

Here, then, is a fossil animal, which at first view appears clumsy as well as colossal. If we mistake its calling, and judge of its configuration by uses which it was not intended to fulfil, then we shall be tempted to pronounce its proportions ungraceful and cumbrous. It has no provisions for speed. But what need could it have for rapid locomotion? It required not to pursue after prey, for it was graminivorous. And wanting the feebleness, it required not the swiftness of the roe to escape from predatory enemies; for a stamp of its foot or a stroke of its tail would have pounded into jelly the carcase of a lion, had such a foe then lived, and would have extinguished in a moment the vitality and sovereignty of the king of beasts. But understand that this quadruped of mountain-like dimensions, subsisted on the roots and other parts of trees, and needed a support which its weight would not crush when its fore-legs should be engaged in procuring its subsistence, and

twelve inches wide. It was provided with five toes, three of which were conspicuous for their large size, and were armed with long and powerful claws. The other toes did not appear outside the foot, being only rudimentary.'—*The Ancient World*, ch. xv., p. 345.