

continent (Fig. 177), and has been reduced by denudation and subsidence to its present position.

So far as the present régime of nature has been explored, it would seem to be inevitable that, unless where subterra-

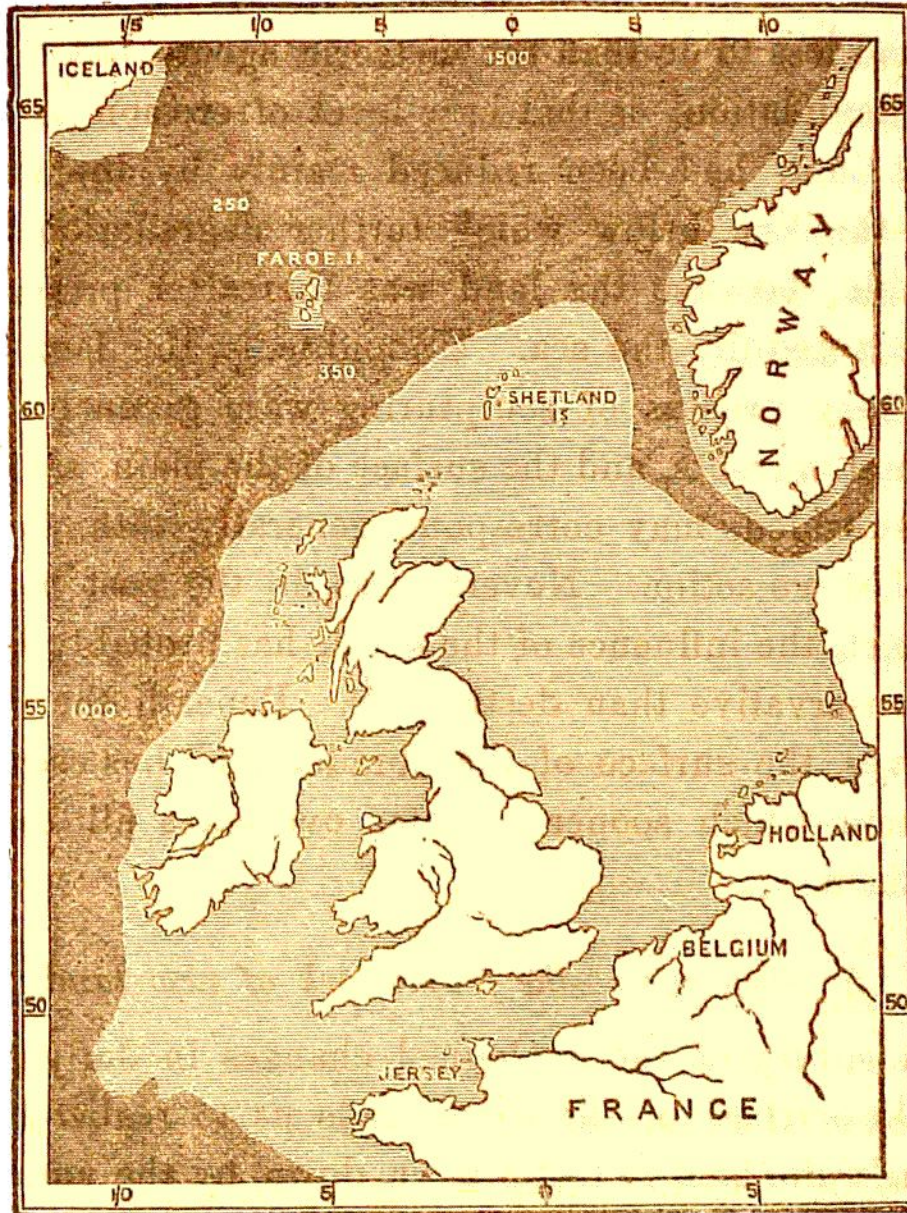


Fig. 177.—Map of British submarine platform.

The darker tint represents sea-bottom more than 100 fathoms deep, while the paler shading shows the area of less depths. The figures mark the depth in fathoms. The narrow channel between Norway and Denmark is 2580 feet deep.

nean movements interfere, or where volcanic rocks are poured forth at the surface, a submarine plain should be formed along the margin of the land. This final result of denudation has been achieved again and again in the geo-