

and—parasitic upon other shells—the dome-shaped Slipper-limpet (*Crepidula fornicata*); like a miniature boat with half a deck.

Cast up by the sea is a log, tunnelled by the Ship-worm (*teredo navalis*). We could well spend an hour studying his habits. He enters the wood a tiny creature, through an aperture correspondingly small, and burrows inwards, carefully avoiding the course of his neighbouring fellows, lining his gradually enlarging burrow with a calcareous shell, until, shortly, the whole mass of the wood is honey-combed, a menace to shipping and piers. I have seen a plank of hemlock, two by sixty inches in size, riddled in five weeks by this dangerous destroying agent. Some day we may return to study this fellow. Meanwhile, on! The short day is drawing to a close; so we take a short cut across the land, through the old French road which led the civilized settlers to the protection and patronage of the forts. And herealong the wealth of fungi arrests our steps, compelling admiration. Here an Amanita, probably poison-bearing like many of its tribe, side by side with golden orange Chanterelle (*Cantharellus cibarius*)—spicy, luscious delicacy; with its upper surface almost hidden from view by its up-turned, stunted, blunted gills, arranged in wavy ridges, running well down upon the stalk from the irregular margin of the cup-like *pileus* or cap. Like many-colored corals, the branching Tufted Fungi (*Claverei*) stand out in striking contrast from the brilliant green of their mossy bed. Harmless "toadstools," these, and some of them as good to eat as they are to look upon. But we must hurry now, retracing our way till once again we walk along the shore.

The few fast-fleeting hours of the shortened afternoon of an autumn day are far too brief a time, in which to make an exhaustive examination of the beach and banks. There are stones to be over-turned to reveal the shelter of errant Annelid worms, with their fringes of processes on either side, Sand-hoppers and other small crustaceans; the seaweeds hide a host of animal forms, most interesting though small; while strewn along the sand-stretches on every side, are green and brown and ruddy Algæ, tender, graceful sea-