

# GLOSSARY.

\*\*\* Explanations of many scientific terms not inserted in the Glossary, will be found in the text, by consulting the Index.

<i>Acephala</i> .....	Mollusious animals without a head, as the oyster, &c.
<i>Acicular</i> .....	Needle-like.
<i>Aerolites</i> .....	Mineral masses that fall from the atmosphere.
<i>Algæ</i> .....	A family of marine plants.
<i>Alluvium</i> .....	Water-worn materials.
<i>Aluminum</i> .....	Metallic base of clay.
<i>Alveola</i> .....	Sockets of the teeth.
<i>Amorphous</i> .....	Shapeless.
<i>Amygdaloid</i> .....	Cellular volcanic rocks, the cavities of which are filled with other substances.
<i>Anastomosed</i> .....	Interlaced.
<i>Anchylosed</i> .....	Joints of bones immoveably united.
<i>Annelides</i> .....	Animals having an external integument formed of rings; as the worm.
<i>Antennæ</i> .....	The feelers of insects.
<i>Anthracite</i> .....	Stone, or cannel coal, or culm.
<i>Anthracotherium</i> ...	An extinct animal, allied to the palæotheria, found in anthracite.
<i>Apteryx</i> .....	Destitute of wings; applied to a particular genus of bird.
<i>Arenaceous</i> .....	Composed of sand.
<i>Argillaceous</i> .....	Composed of clay.
<i>Articulata</i> .....	Animals without an internal skeleton, and having jointed coverings, as insects.
<i>Arundinaceous</i> .....	( <i>Arundo</i> , a reed); plants of the reed tribe.
<i>Astrea</i> .....	A genus of corals.
<i>Augite</i> .....	A mineral found in many volcanic rocks.
<i>Barytes</i> .....	Heavy spar: a mineral so called.
<i>Basalt</i> .....	Ancient lava, composed of augite and felspar; often columnar.
<i>Basin</i> .....	A depression, or concavity in strata.
<i>Batrachian</i> .....	Animals analogous in structure to the frog; as the salamander.
<i>Belemnite</i> .....	(From <i>belemnion</i> , a dart,) fossil dorsal bone of an extinct genus of cuttle-fish.
<i>Bitumen</i> .....	Mineral pitch or tar.
<i>Brachiopoda</i> .....	Mollusious animals that move by arm-like processes.
<i>Breccia</i> .....	Conglomerate of fragments of rocks.