

Carnivora.* Similar fossils are also found in the consolidated gravel and drift in various parts of Germany, and in the fissures of rocks containing iron-ore, at Kropp, in Carniola.

Even in Australia, caverns with ossiferous breccia are numerous; but the bones belong to extinct marsupial animals of genera still existing in the country (see *Wond.* p. 179.). In England, several caverns presenting similar phenomena have been discovered. That of Kirkdale, near Kirby Moorside, Yorkshire, is well known from the celebrity it has acquired by the graphic illustration of its contents by Dr. Buckland.† This cave, or rather fissure, for its dimensions were too limited to merit the name of cavern, was situated in oolitic limestone; it was two hundred and fifty feet long, from two to fourteen high, and six or seven wide. The

* A highly interesting account of the Ossiferous Caves of the Hartz and Franconia, by Sir Philip Grey Egerton, Bart., was published in *Geol. Proc.* Vol. II. p. 94, for 1834, describing the state of those caverns at that time, with a list of the bones collected by the author and Viscount Cole (now the Earl of Enniskillen.)

† Dr. Buckland's celebrated work "*Reliquiæ Diluvianæ*," contains an admirable description of these caverns and their contents, with numerous plates. The student, in consulting this volume, must separate the *facts*, from the diluvial theory, which, at the period of its publication (1823), they were supposed by Dr. Buckland, and other eminent geologists, to confirm.