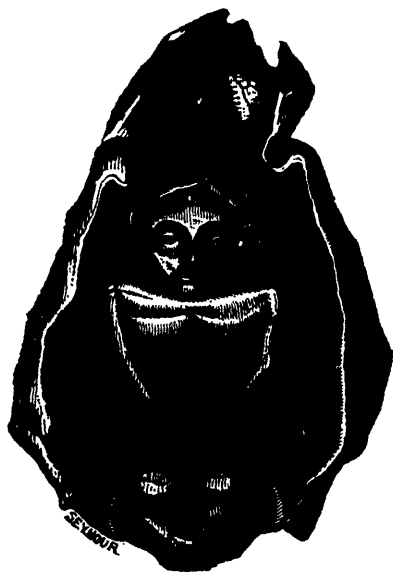


interesting series of disclosures of ancient relics and sepulchral remains in Tennessee. The crania of the graves were characterized by remarkable artificial compression, as in the example figured by Dr. Morton, plate 55, *Crania Americana*. These ancient graves abounded with relics, "Cases, trinkets, and utensils; all of a very rude construction, and all formed of some natural product, none of metal." From an examination of these, Dr. Troost was led to the conclusion that the race to whom they pertained came from some tropical country. Numerous beads were formed of tropical marine shells of the genus *marginella*, ground so as to make a perforation on the back, by means of which they could be strung together for purposes of personal ornament. Plain beads were made from the columellæ of the *strombus gigas*; and such columellæ were found worn to a uniform thickness, perforated through the centre, and in all stages of manufacture, from the rude state in which such are found on the island shores of the West Indies, to their condition as perfected beads and links of the much prized *Wampum*. But another conchological relic of the same locality possesses a much greater



interest. Dr. Troost describes and figures various rudely modelled and sculptured idols found in the same locality; from some of which