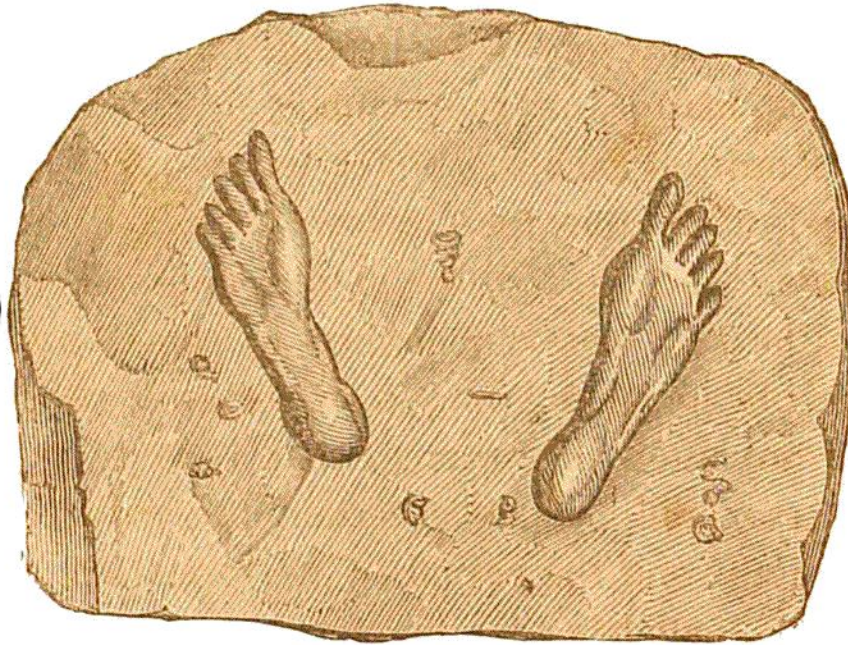


as yet, excited among scientific observers the attention which its importance demands. I allude to the fact announced in the *American Journal of Science*, (vol. v. for 1822,) of impressions of human feet in sandstone, discovered many years ago in a quarry at St. Louis, on the western bank of the Mississippi.



TAB. 12.—IMPRESSIONS OF HUMAN FEET IN SANDSTONE.

The above figure is an exact copy of the original drawing, and exhibits the impressions of the soles of two corresponding human feet, placed at a short distance from each other, as of an individual standing upright, in an easy position. The prints are described as presenting the perfect impress of the feet and toes, exhibiting the form of the muscles, and the flexures of the skin, as if an accurate cast had been taken in a soft substance. They were at first supposed to have been cut in the stone by the native