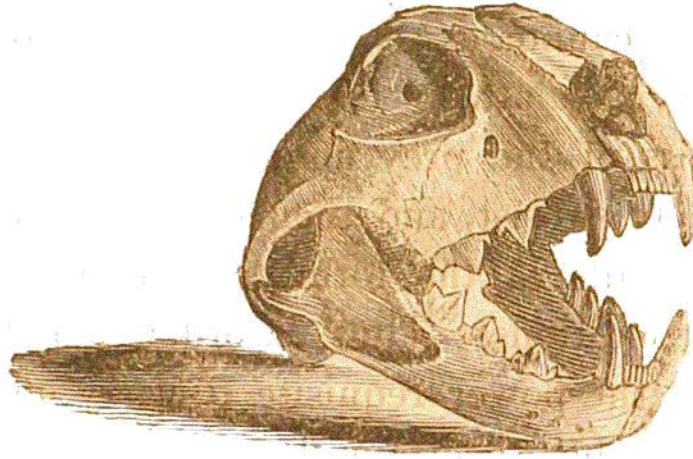


But all these inimitable adjustments would be lost, were there not levers and muscles to work the



TAB. 19.—SKULL OF A WILD CAT,  
(*Felis Canadensis.*)

jaws,—were not each portion of the animal frame adapted to all the other parts,—and were not the instincts and appetites of the animal such as are calculated to give to this apparatus its appropriate movements. Let us reverse the order of the argument,—let us assume that the stomach of an animal be so organized as to be fitted for the digestion of flesh only, and that flesh recent,—we should find that its jaws would be so constructed as to fit them for devouring live prey,—the claws for seizing and tearing it,—the teeth for cutting and dividing it,—the whole system of its powers of motion for pursuing and overtaking it,—the organs of sense for discovering it at a distance,—and the brain endowed with the instinct necessary for teaching the animal how to conceal itself, and lay snares for its victims.