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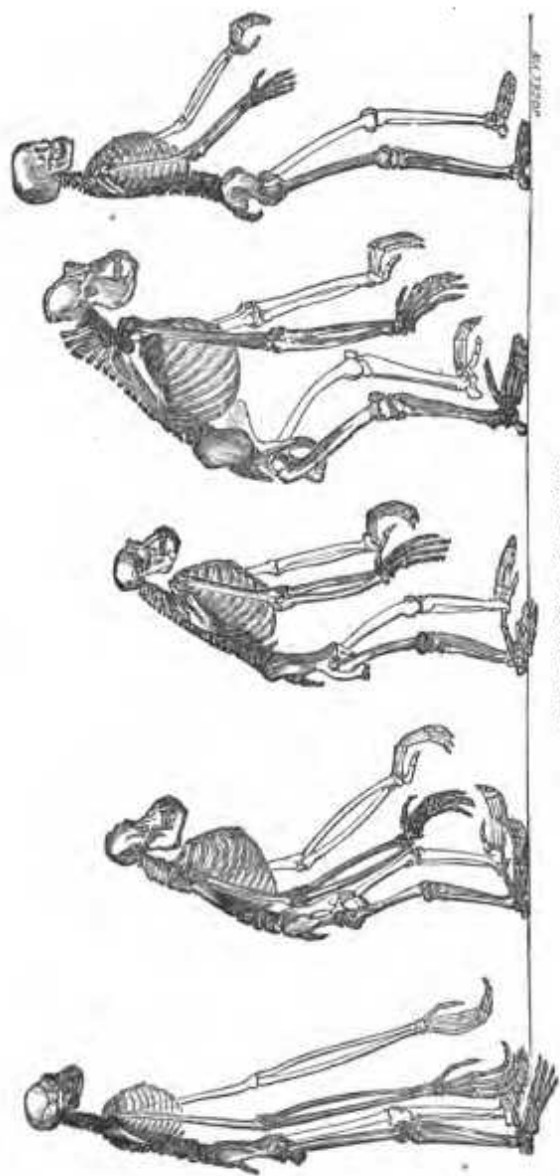
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SKELETONS OF THE

- GIBBON.
- ORANG.
- CHIMPANZEE.
- GORILLA.
- MAN.

Photographically reduced from Diagrams of the natural size (except that of the Gibbon, which was twice as large as nature), drawn by Mr. Waterhouse Hawkins from specimens in the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons.

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ADVERTISEMENT TO THE READER.

THE greater part of the substance of the following Essays has already been published in the form of Oral Discourses, addressed to widely different audiences, during the past three years.

Upon the subject of the second Essay, I delivered six Lectures to the Working Men in 1860, and two, to the members of the Philosophical Institution of Edinburgh in 1862. The readiness with which my audience followed my arguments, on these occasions, encourages me to hope that I have not committed the error, into which working men of science so readily fall, of obscuring my meaning by unnecessary technicalities: while, the length of the period during which the subject, under its various aspects, has been present to my mind, may suffice to satisfy the Reader that, my conclusions, be they right or be they wrong, have not been formed hastily or enunciated crudely.

T. H. H.

LONDON: *January*, 1868.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in financial matters. This section also outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data, ensuring that the information is reliable and up-to-date.

2. The second part of the document focuses on the implementation of these practices across different departments and teams. It provides detailed instructions on how to integrate record-keeping into existing workflows and processes. This includes identifying key areas where data collection is most critical and ensuring that all staff members are trained and equipped to handle the data effectively.

3. The third part of the document addresses the challenges and potential pitfalls associated with data collection and analysis. It offers practical solutions and strategies to overcome these challenges, such as ensuring data security, maintaining data integrity, and addressing any discrepancies or errors that may arise. This section also discusses the importance of regular audits and reviews to ensure that the data remains accurate and relevant over time.

4. The final part of the document provides a summary of the key findings and recommendations. It highlights the benefits of a robust data collection and analysis system, such as improved decision-making, increased efficiency, and enhanced compliance. The document concludes with a call to action, encouraging all stakeholders to take the necessary steps to implement these practices and ensure the success of the organization's data-driven initiatives.

I.

ON THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE MAN-LIKE APES.

ANCIENT traditions, when tested by the severe processes of modern investigation, commonly enough fade away into mere dreams: but it is singular how often the dream turns out to have been a half-waking one, pre-

saging a reality.

Ovid foreshadowed the discoveries of the geologist: the Atlantis was an imagination, but Columbus found a western world: and though the quaint forms of Centaurs and Satyrs have an existence only in the realms of art, creatures ap-



FIG. 1.—*Simia magnatum delicis*.—De Bry, 1598.

proaching man more nearly than they in essential structure, and yet as

thoroughly brutal as the goat's or horse's half of the mythical compound, are now not only known, but notorious.

I have not met with any notice of one of these MAN-LIKE APES of earlier date than that contained in Pigafetta's "Description of the kingdom of Congo,"* drawn up from the notes of a Portuguese sailor, Eduardo Lopez, and published in 1598. The tenth chapter of this work is entitled "De Animalibus quæ in hac provincia reperiuntur," and contains a brief passage to the effect that "in the Songan country, on the banks of the Zaire, there are multitudes of apes, which afford great delight to the nobles by imitating human gestures." As this might apply to almost any kind of apes, I should have thought little of it, had not the brothers De Bry, whose engravings illustrate the work, thought fit, in their eleventh "Argumentum," to figure two of these "Simiæ magnatum deliciae." So much of the plate as contains these apes is faithfully copied in the woodcut (fig. 1), and it will be observed that they are tail-less, long-armed, and large-eared; and about the size of Chimpanzees. It may be that these apes are as much figments of the imagination of the ingenious brothers as the winged, two-legged, crocodile-headed dragon which adorns the same plate; or, on the other hand, it may be that the artists have constructed their drawings from some essentially faithful description of a Gorilla or a Chimpanzee. And, in either case, though these figures are worth a passing

* REGNUM CONGO: hoc est VERA DESCRIPTIO REGNI AFRICANI QUOD TAM AB INCOLIS QUAM LUSITANIS CONGUS APPELLATUR, per Philippum Pigafetam, olim ex Edoardo Lopez aroamatis lingua Italica excerpta, nunc Latine sermone donata ab August. Cassiod. Reinio. Iconibus et imaginibus rerum memorabilium quasi vivis, opera et industria Joan. Theodori et Joan. Israelis de Bry, fratrum exornata. Francofurti, MDXCVIII.