

birds ; and after much research he was enabled to determine several fossil species, related to the pelican, sea-lark, curlew, woodcock, buzzard, owl, and quail. In some examples there are indications of the feathers, and even of the air-tubes. Sometimes the skeleton is wanting, and a pellicle of a dark brown substance alone points out the configuration of the original (Tab. 42).

Not only are the skeletons and feathers of birds found in the tertiary strata, but even the eggs of



TAB. 42.—FOSSIL BIRD, FROM MONTMARTRE.

aquatic species occur in the lacustrine limestone of Auvergne. I have already noticed that eggs of