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THE collection of ivory carvings loaned by Mr. J. H. Heinz has proved most attractive to the general public. Mr. Heinz has recently presented to the Museum a magnificent eagle, life-size, done in ivory. It has been mounted in a case specially constructed for its reception, where it rivets the attention of multitudes. It is one of the largest pieces of ivory carving in existence.

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WE are deeply indebted to Mr. Nathaniel Holmes and Miss Eleanor Holmes for the loan to the Museum of a magnificent collection of old Chinese porcelain, upon which visitors to the Museum have constantly feasted their eyes.

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E Director, accompanied by Mr. Arthur S. Coggeshall, early in November repaired to Madrid, to instal in the National Museum of Spain a replica of *Diplodocus carnegiei*. He was received with the greatest courtesy by the officials of the Museum, and had the honor of an audience with His Majesty Alphonso XIII., and also of meeting Her Majesty Doña Maria Christina, the mother of the King. During his stay in Madrid the Director was honored by many tokens of kindness and good will not the least of which was his election as an honorary member of the Royal Spanish Society of the Natural Sciences. On the afternoon of November 28, the Director had the pleasure of giving an illustrated lecture before the Royal Society in the large audience room of the International Institute for women. It was with peculiar emotions that he arose to address his audience. Hanging on the wall of the room to his left was a portrait of the late Mrs. Alice Gordon Gulick, to whose philanthropy the Institute owes its existence. In her young life this noble woman was an acquaintance of the speaker. The sight of her features, glorified by the consecrating touch of years of self-denying labor on behalf of the womanhood of Spain, naturally awoke a flood of memories, and across the bridge of more than two-score years there came, as phantoms come in dreams, the forms of those who were her friends.

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It is with satisfaction that the Director records the publication in the MEMOIRS of his Monograph upon the Osteology of the Chalicotheroidea, which forms the final part of Volume III of that series of

publications. This work, which has been in process of preparation for several years past, embodies the results of extensive study and comparison, in which the author was assisted by Mr. O. A. Peterson. It is believed that it brings within the compass of a single paper all the most important observations upon this group of mammals, which have been made since 1825.

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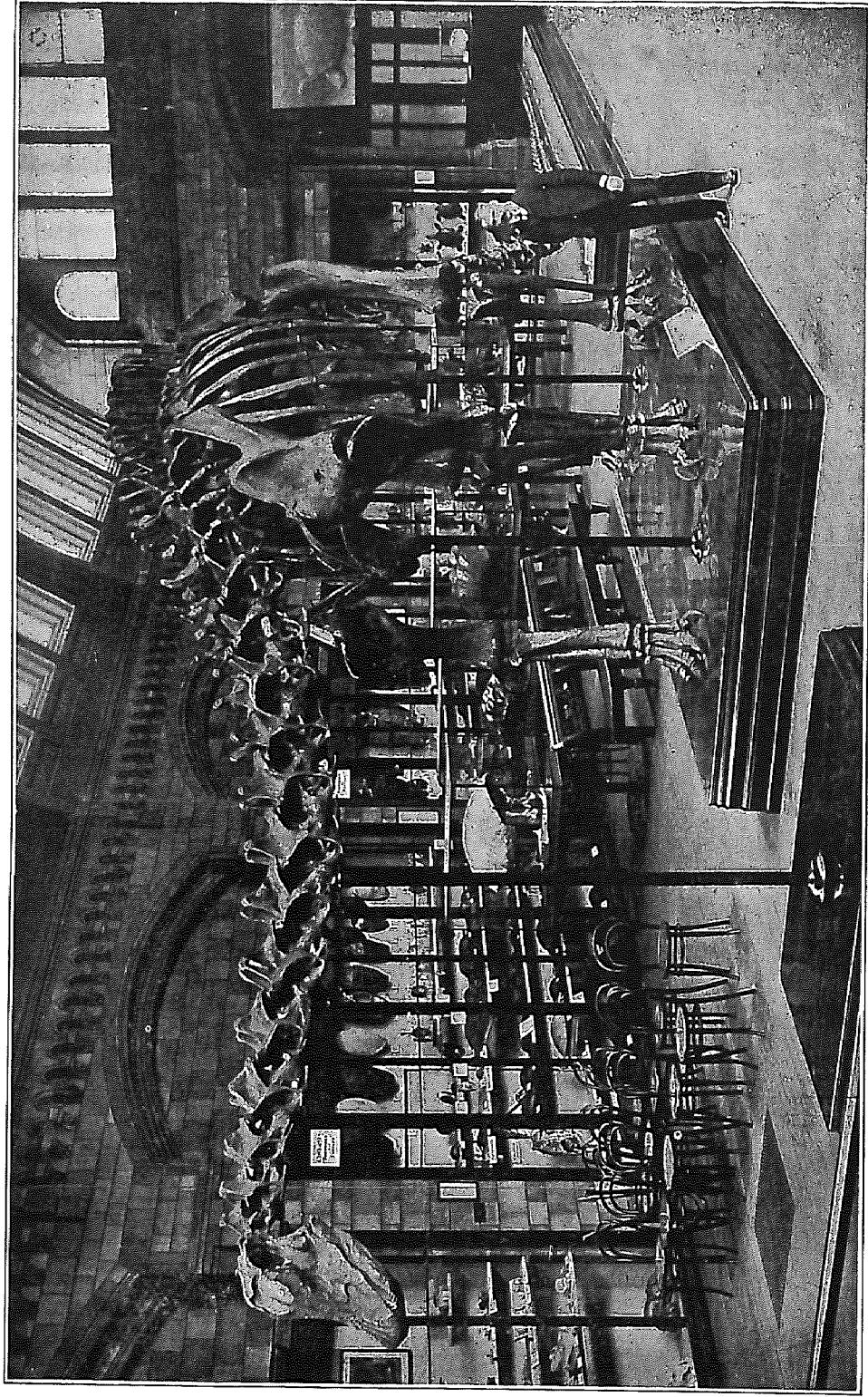
CONCENTRATED effort has been made during the fall and winter to extract from the matrix some of the more important specimens found in the great quarry in Uinta County, Utah, where Mr. Earl Douglass and his assistants have been working for several years past. A great deal of the material is absolutely new to science, and the result of these discoveries is certain to add enormously to our knowledge of the reptilian fauna of Mesozoic times. The skeleton of *Brontosaurus* which has been recovered, probably the largest specimen representing that genus which has ever been taken up, is in many respects more complete than any other specimen which has been discovered. When assembled and mounted it will show that the figures heretofore published based upon more or less fragmentary material, have been in many respects wide of the truth so far as the proportions of the animal are concerned.

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AMONG other material taken up in the Utah quarry is a remarkably well-preserved skull of a sauropod dinosaur, referable to the genus *Diplodocus*, in which even the sclerotic coat of the eye-ball has been preserved in a fossil condition, and a paper upon this remarkable skull will shortly be published by the Editor.

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IMPORTANT collections of birds, collected by Mr. M. A. Carriker, Jr., in Venezuela and Colombia, have been received during the past month. Many species not hitherto represented in the Museum have come into our possession from this source. From tropical west Africa we have received a number of species of the birds of this region carefully collected by Mr. J. A. Reis. By exchange with the National Museum in Madrid we have secured a small collection of the birds of Morocco. The ornithological collections of the Museum are growing steadily, and in a few years may be expected to become one of the most important assemblages of its kind on the continent.



Reproduction of Skeleton of *Diplodocus Carnegiei* in the Gallery of Reptiles, British Museum (Natural History), South Kensington, London.