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TESTUDO LONGICOLLIS.

THE LONG-NECKED TORTOISE.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Corpus tetrapodum, caudatum, testa obtectum.

Os mandibulis nudis, edentulis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 350.



CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

Testudo ovata glabra, collo longissimo.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

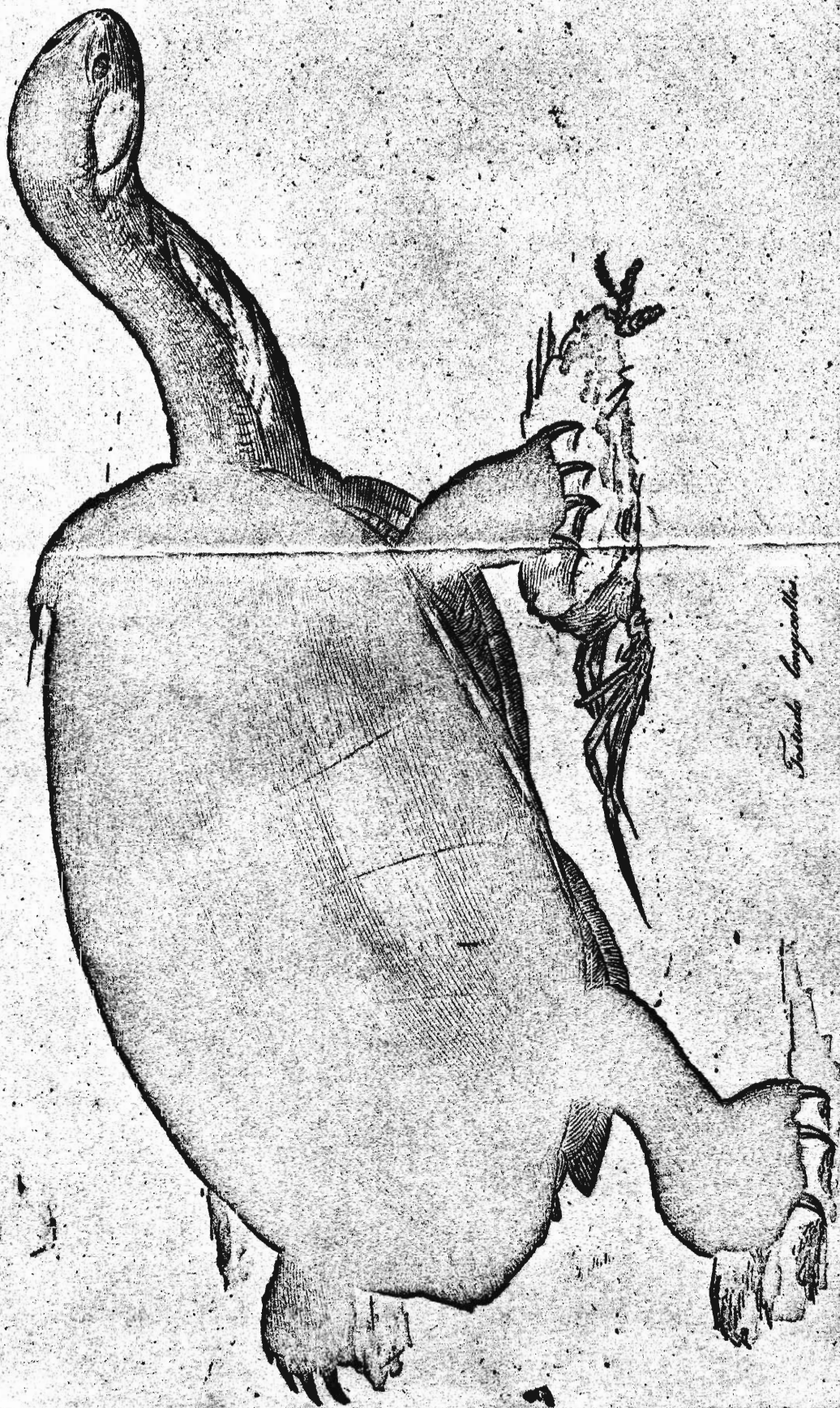
Body four-footed, tailed, covered with a shell. Mouth consisting of naked toothless mandibles.



SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Smooth ovate Tortoise with extremely long neck.

THE Tortoise here represented is a species never before figured or described. The plate expresses the natural size of the specimen from which the figure was taken. Its colour on the upper parts is a deep olivaceous brown. The shell is nearly smooth, but in some parts bears a resemblance to the grain of common black leather. The head is smooth. The neck extremely long, and (as it should seem) always exerted: its upper surface is marked with oval granulations, which give it an extremely serpentine appearance. The fore feet are short and tetradactylous; softly scaled, and, as it were, pinnated by a continuation of skin. The hind feet are of a similar structure, but somewhat longer and more widely pinnated. The claws on all the feet resemble those of birds. The under surface of the animal is of a pale whitish yellow; that of the shell more deeply so, and stained at all the junctures with black-brown, so as to form so many crossings of that colour. The tail is so extremely short as scarce to deserve the name, being merely a slight prolongation, or rather rising of the skin.



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