

(birch) is represented by a few species, and specimens of its peculiar bark are also common. *Alnus* (alder) appears in one species at least. The genus *Platanus* (Fig. 71), that of the plane-trees, represented at present by one

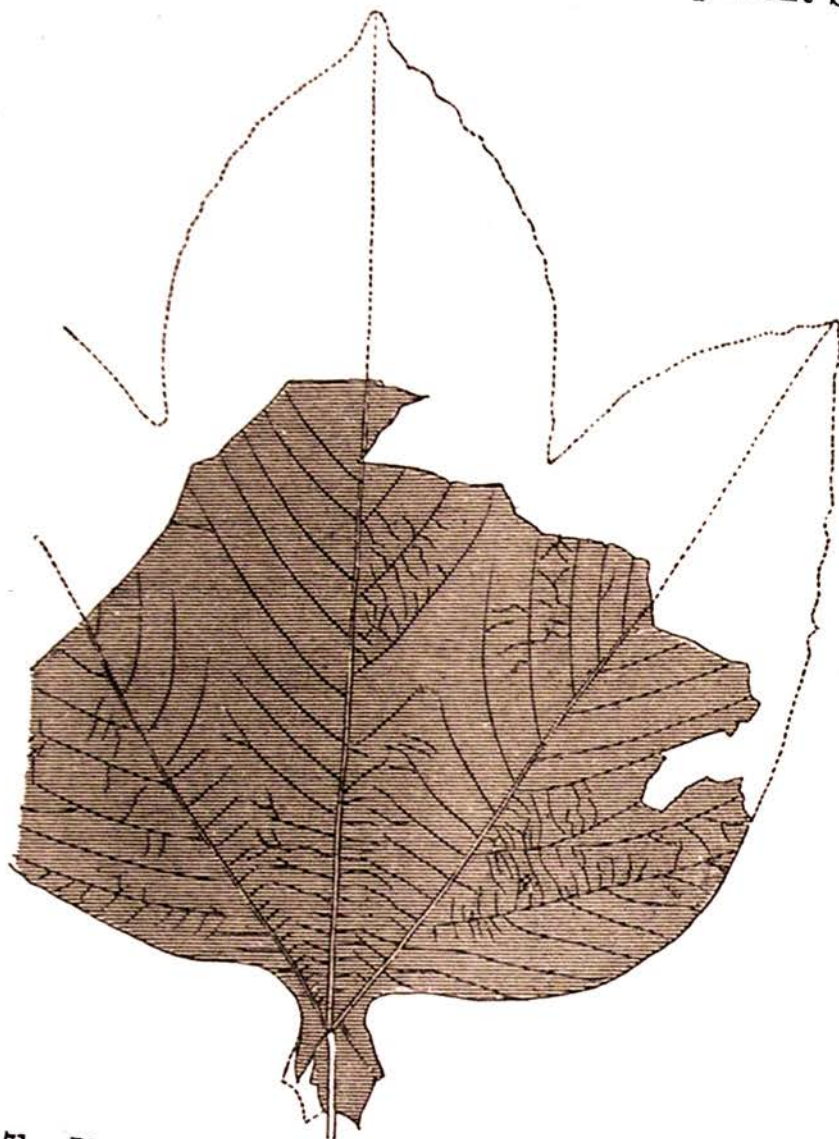


FIG. 71.—*Platanus nobilis*, Newberry, variety *basilobata*. Laramie.
Much reduced.

European and one American species, has several species in the Cretaceous, though the plane-trees seem to culminate in the early part of the succeeding Eocene, where there are several species with immense leaves. The large