

possess beds fewer in number, but individually thicker and less regularly stratified. The two basins of the Saône-et-Loire, the

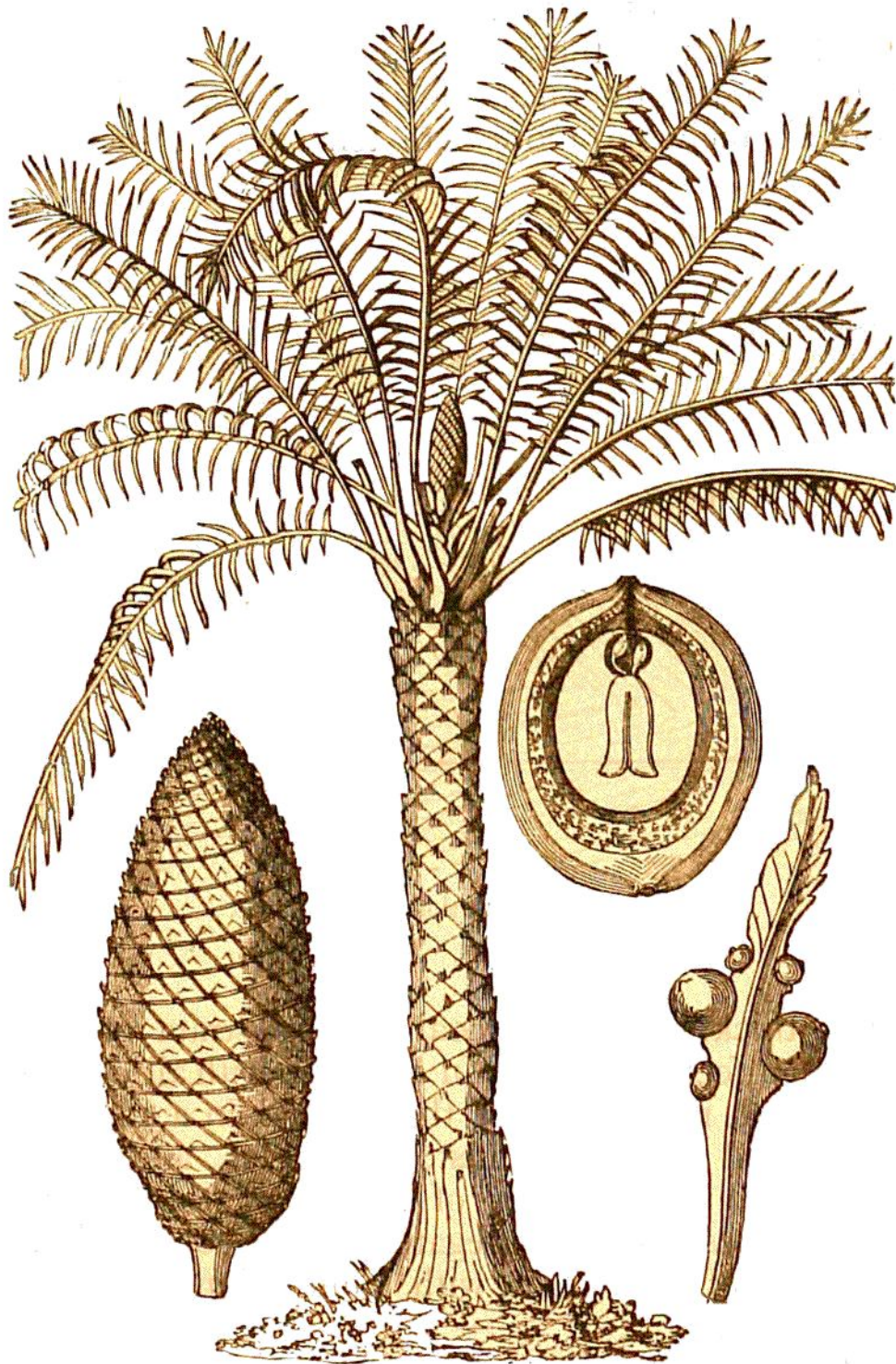


Fig. 72.—*Cycas circinalis* (living form).

principal mines of which are at Creuzot, Blanzzy, Montchanin, and Epinac, only contain ten beds ; but some of these (as at Montchanin) attain 30, 100, and even 130 feet in thickness. The coal-basin of