



FIG. 84.—Concretions in Æolian Rock, Bermudas.

is these tubes and threads of stalagmite which afterward in the pseudo-fossil represent the diverging rootlets.

Sometimes, when two or more drops fall from stalactites close to one another, the cups coalesce (Figs. 80, 81, and 82); sometimes one drop of two is more frequent than the other, and then we have the form shown in Figs. 81 and 82; sometimes many drops irregularly scattered form a large pool with its raised border, and a few drops more frequent and more constant than the rest grow their palmetto stems within its limits (Fig. 83); and sometimes a number of drops near one another make a curious regular pattern, with the partitions between the recesses quite straight (Fig. 84).

I have already referred to the rapid denudation which is going on in these islands, and to the extent to which they have been denuded within comparatively recent times. The floors of caves, from their being cemented into a nearly homogeneous mass by stalagmitic matter, are much harder than the ordinary porous blown limestone; and it seems that in many cases, after the rocks forming the walls and roof have been removed, disintegration has been at all events temporarily arrested by the floor. Where there is a flat surface of rock exposed any-