

- DEATH.** On death of animals before the Fall, . . . **Page 50**
- Delta.** A term applied to the low alluvial land which is frequently found at the mouths of rivers. A river emptying itself into the sea, frequently deposits at its mouth the material for new land. The flatness of the land so formed usually causes the river to divide into several branches, which discharge themselves by different and shifting mouths into the sea. The land contained between the two extreme branches and the sea, being of a triangular form, has got the name Delta, from the Greek capital letter Δ , of the same name, **8**
- Detritus.** (*De*, from; *tero*, to rub;) materials, such as gravel, sand, and clay, rubbed off or worn away from rocks, **8**
- De Maillet, doctrines of,** **174**
- Devonian system.** (Name derived from Devonshire, where the system is extensively developed.) For description, see page 15.
- Diaphragm.** In anatomy, the midriff; a muscle separating the thorax, or chest, from the abdomen, or belly, **186**
- Diluvial deposits.** Deposits transported and thrown down by a deluge, **66**
- Disintegration.** The process of breaking up a mass into fragments, or of wearing it away, **124**
- Double refraction.** A property possessed by some transparent minerals of making objects seen through them appear double, **141**