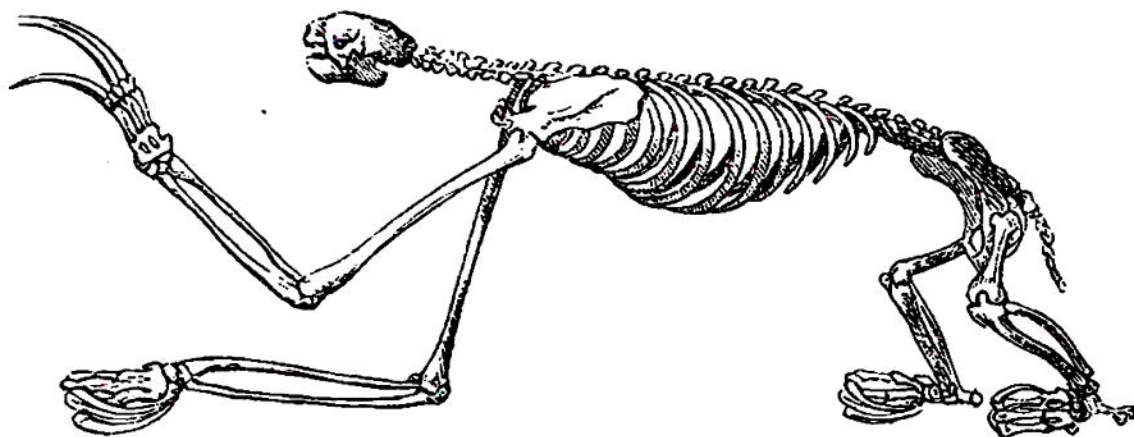


Ai,* in which, as these authorities believe, the defect of organization is the greatest; and the Unau,† which they consider only a little less miserably provided for existence.

Modern travellers, in the same manner, express their pity for these animals. Whilst other



quadrupeds, they say, range in boundless wilds, the sloth hangs suspended by his strong arms,—a poor ill-formed creature, deficient as well as deformed, his hind legs too short, and his hair like withered grass; his looks, motions, and cries conspire to excite pity; and, as if this were not enough, they say that his moaning makes the tiger relent and turn away. This is not a true picture: the sloth cannot walk, like quadrupeds, but he stretches out his arms,—and if he can hook on his claws to the inequalities of the ground, he drags himself along. This is

* *Bradypus Tridactylus*:—*bradypus* (*slow footed*), *tridactylus* (*three toed*), of the order EDENTATA (*wanting incisor teeth*).

† *Bradypus didactylus*.