

injured or removed; it should be flaked off piecemeal with a blunt point.

In loose arenaceous strata, as in some of the Maestricht and Tertiary deposits, the Echinites may be extricated in as perfect a condition as if fresh from the sea; and it is probable, from the known habit of these animals of burrowing in mud and sand, that they still occupy their original situations, and were entombed alive by the sediment in which they are now imbedded.

The student may always procure from the dealers named at the end of this work, specimens of the common fossil species of Echinoderma, at moderate prices.