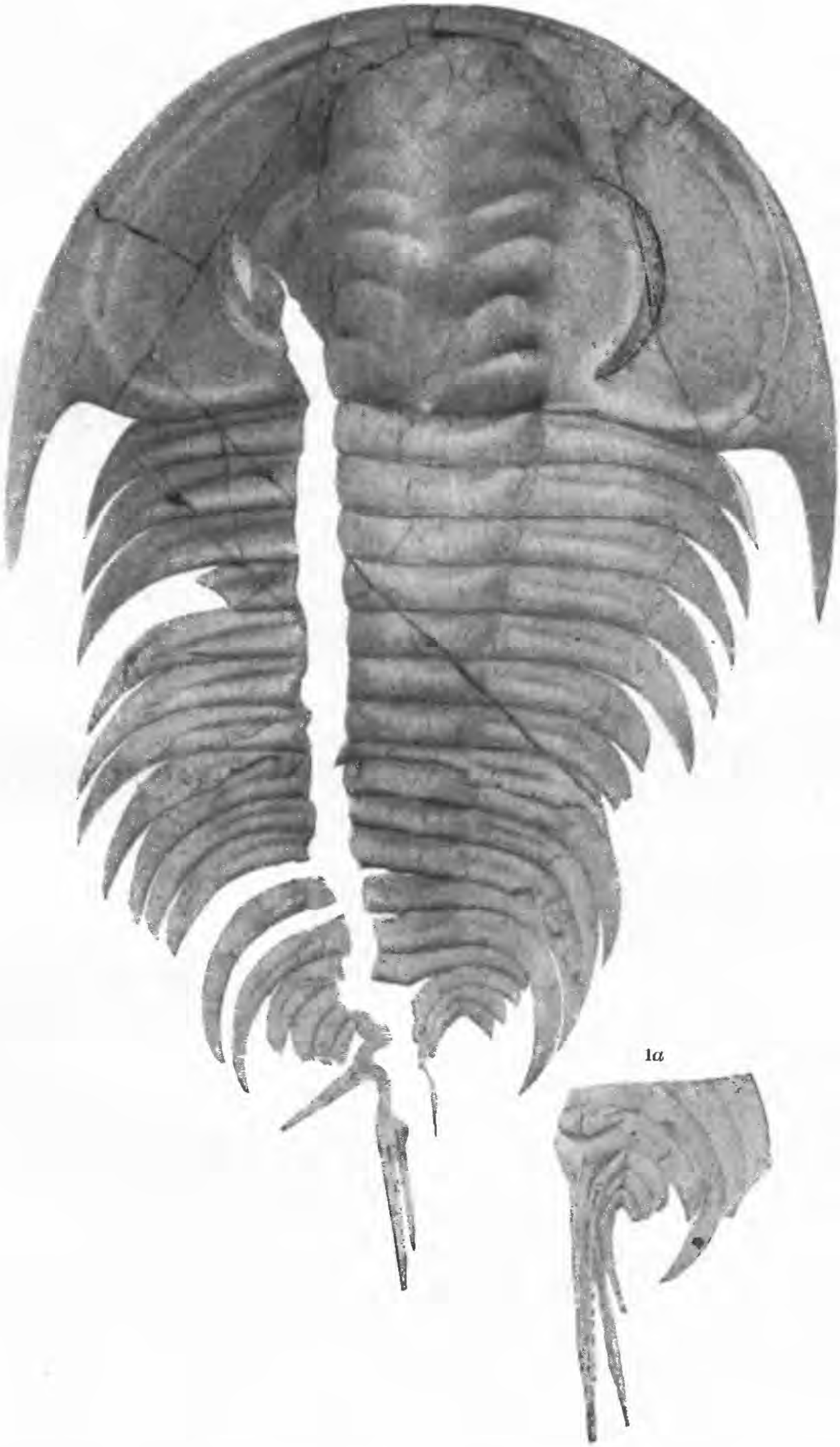

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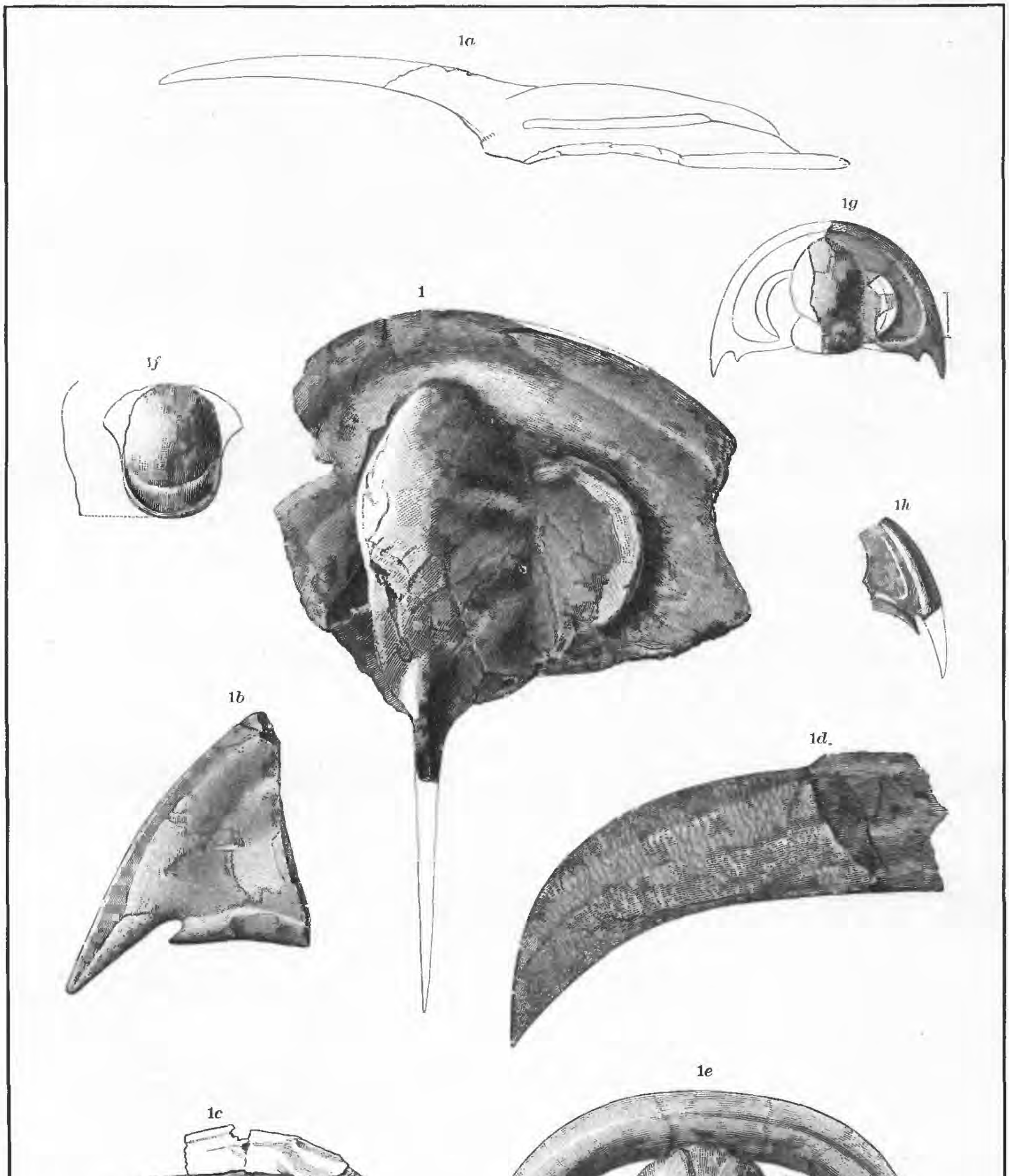

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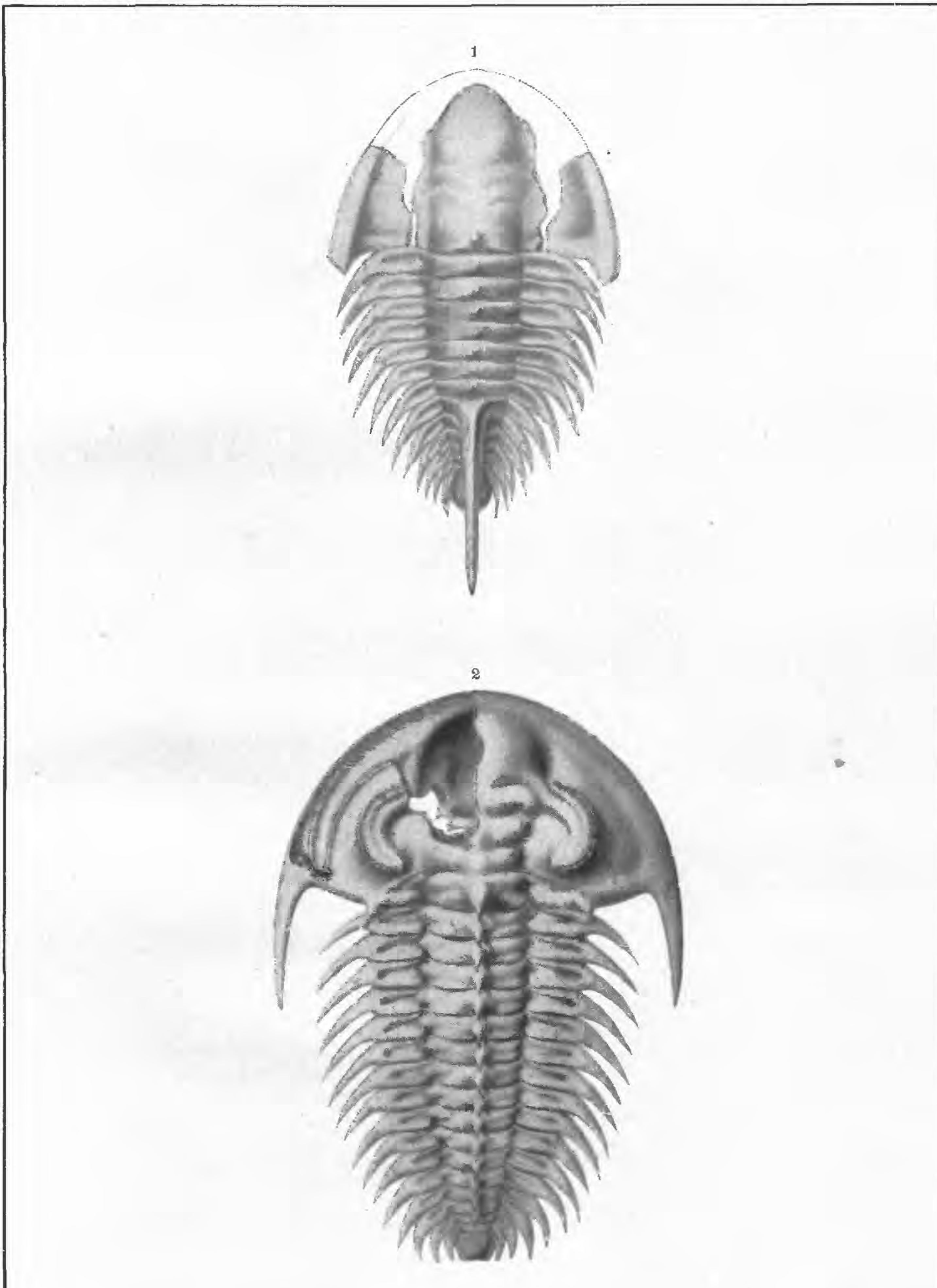

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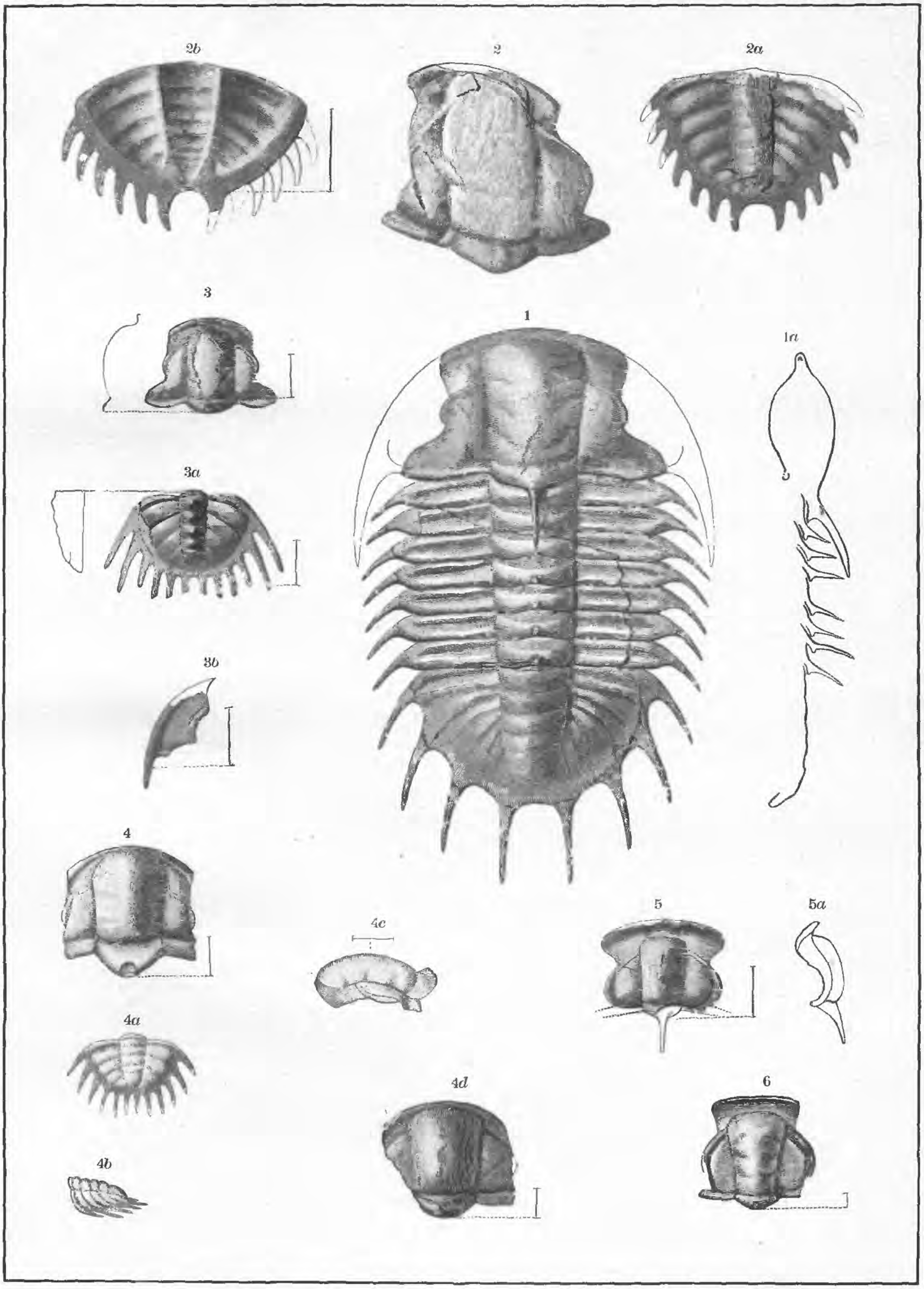

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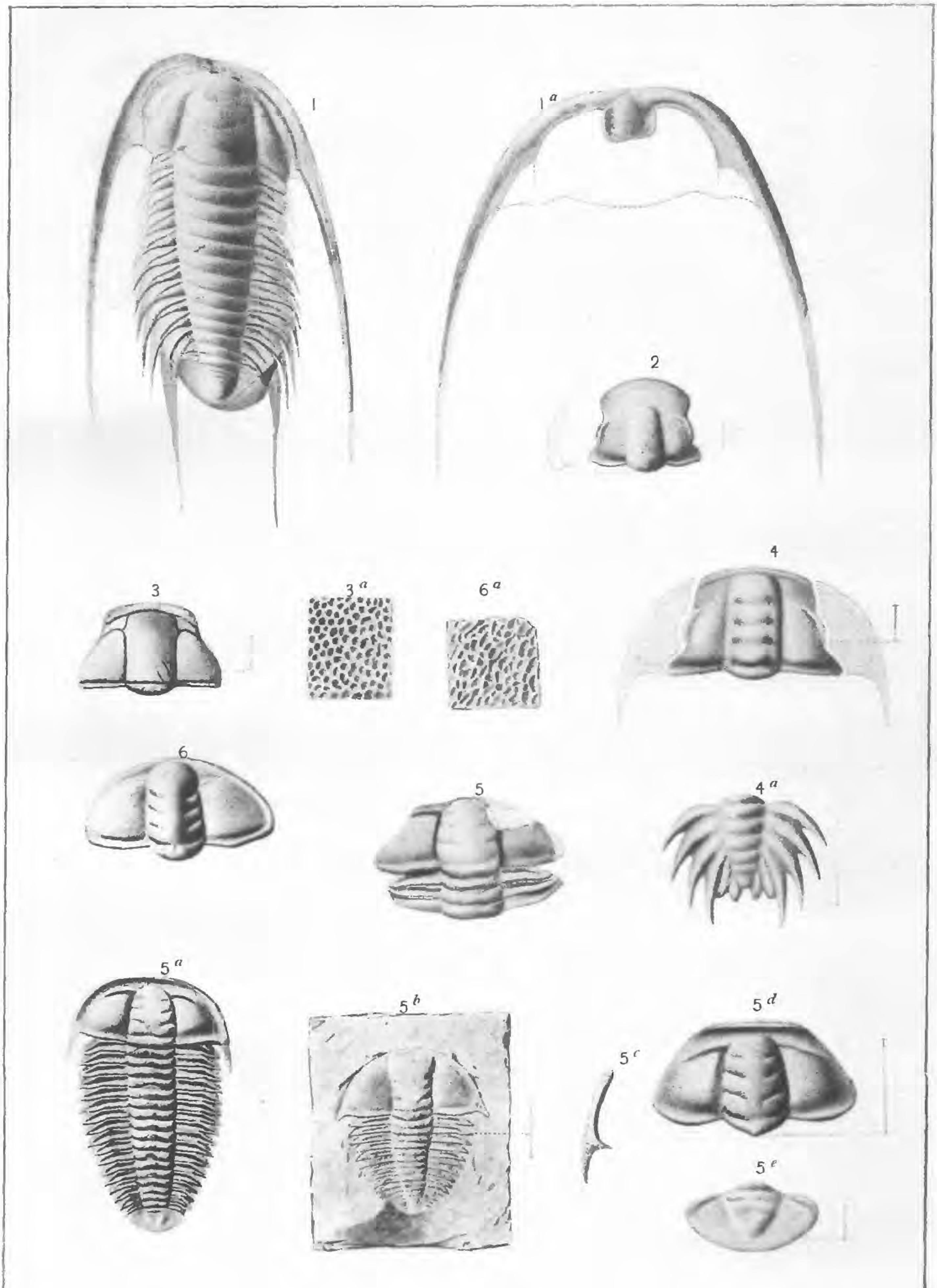

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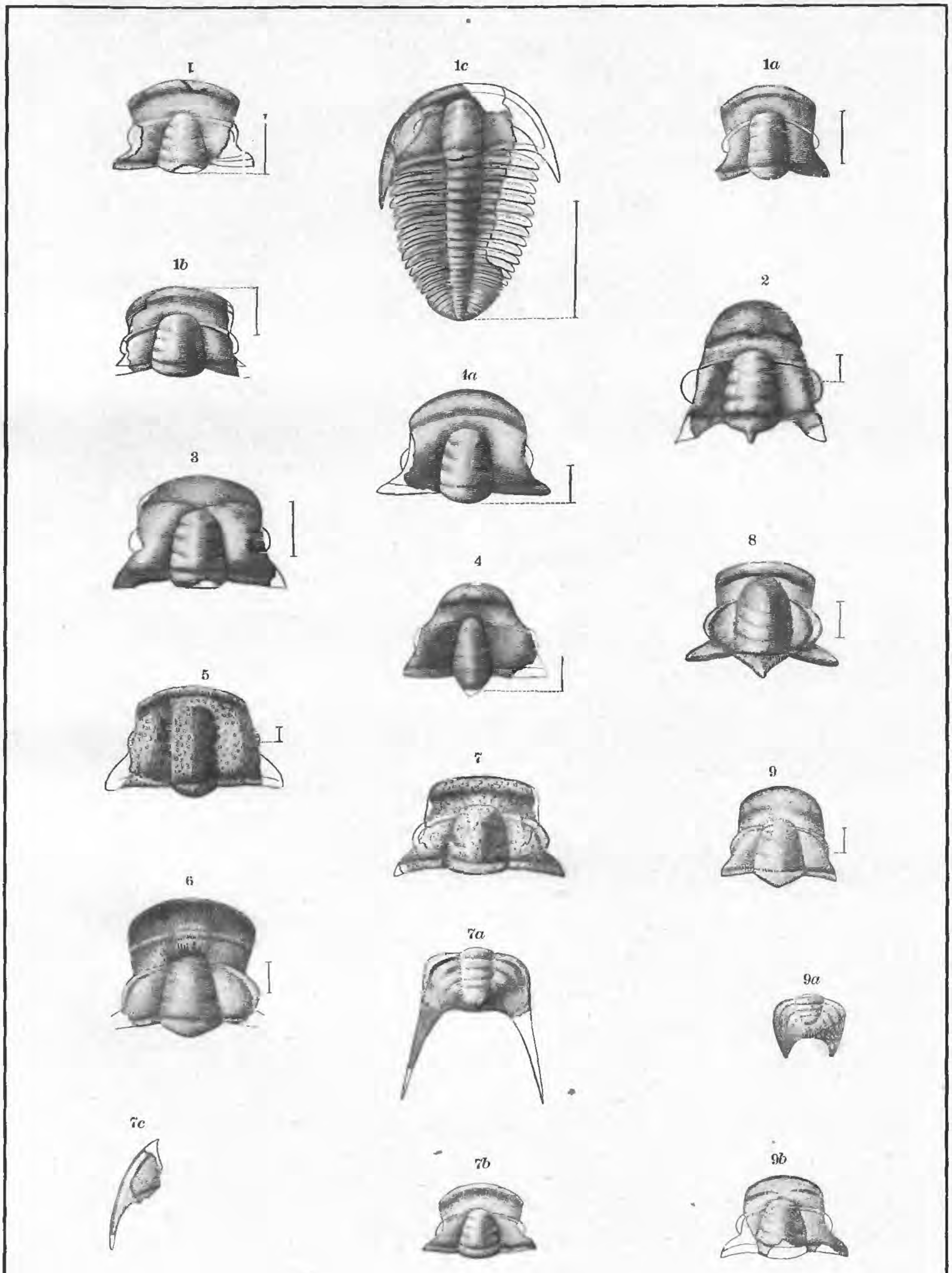

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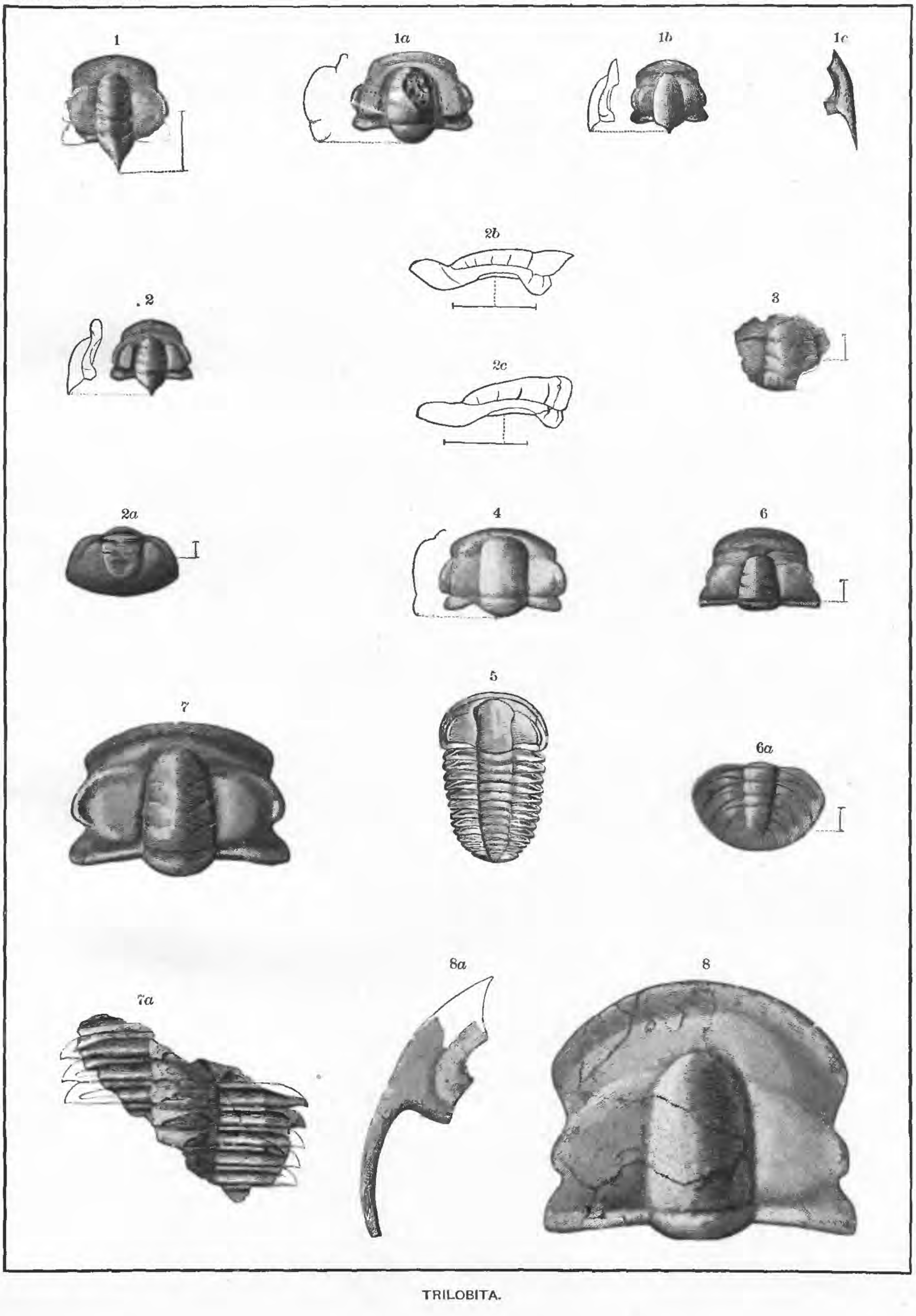

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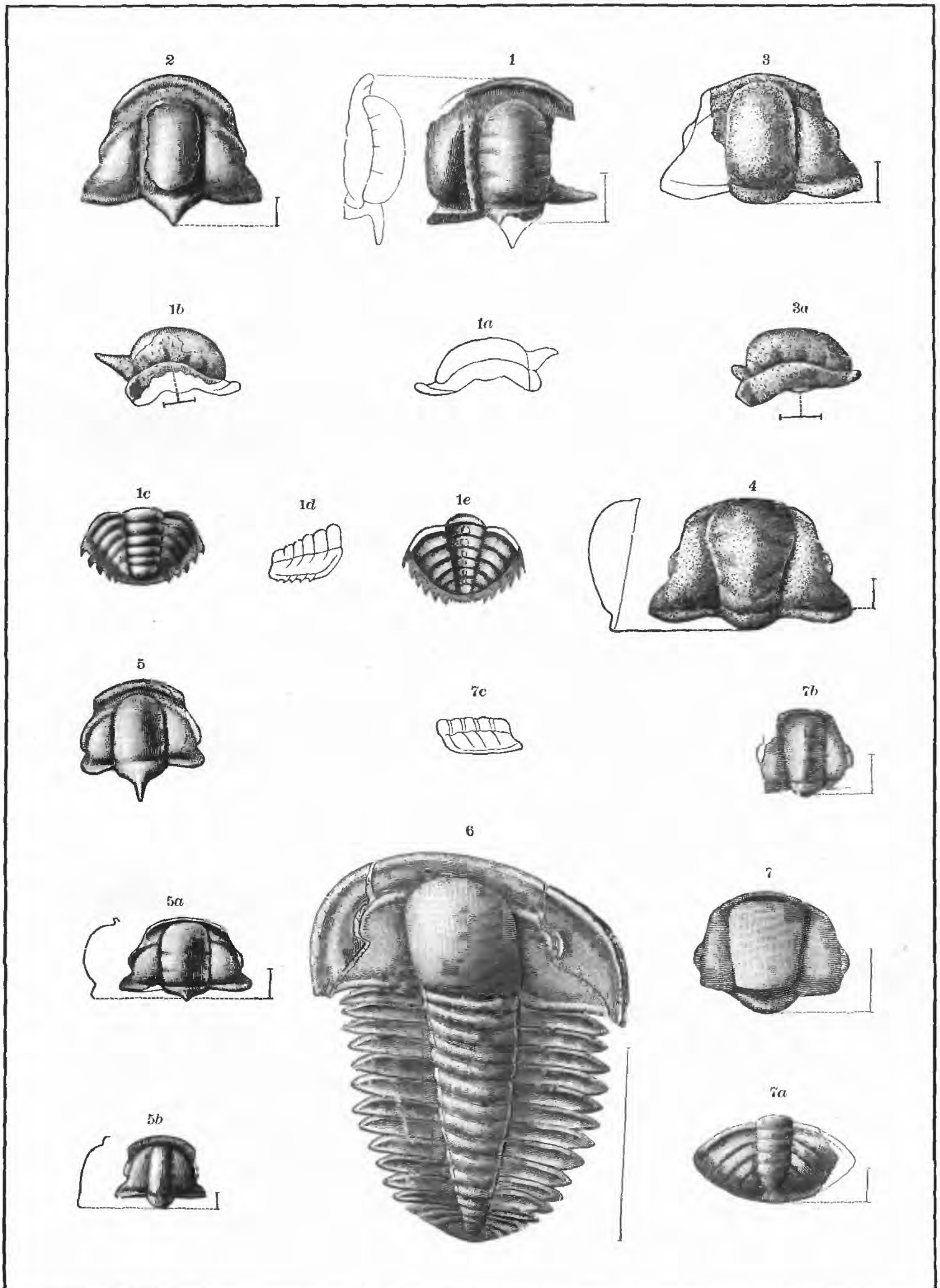

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GENERAL GEOLOGICAL MAP OF THE PENOKEE REGION.
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PENOKEE SERIES.
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IRON-BEARING MEMBER.
Api
QUARTZ SLATE MEMBER.
Apq
CHERTY LIMESTONE MEMBER.
Apl
GREENSTONE CONGLOMERATES.
Apv
FERRUGINOUS SLATES.
Apf
ERUPTIVES.
Ape
ARCHEAN.
SOUTHERN COMPLEX.
GRANITE & GRANITOID GNEISS.
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SCHIST & FINE-GRAINED GNEISS.
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