

Whilst in all the foregoing five families of *Larcoidea* the shell-form is regular and their geometrical fundamental form is a lentellipsis (or a triaxial ellipsoid, with three unequal isopolar dimensive axes), in the four remaining families of this suborder the shell becomes bilateral or irregular (with the poles of the axes unequal). In two of these families (*Lithelida* and *Streblemida*) the growth of the shell becomes spiral, in the last two families (*Soreumida* and *Phorticida*) quite irregular. But as in all four families we encounter the typical trizonal medullary shell (or *Larnacilla*-shell), we are convinced that they must be derived (wholly or partially) from the *Larnacida*.

The *Lithelida* (the sixth family) are *Larcoidea* with spiral growth and bilateral form (like *Nautilus*); therefore the spiral line lies in one plane and this spiral plane divides the whole shell into two symmetrical halves (right and left). The axis of the spiral (around which the shell winds) is a straight line, one of the three dimensive axes. In the greater part of *Lithelida* (in the *Larcospirida*) the primordial or central chamber of the polythalamous shell is a trizonal medullary shell or *Larnacilla*-shell, and the growth of the first spiral turning begins as the development of the first (transverse) cortical girdle of *Amphipyle*; but as one wing (or lateral half) of this girdle grows more rapidly than the other, it overgrows the latter and begins the spiral winding; if the other wing follow and overgrow the first, the spiral becomes double. Each of the three dimensive girdles (of the *Pylonida*) may begin the spiral winding. There can be no doubt that all these *Lithelida* (the *Larcospirida*) must be derived from the *Pylonida*, by unequal growth of the two halves of one girdle. Perhaps from those may also be derived the other part of this family, the *Spiremida* (*Spirema* and *Lithelius*); in these the primordial chamber of the spiral shell is simple, and may be derived by reduction of the original *Larnacilla*-shell. But it is also possible that the *Spiremida* proceed directly from the *Larcarida*, and that their ancestors did not possess a *Larnacilla*-shell.

The *Streblemida* (the seventh family) are *Larcoidea* with spiral growth and asymmetrical form of the polythalamous shell (like *Helix* or *Turritites*); therefore the spiral line is twisted like a winding stair, and the spiral face is curved and divides the shell into two unequal halves. The *Streblemida* have the same likeness and relation to the turbinoid Foraminifera (*Rotalia*, *Globigerina*, &c.) as the *Lithelida* to the nautiloid Foraminifera (*Polystomella*, *Nummulina*, &c.). As in these calcareous Rhizopods also the peculiar growth of the siliceous *Streblemida* begins from a primordial chamber to which a variable number of roundish chambers (of increasing size) is apposed. But the building of these chambers and of their septa is by no means so regular and complete as in the greater number of turbinoid Foraminifera. As in a part of this family the primordial chamber is a *Larnacilla*-shell, these also may be derived from the *Larnacida*, but the other part (with simple central chamber) is perhaps produced directly from the *Larcarida*.

The eighth family, *Soreumida*, is perhaps derived from the *Streblemida* by loss of the spiral growth. The polythalamous shell is similar to the latter, but the chambers are