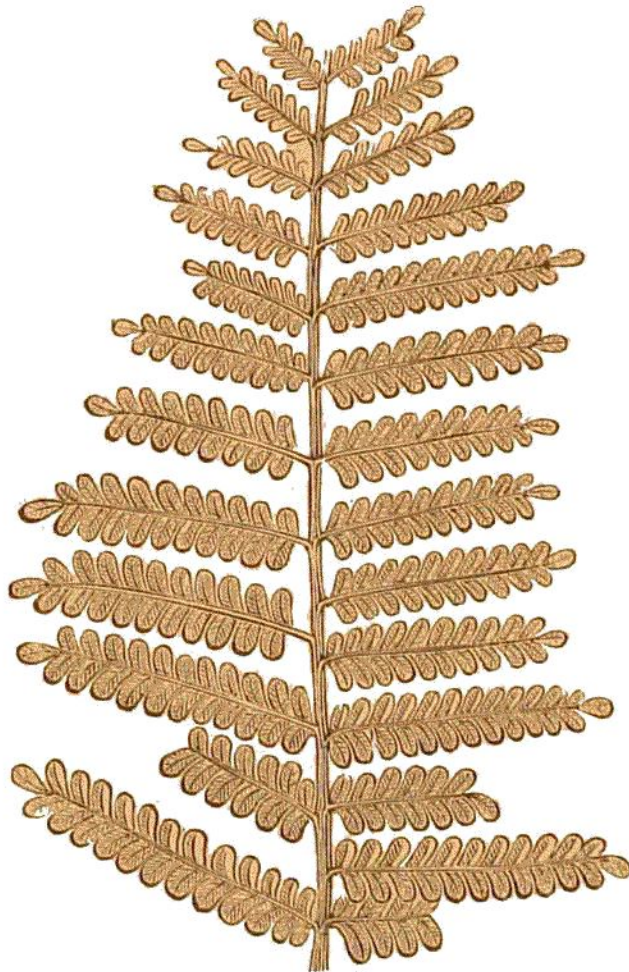


Subsequent geological agencies have greatly modified the primary result. The ocean has been permitted still again to sweep over the continent, and the crests of the folds and ridges have all been planed down, and the materials distributed over the intervening spaces, or worked up in the rock-building of later ages. Thus the original height of the Alleghanies has been much reduced. Thus the swell upon which the Queen City of the West is built has been worn off to the level of the adjacent areas; and thus the original limits of the great Carboniferous jungle have been very much restricted.



Pecopteris. Frond of an ancient Tree-fern.