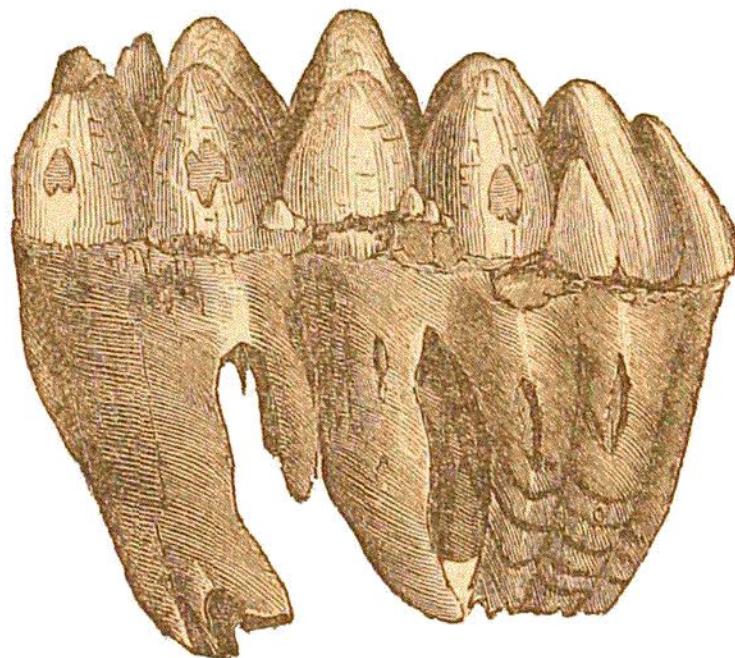


20. THE MASTODON.—In various parts of North America, there are marshy tracts abounding in salt or brackish waters, which are frequented by deer, and other animals; a circumstance from which they have acquired the American name of *Lick*. In these morasses vast quantities of bones of gigantic terrestrial animals have been discovered. The spot most celebrated for these remains in Kentucky, is called Big-bone Lick, and is situated to the south-east of the Ohio, in the midst of a group of low hills, and is traversed by a small stream of brackish water. The bottom consists of a black



TAB. 25.—TOOTH OF THE GREAT MASTODON, FROM THE BANKS OF THE HUDSON; WEIGHT 4lbs.\*

(From Professor Silliman of Yale College.)

fetid mud, intermingled with sand, and vegetable matter; and in this bog, bones of great magnitude

\* The drawing is one-third of the diameter of the original.