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- of animals without sexual intercourse, and of plants without seed—a doctrine now exploded. —See remarks on page 92, note.
- Eroded. (*E*, out, and *rodo*, I gnaw;) eaten into, or eaten away. A term frequently applied to rocks which have been wasted by water, 28
- Exuviae. (*Exuere*, to put off;) properly speaking, the transient parts of certain animals which they put off or lay down, to assume new ones, as serpents and caterpillars change their skins; in geology, it refers not only to the cast-off coverings of animals, but to fossil shells, and other remains which animals have left in the strata of the earth.—*Lyell*, 133
- FACET or Facette. (French, *facette*, from face;) little face; flat surface with definite boundaries, 141
- Falconer's Shipwreck, quoted, 123
- Femur. Thigh bone, 81
- Fern. A plant of several species, constituting the tribe or family of Filices, which have their fructification on the back of the fronds, or leaves, or in which the flowers are borne on footstalks which overtop the leaves. The stem is the common footstalk, or rather, the middle rib of the leaves, so that most ferns want the stem altogether. The ferns constitute the first order of cryptogams in the sexual system. —*Milne*, 169
- Ferruginous. (*Ferrum*, iron; *ferrugo*, rust of iron;) containing particles of iron, 137