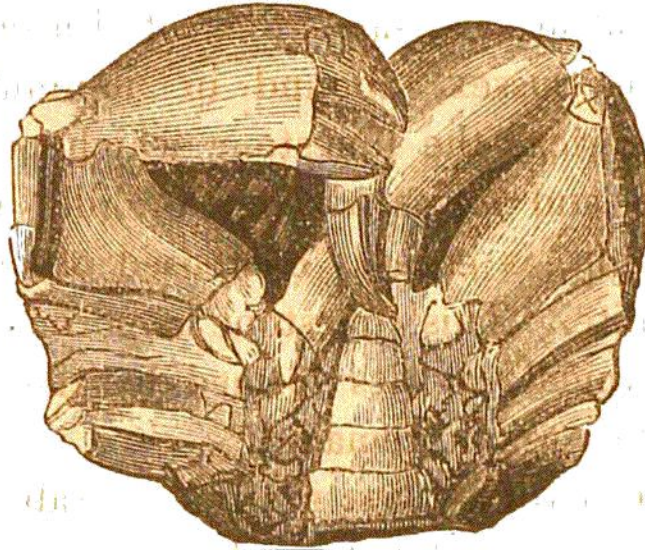


(Tab. 41) is from Malta; it shows the state of perfection in which fossil crustacea are sometimes discovered.



TAB. 41.—FOSSIL CRAB, FROM MALTA.*

(*Cancer Macrochelus.*)

Seven or eight species of fishes, of extinct genera, have been found in the Paris basin alone. The teeth of several kinds of sharks (*lamna*) occur everywhere, and are known by the name of "birds' bills." In the clay of Sheppey and London, beautiful fossil fishes have been found, the scales possessing a metallic lustre, from an impregnation of sulphuret of iron. But I must pass cursorily over these remains, as well as those of crocodiles, turtles, and tortoises, which are imbedded in these deposits.

32. FOSSIL BIRDS.—In the gypseous building-stone of Montmartre, M. Cuvier found many bones which possessed characters peculiar to those of

* One half the size of the original.