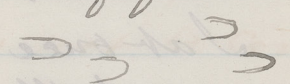


4 They were in pairs and very often
in fours, two before and two behind.
The distances apart aided me in ascer-
taining the size of the animal.

I ascertained at least seven
different species, and called them
all Hippoid, from the unclift foot or
hoof, but nearly all were 
longer than they should have been
for exact analogy ~~to~~ to horse tracks;
and many of them were sharp at the
edges especially forward and made a
decided indentation in the sand be-
low the level of the track. The animal seemed
to walk upon its ~~toes~~ toes or the end of the foot
in the smaller ones.

The country must have swarmed
with these animals, the tracks were
so numerous. Certain tracks, I believe
are there to this day, on the surface of
rocks too large to have been moved or
disintegrated—a series of tracks ten or
twelve in number, & thwarted by others.

Fishes
New Orleans, Louisiana
March 5-1877

Prof J. W. Dawson,
Dear Sir,

The last
number of the Contemporary Re-
view contains an article from
your pen, in examination of
Huxley's lectures in New York;

That was the best presenta-
tion of the subject of evolution,
from the highest authority, Darwin
& Herbert Spencer not excepted.
The latest and choicest argu-
ments from a confessedly mas-
termind are presented in his
"Demonstrative evidence."

You have left not
a single ground for evolution
to stand upon. The fabric is
utterly demolished.

President Garland in the South

6) your article (line 3-6 of page 46) has actually occurred and was discovered & announced 28 years before the orobippus. - If it be worth the research and you could help me to find in Prof. Foster's collections, if you any thing of them, that paper; or in the Smithsonian Collections any of the rocks I presented, we might produce the testimony required.

The whole research in favor of Development & Evolution appears to me so fruitless, the horse being only one of many ~~thousands~~ of animals, that its proof is nearly useless, except to satisfy those who attach importance to the proof it would afford.

Pardon the liberty I have taken in addressing you, & believe me to be with much respect your fellow seeker for truth.

Principal E. G. Forsberg.
J. W. Dawson
Montreal, Canada.

(5)
Several other localities occurred to present like specimens. About 6 miles N.E. of this locality (which extended about 2 miles along the Rocky) a well dug on the estate of about 13 feet deep brought up several tracks in the small stones excavated. Again in Washington County about 1 mile west of Independence I saw among stones brought ^{to} wall a well, or from those excavated, a series of the same kind of tracks; - both being small. the size of a new foaled colt.

The fossils are all disintegrated or broken. Though shells appear in the vicinity they are all so small in fragments as to be unrecognizable. I sought in vain. - No other tracks are found, but the Hippoid though they run through 6 or 7 species and probably 3 genera.

I took several specimens, with my collections of the Nat. Hist. to

8) Smithsonian Institute, in the summer of 1857; and then accompanying Prof. Henry to Montreal to meet the American & British Association, I prepared, rather hurriedly, a paper for the Geological Section.

I was not permitted to read it, for the crowd of papers, and the committee sent it back to me. The papers gave the Geological position exactly (as I have since ascertained both from Geological Survey of B. F. Sherman & Dr. Moore). It contained some 30 drawings of tracks - and named the several - - - - -

My occupation as a Civil Engr & my research chiefly in Physical Science, withdrew me from that subject; and my return to Louisiana after the war buried the paper and the subject.

Some time in '72 My old friend the Col. Col. J. W. Foster wrote me for information about Indian names

(7) and with my reply to him (see his "Prehistoric Races") I enclosed the drawings of the "Hippoid Tracks". And he died, during the preparation of his work for the press. What became of the sheet I know not, and the pile of rocks with other by the hundred was strown, I know not whether during the Civil war.

Until the importance given to this subject by the discoveries of Marsh & Cope, by ~~the~~ in the Territories of the West, I have not thought the matter worth seeking, and I have constantly expected that they would stumble upon the "Fossil Horse that walks upon one toe" in their explorations, and thus render my discoveries 20 years earlier, unnecessary. But the fact that this development was earlier than the Cro-hippos, and the very contingency to which you allude in

2)
even Review has presented us
with two articles on "Mind &
Matter". In the section "Objections
answered" has given the 'Coup de
grace' to Evolution and Development,
in a satirical strain that harmo-
nizes well with your essay.

But it was not to com-
pliment you on the triumphant
treatment of the subject, that
I have commenced this note.

It was to call your at-
tention to the discovery of the un-
cleft hoof of a certain quadruped
in the Eocene Tertiary of Texas
as early as the year 1856.

The locality was in Fayette County
and upon the tract of land known
as the Rutersville League. (See any
Gazetteer.)

The writer was then Supt.
of the Texas Military Institute.
With the student, he was making

3
a collection of the natural
History of the County of Fayette.
Certain tracks in the rocks that are
the foundation of the Rocky a ~~stone~~
of that neighborhood attracted our
attention which at first were thought
to be accidental, though very curious.

I at once treasured the discovery
and kept a careful look-out for the
tracks; and was rewarded by the cu-
rious fact that the stone steps to the female
college was distinctly marked by five
tracks of a mule, about the size of a large
sheep'. I set about the collection of
such stones as could be heeded on where
tracks were made; and in the course of
the six months that followed I had
collected in my yard about a ton
of such rocks & stones.

Now for the very curious part of
the record. The tracks varied in
size from a small Jack or Mule's
track to the that of a large Rabbit.