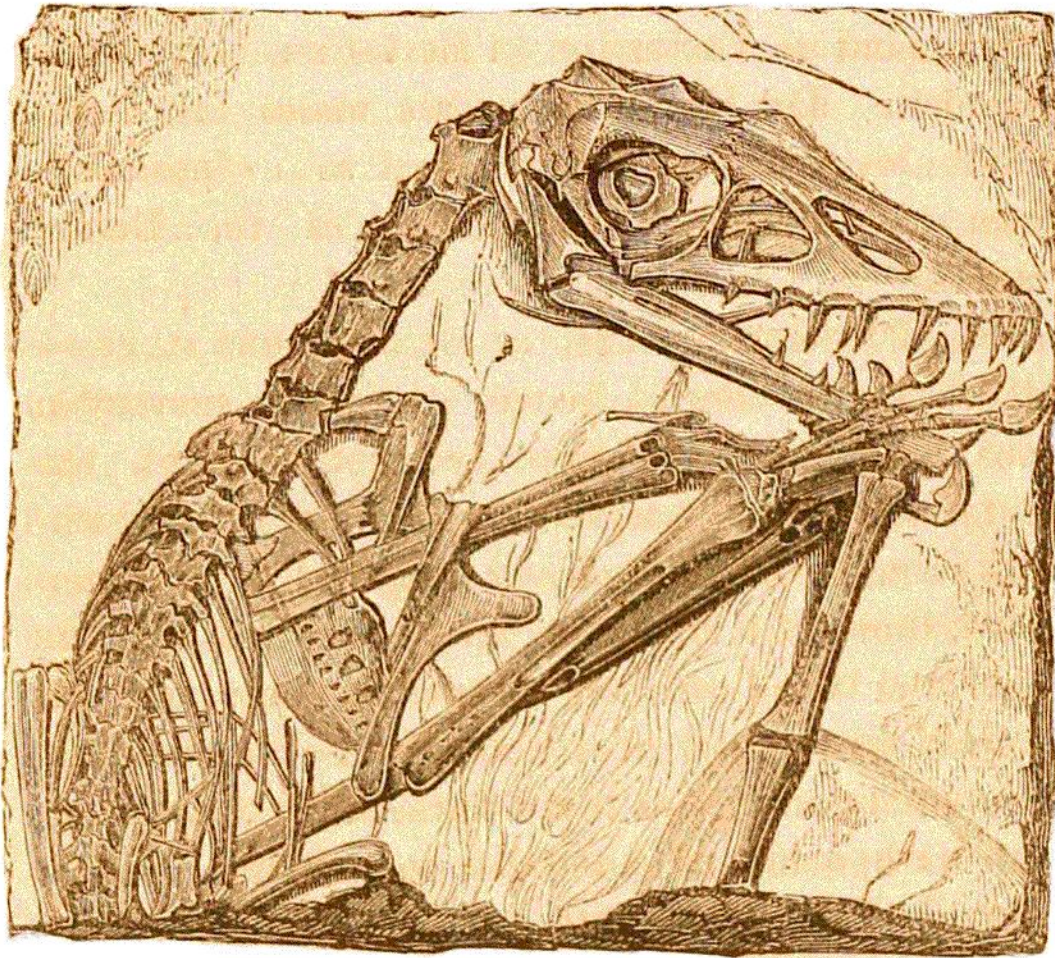


gated for the support of a membranous expansion as in the bat: impressions of the web and of the membrane of the wing are seen in some specimens (Tab. 96). The fingers terminated in long hooks,



TAB. 96.—SKELETON OF A FLYING REPTILE, IN SLATE; FROM SOLENHOFEN.

(*Pterodactylus crassirostris*, Goldfuss.)

One-third the natural size.

like the curved claws of the bat. The size and form of the foot, leg, and thigh, show that the pterodactyle was capable of perching on trees, and of standing firmly on the ground, where, with its