

The vertebræ of the neck (as exhibited in the foreshortened figure (Fig. 186), taken from the work of Pander and D'Alton, and showing nearly a front view of the head), as well as the anterior and posterior extremities of the Madrid skeleton, although powerful, are not to be

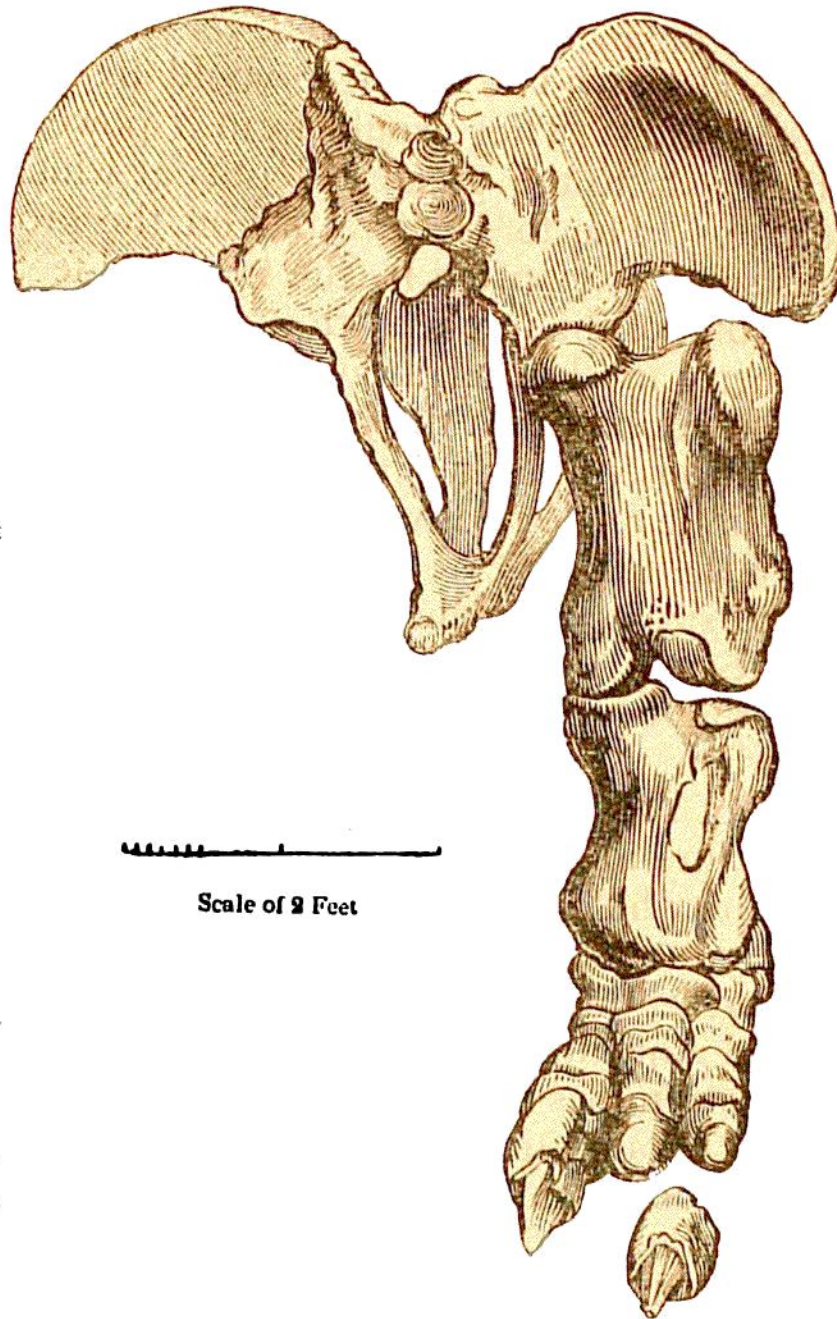


Fig. 187. — Bones of the pelvis of the Megatherium.

compared in dimensions to those of the other extremity of the body ; for the head seems to have been relatively light and defenceless. The lumbar vertebræ increase in a degree corresponding to the enormous enlargement of the pelvis and the posterior members. The vertebræ of the tail are enormous, as is seen in Fig. 187, which represents the bones of the pelvis and hind foot, discovered by