

cur in the Triassic and Jurassic formations, none had been obtained from Cretaceous rocks, and this absence was all the more remarkable from the great abundance and perfect preservation of the reptilian forms in these rocks. But the

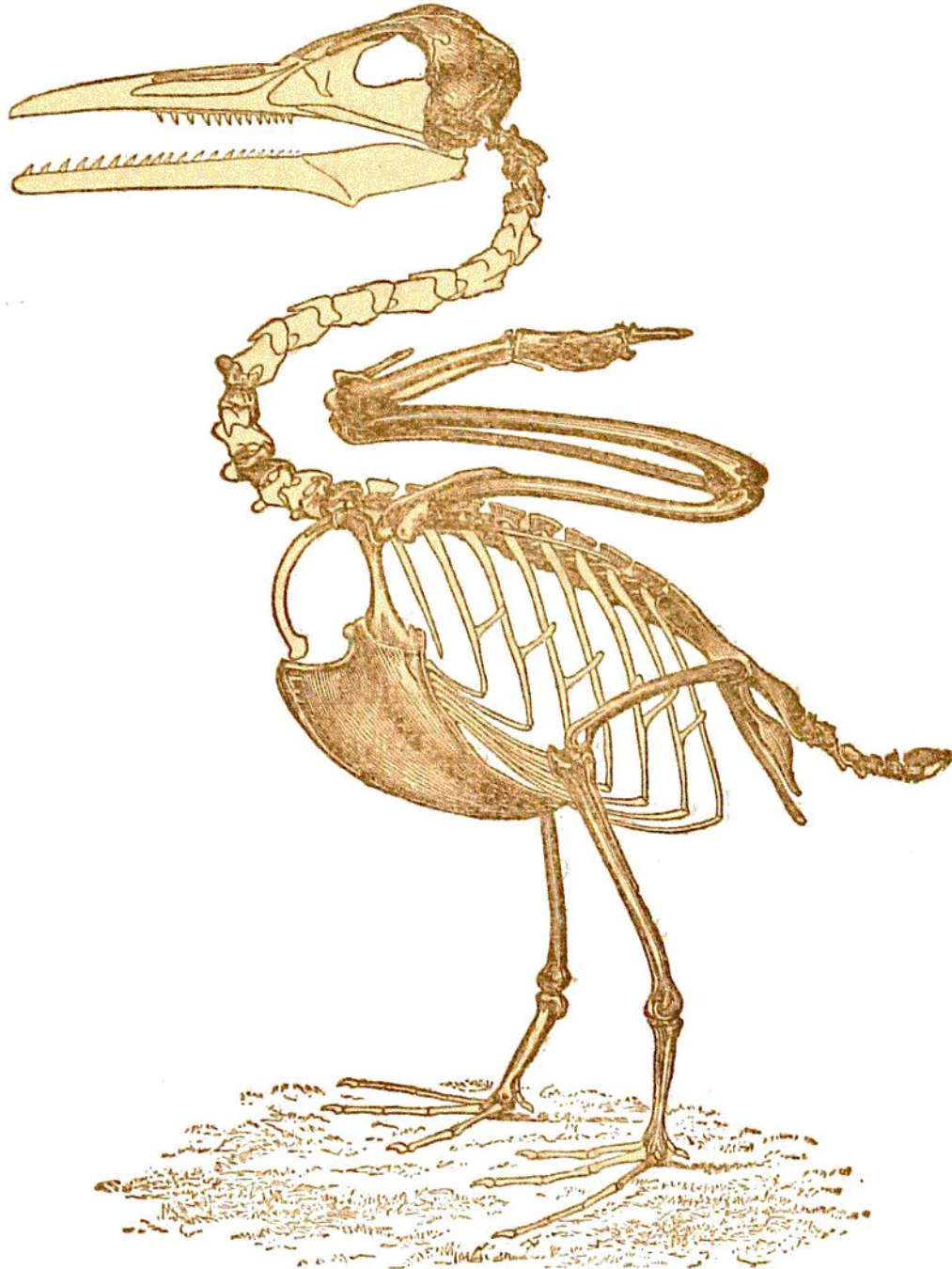


Fig. 423.—Cretaceous Bird.
Ichthyornis victor, Marsh (†).

blank has now been filled by the remarkable discovery in the Upper Cretaceous rocks of Dakota and Wyoming of a large series of jaws, teeth, and different parts of the skeletons of small mammals belonging to many individuals, and