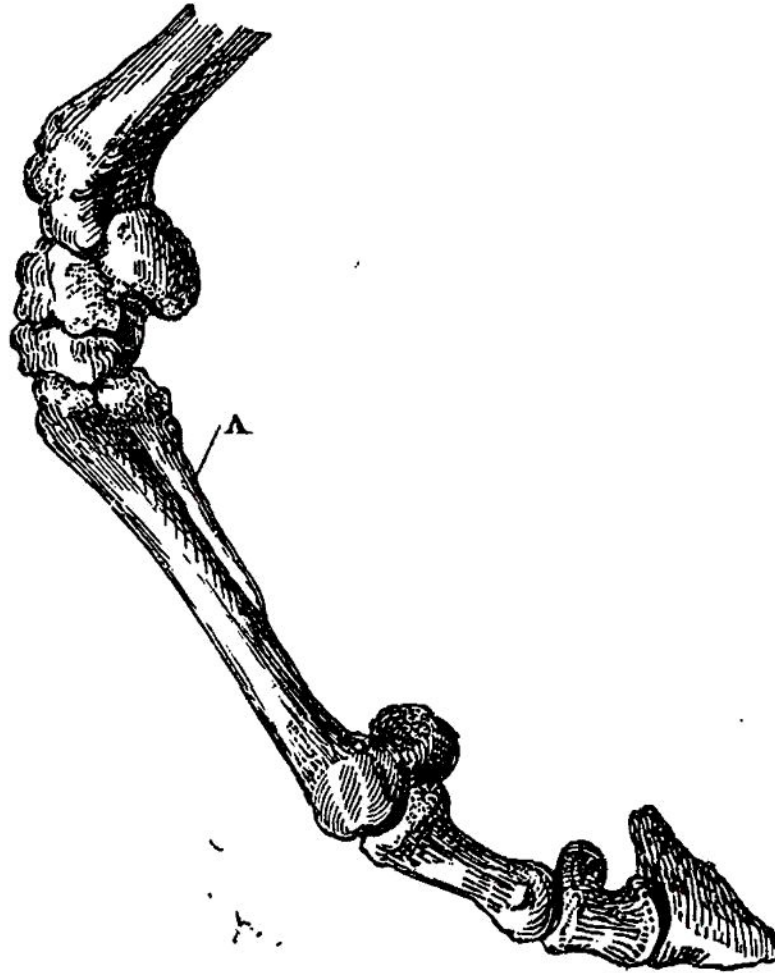


bent position of the knee, the extensor tendons have very little power, from their running so near to the centre of motion in the joint; and that, in fact, they require some additional means to aid the extension of the leg.



Suppose that the head of the lesser metacarpal bone A enters into the composition of the joint, it does not appear that by its yielding when the foot is upon the ground, the bones of the carpus can descend, as long as they are sustained by the greater metacarpal or cannon bone. I do not, therefore, conceive that this bone can add to the