

below, concave behind, and deeply constricted in front and at the sides. The **pedicles** are very strong, directed backward from the upper part of the body;

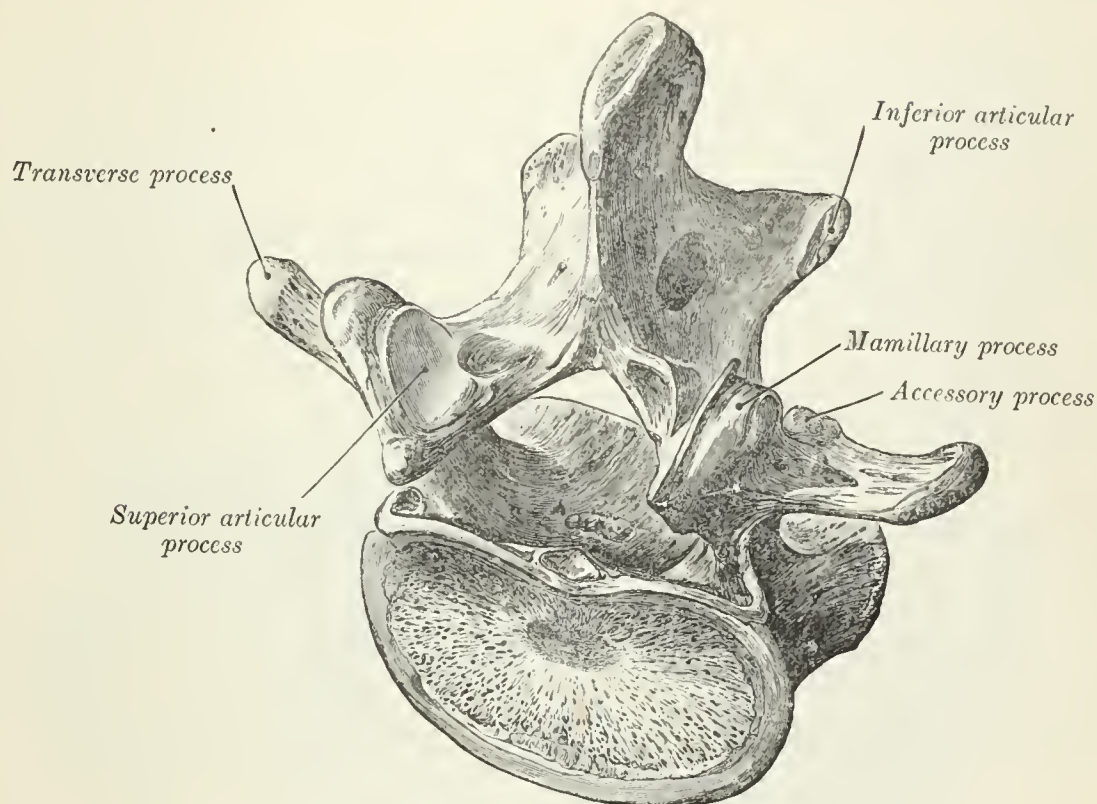


FIG. 93.—A lumbar vertebra from above and behind.

consequently, the inferior vertebral notches are of considerable depth. The **laminæ** are broad, short, and strong; the **vertebral foramen** is triangular, larger

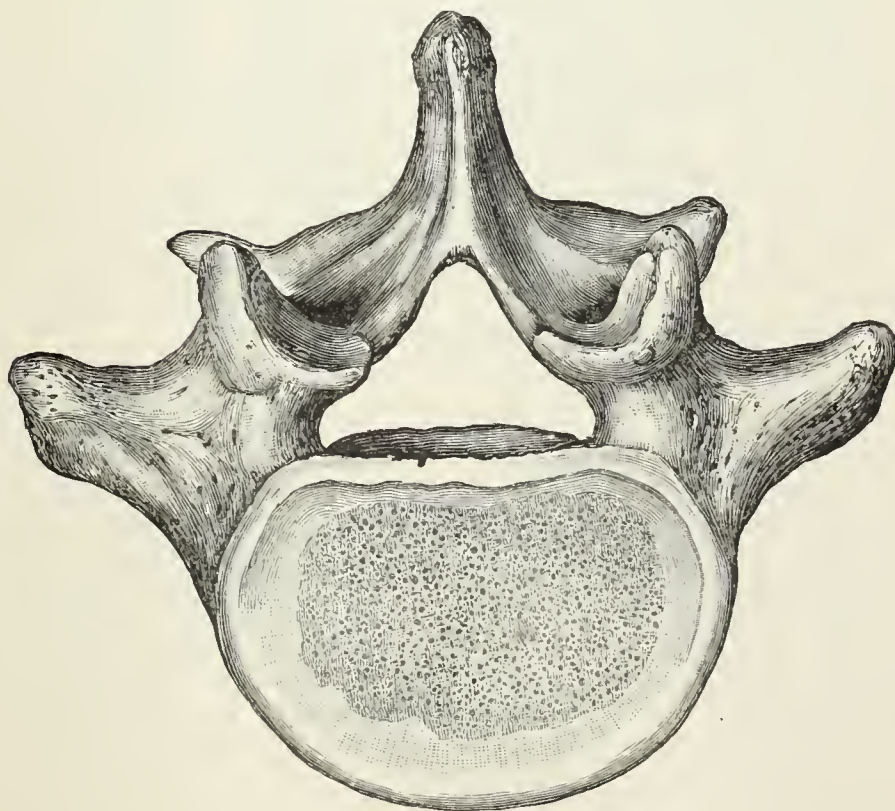


FIG. 94.—Fifth lumbar vertebra, from above.

than in the thoracic, but smaller than in the cervical region. The **spinous process** is thick, broad, and somewhat quadrilateral; it projects backward and ends in