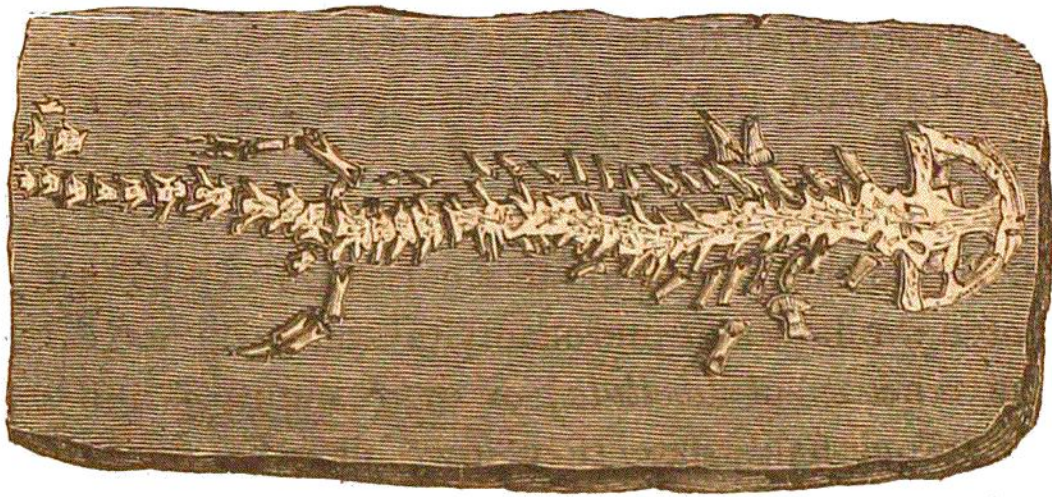


and afford proof that those extraordinary creatures inhabited the country of the iguanodon.

34. Fossil Salamander.—Fossil remains of toads, frogs, and salamanders, have been found in some of the newer tertiary strata. The quarries of *Æningen*, that yielded the fossil fox, mentioned in a former lecture (page 250), have also afforded



TAB. 97.—FOSSIL SALAMANDER OF *ÆNINGEN*.

“*HOMO DILUVII TESTIS*” OF SCHEUCHZER.

(*Four and a half feet in length.*)

specimens of the batrachian family of reptiles. The most celebrated relic of this kind is one which a German physician of some note, Scheuchzer, in 1726, declared to be a fossil man.* Cuvier, however, has ascertained that it is the skeleton of a gigantic, extinct, aquatic salamander; a fine portion of the skeleton of the same species, from *Æningen* is in the British Museum. It is worthy of remark, as a proof how prejudice may blind us to the most

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