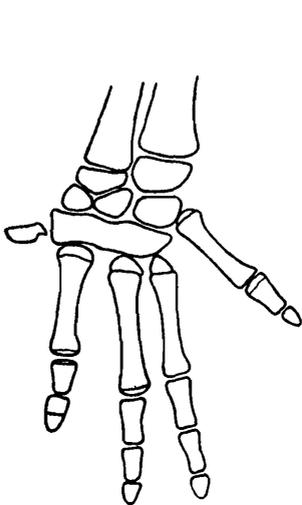
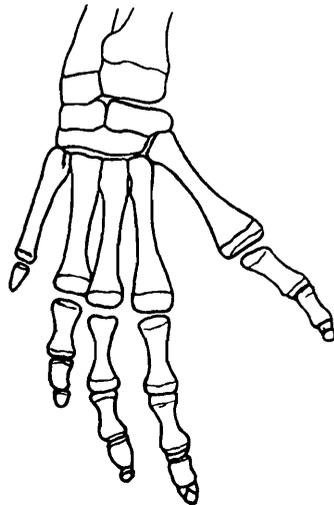
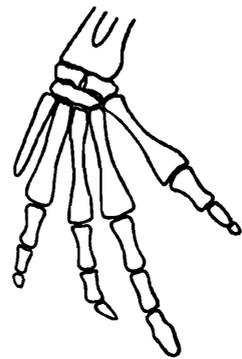


Although all the specimens I have seen, or regarding which I have received detailed information, have been fully adult, probably measuring between nine and ten feet in length in the flesh, the degree to which ossification has progressed is very variable and the hand seems to be smaller in some individuals than in others of the same size. The first digit is always less well-developed than the others. In some individuals it consists of a short oblong or triangular bone, often more or less irregular in outline ; in others in which it is represented by

FIG. 2, $\frac{1}{6}$.FIG. 3, $\times \frac{1}{6}$ FIG. 4, $\times \frac{1}{6}$.

a single bone, this bone is long and styliform ; while in others again there are two bones, the distal one being short and nail-shaped. The other digits show similar variations but not to the same extent. The bones of the carpus vary chiefly as regards ankylosis. Those in the distal row are used together, probably in all cases ; but in the proximal row there may be either two or three bones present. In the latter case it is the scaphoid which is distinct from the lunate bone. The figures, which are outlines of actual specimens reduced to one-sixth the natural size, illustrate these variations very clearly, fig. 3 showing, further, the actual relations between the fourth and fifth digits—a feature which is not always correctly represented.

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BIRDS.

EGG LAID BY A CAPTIVE GOSHAWK (*Astur palumbarius*).—Lieutenant-Colonel Phillott has recently sent to the Museum the egg described in the following note. It measures 50 mm. in length and 40 mm. in greatest transverse diameter ; the colour is a clear, pale green, the outline regular.

“ My friend Miyān Mahmūd Sahib-zada of Taunsa, Dera Ghazi Khan, has sent me a Goshawk's egg laid by a trained bird which had been in confinement for sixteen years and was, when caught, a ‘ hagar ’ or mature bird. This is the first egg she has laid in captivity. It is very like a heron's egg and has a coarse shell, being without markings.

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