

are these new and anomalous forms, which move their sullen and sinister visages among the other tribes with the mien of conscious and insolent superiority? Predaceous creatures, they despoil at a meal the most beautiful bed of encrinites, while the trilobite, alarmed, shoots with a quick stroke of his tail under cover of some coral crag. These are *Orthoceratites*. They were so numerous and powerful, being, withal, the monarchs of the period, that we must pause to look into their family connections.