

bability, believes that, instead of climbing on the trees, they pulled the branches down to them, and tore up the smaller ones by the roots, and so fed on the leaves. The colossal breadth and weight of their hinder quarters, which can hardly be imagined without

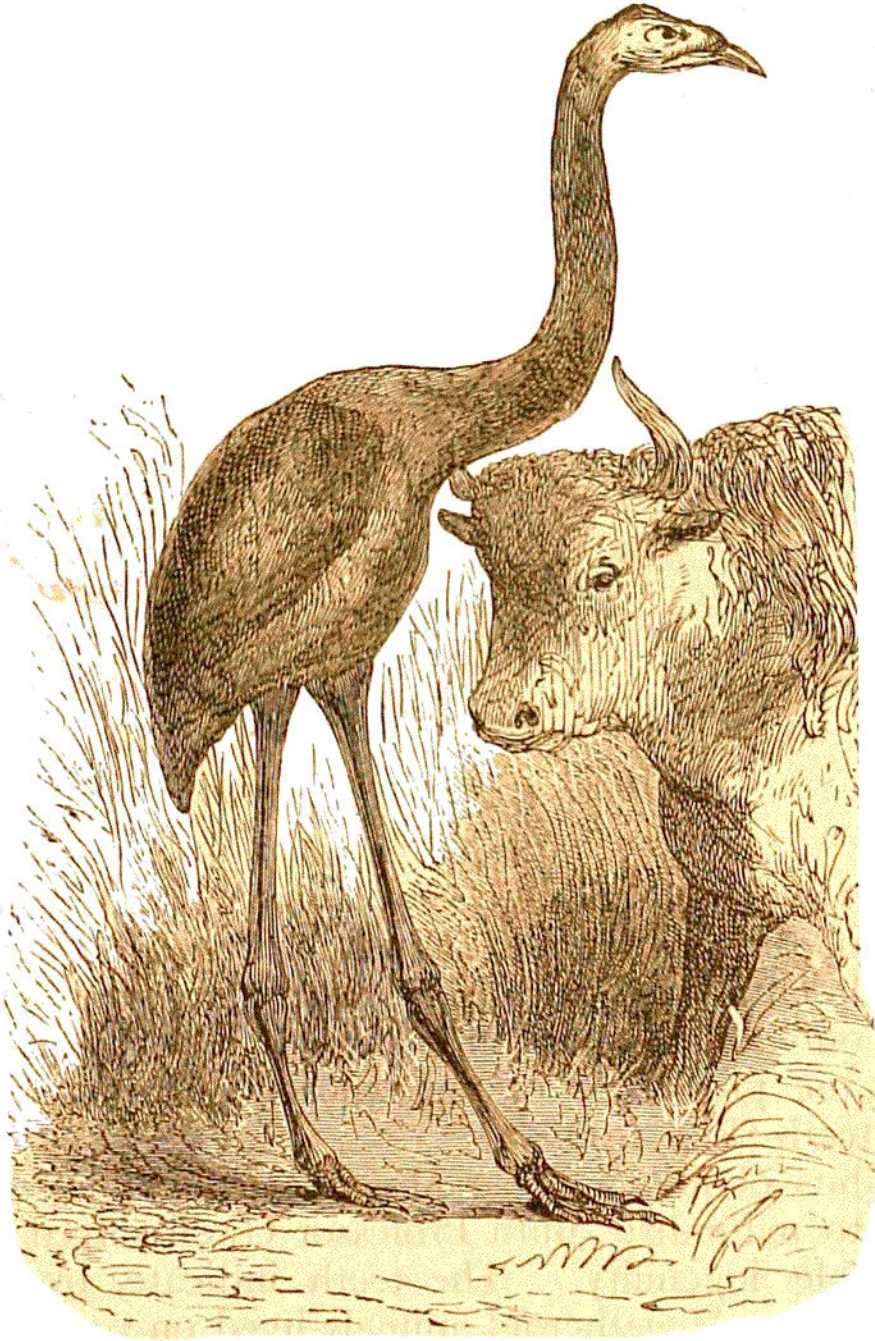


Fig. 192.—*Dinornis*, and *Bos*.

having been seen, become, on this view, of obvious service instead of being an encumbrance ; their apparent clumsiness disappears. With their great tails and their huge heels firmly fixed like a tripod in the ground, they could freely exert the full force of their most powerful arms and great claws. The *Mylodon*, moreover, was furnished with a long extensile tongue, like that of the giraffe, which by