

various heights on the stem, and which form a series of stays like the cordage of a ship. This method of support

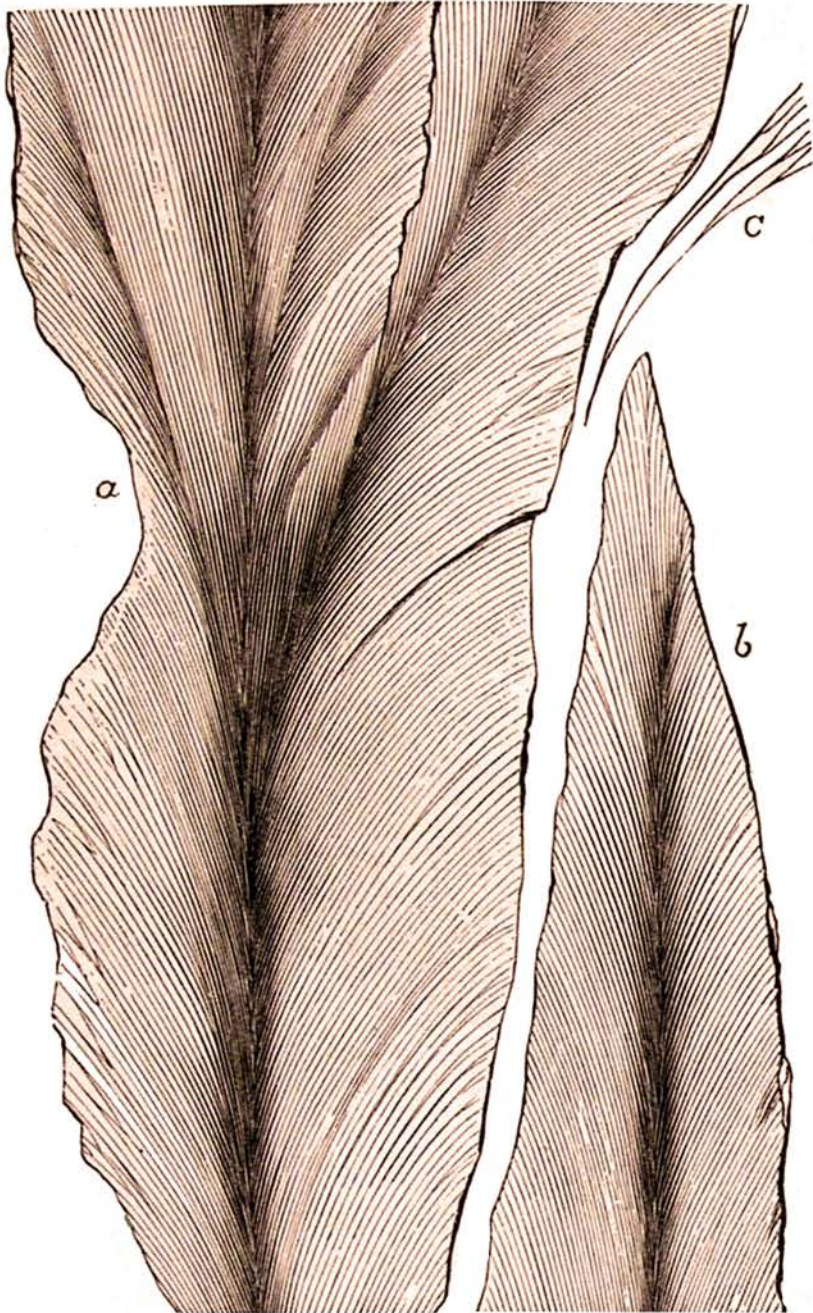


FIG. 26.—*Megalopteris Dawsoni*, Hartt (Erian, New Brunswick). *a*, Fragment of pinna. *b*, Point of pinnule. *c*, Venation. (The midrib is not accurately given in this figure.)

still continues in the modern tree-ferns of the tropics and the southern hemisphere. In one kind of tree-fern