upright trunk of a Sigillaria, nine feet high, with its roots eight or nine feet in length, still attached, and extending in their natural position. These roots are undoubted Stigmariæ of the usual species, S. ficoides; and the radicles, formerly considered leaves, spread out in all directions to the extent of several feet.\* I have obtained no further particulars of this highly interesting discovery, and therefore insert the sketch, Lign. 29, to render it clear to the student.

I need only add, that upwards of forty species of Sigillariæ are described; and that their fossil remains have been found in every locality of the carboniferous strata.

## LEPIDODENDRON (scaly-tree). See Bd. pl. 55.

Stems cylindrical, covered towards their extremities with simple, linear, or lanceolate leaves, which are attached to elevated, rhomboidal spaces, or papillæ; papillæ marked in the upper part with a large transverse triangular scar; lower part of the stem destitute of leaves.

This is a tribe of plants whose remains abound in the coal formation, and rival in number and magnitude the Calamites and Sigillariæ above described : they are named *Lepidodendra*, from the imbricated or scaly appearance of their surface, occasioned by the

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<sup>\*</sup> From a communication to the British Association at Cork, 1843, reported in the Athenæum weekly paper.