

islands were intersected by extensive lakes and inland seas, while vast marine bays and arms of the sea penetrated deeply into the land."

It is moreover a peculiarity of this period that the whole of Europe comprehended a great number of those plants which are now



Fig. 149.—Branch of *Eucalyptus* restored.

confined to Australasia, and which give so strange an aspect to that country, which seems, in its vegetation, as in its animals, to have preserved in its warm latitudes the last vestiges of the organic creations peculiar to the primitive world. As a type of dicotyledonous trees of the epoch, we present here a restored branch of *Eucalyptus* (Fig. 149), with its flowers. All the family of the Pro-