

the weather, acting along its joints and dykes, until it presents a notched and splintered sky-line, to which there is elsewhere no equal within these islands. But lower down, where the ice that once filled the corry has been able to act upon its sides, this obdurate rock has been ground smooth, polished, and striated. Its very obduracy, which

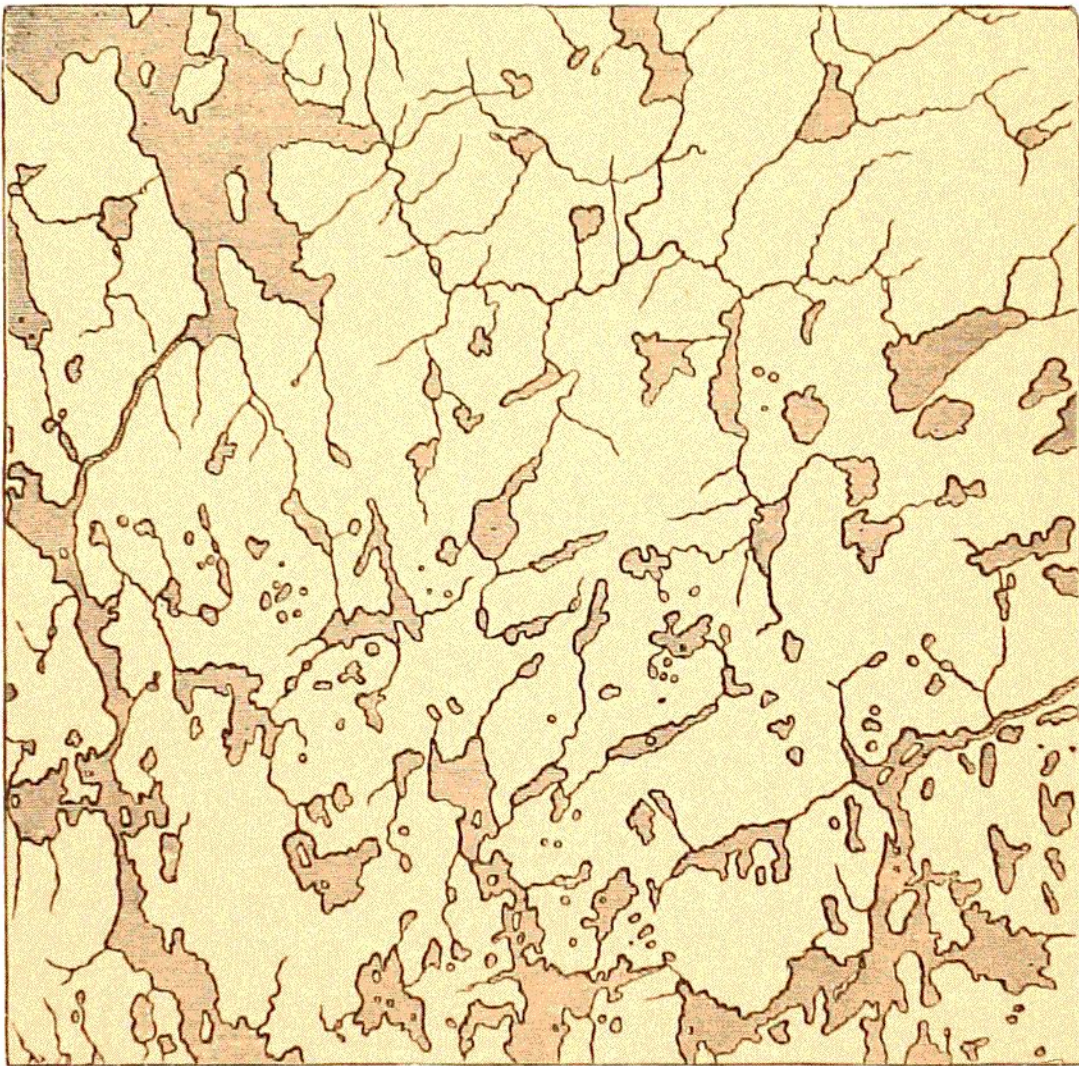


FIG. 52.—Part of the island of Lewis, illustrating the remarkable abundance of rock-tarns in the districts of Archæan gneiss.

must have made the task of the glacier a more than usually laborious one, has enabled it to retain the impress of the ice-work with a freshness and perfection truly astonishing. Dome rises above dome, hummock beyond hummock, so smooth and shorn that it is difficult to realise that the ice