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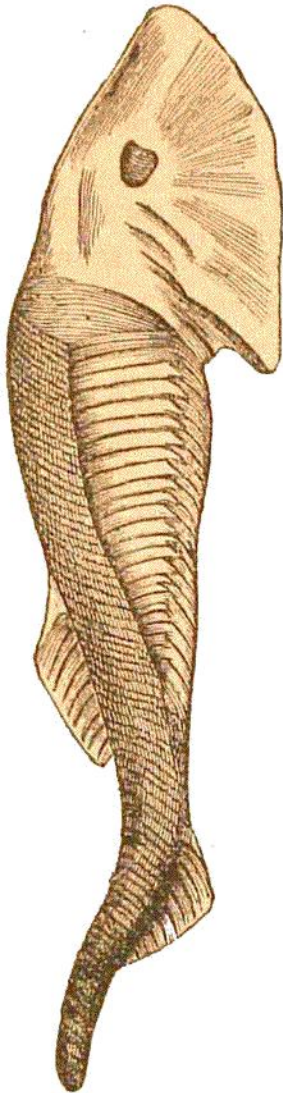
*Cephalaspis Lyellii.*

Fig. 224.

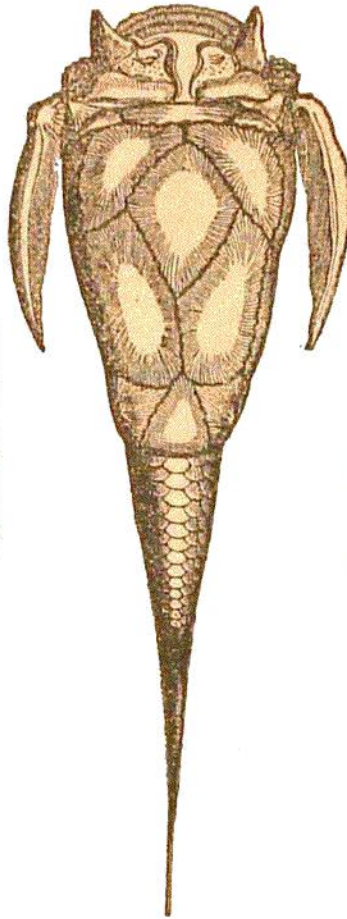
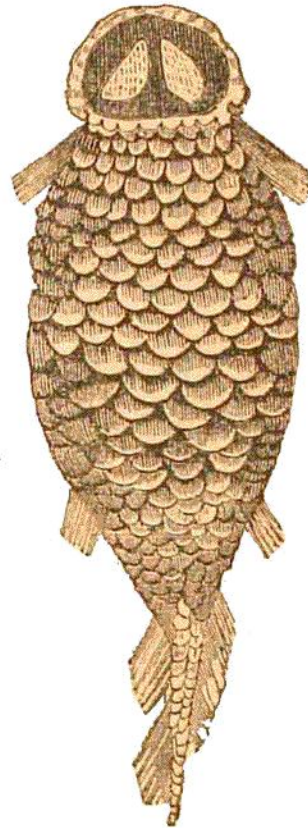
*Pterichthys cornutus.*

Fig. 225.

*Holoptychius nobilissimus.*

Another fish of peculiar aspect, which is common in the Devonian rocks of this country, is the *Holoptychius nobilissimus*, of which Fig. 225 will give some idea.

*Reptiles.*—From at least two sources of evidence we find that reptiles began to appear as early as the Devonian period, though some geologists suspect that the Upper Old Red Sandstone of Great Britain belongs to the Carboniferous group; and if so, it would raise the reptiles into that formation. But one skeleton of a reptile, Fig. 226, called the *Telerpeton Elginense*, and *Leptopleuron lacertinum*, by Professor Owen, has been found in the Old Red Sandstone of Morayshire, which Dr. Mantell regards either as a fresh water Batrachian, or a small terrestrial lizard. Another, a true Saurian reptile, has been found in the same formation. In another part of the same rock small bodies have been