

the summit like a skull-cap. The leaves are placed one upon another, in a wavy or scalloped manner, so that numerous little arched entrances are left, and yet the interior is perfectly secured from rain. They are usually attached near the extremity of a branch, and some of the twigs pass through the nest. A vertical section presents a number of irregular cells, formed by the same process as the exterior. Towards the interior the cells are more

Fig. 100.

Nest of *Myrmica Kirbii*.

capacious than those removed from the centre, and an occasional dried leaf is taken advantage of to assist in their formation. The nurseries for the young broods in different stages of development are in different parts of the nest. The cells nearest the centre are filled with very minute