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- Plesiosaurus. (*πλησιον*, near, and *σαυρα*, a lizard.)
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- Prehensile. (*Prehendo*, to take, or seize; *prehensus*.)
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- Primitive. The granite and the crystalline strata were formerly called primitive, under the idea that they were the first formed, and that the aqueous and volcanic rocks were afterwards superimposed. All formations were then supposed to be of aqueous origin.
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