

Mexico. The abyssal mollusca are by no means devoid of colour, though, as a rule, they are paler than those from shallow water. *Dacrydium vitreum*—a curious little mytiloid shell-fish which makes and inhabits a delicate flask-shaped tube of foraminifera,



FIG. 78.—*Pleuronectia lucida*, JEFFREYS. Twice the natural size. *a*, from the Eastern Atlantic; *b*, from the Gulf of Mexico.

sponge spicules, coccoliths, and other foreign bodies, cemented together by organic matter and lined by a delicate membrane—is of a fine reddish brown colour dashed with green, from 2,435 fathoms; and the



FIG. 79.—*Pecten hoskyusi*, FORBES. Twice the natural size.

animals of one or two species of *Lima* from extreme depths are of the usual vivid orange scarlet. Neither are the abyssal mollusca universally destitute of eyes. A new species of *Pleurotoma* from 2,090 fathoms had a pair of well-developed eyes on short footstalks; and