process on each side. The eyes are compound, and each contains four hundred spherical lenses, many of which remain in some examples* ( $B d$. pl. 45, fig. 10.). Some kinds of Asaphus have remarkably long, pointed, caudal appendages, or tails (Wond. p. 676.); Mr. Murchison describes a species in which this process is two and a half inches long. In the genus Homalonotus (Wond. p. 677.) the surface is scabrous, the thoracic portion of the carapace is but obscurely lobed, and consists of thirteen segments; the abdominal is distinct from the thoracic, and formed of nine rings; it terminates in a prolonged point. One species of Asaphus (A. tuberculatus, Wond. p. 675.) is studded with minute tubercles. In another division of Trilobites the body is contractile, and very thick, and the abdomen large and scutiform, without any segmentary divisions; the small crustacean (Illenus perovalis, Murch.) Lign. 121, fig. 1, will serve to illustrate these characters. Some American species belonging to this group are of a gigantic size, as, for example, the Isotelus gigas (of Mr. Dekay) which is eighteen inches long. In the Isotelus $\dagger$ the body is of an oval shape, and the posterior angles of the head are rounded; the thorax is composed of eight segments.

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[^0]:    * My cabinet contains a specimen, collected by Mrs. Allnut, with many of the lenses preserved, and numerous empty sockets, from which the lenses have fallen out.
    $\dagger$ Isotelus, i.e. equal extremities.

