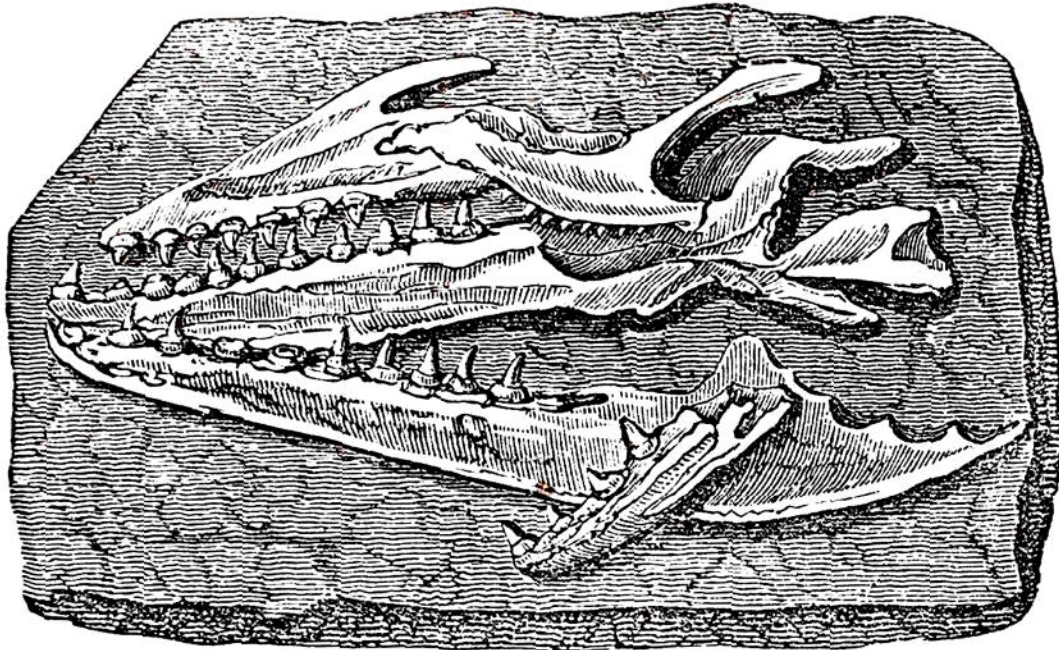


position that it possessed a contracted fin, not much unlike that of the *Plesiosaurus*.



Skull of the Mososaurus.

FOSSIL BIRDS.

The bones of birds are less frequently found in a fossil state than those of other classes of animals, so seldom indeed that some persons have absolutely denied their existence in that condition. Baron Cuvier, to whom the science of fossil organic remains is so much indebted, has detected and described at least *eleven species of birds found in the gypsum of Paris*, and among them a bone which greatly resembled that belonging to a preserved specimen of the celebrated Egyptian Ibis. The information, however, that has been collected concerning fossil birds, is at best but very confined, if not uncertain.

FOSSILIZED REMAINS OF MAMMALIA

The remains of mammalia have never been found in any bed below the chalk, and hence it is supposed that they did not exist until the period immediately preceding the deposition of that rock. The existence of organic remains in rocks indisputably proves that every bed in which they occur has