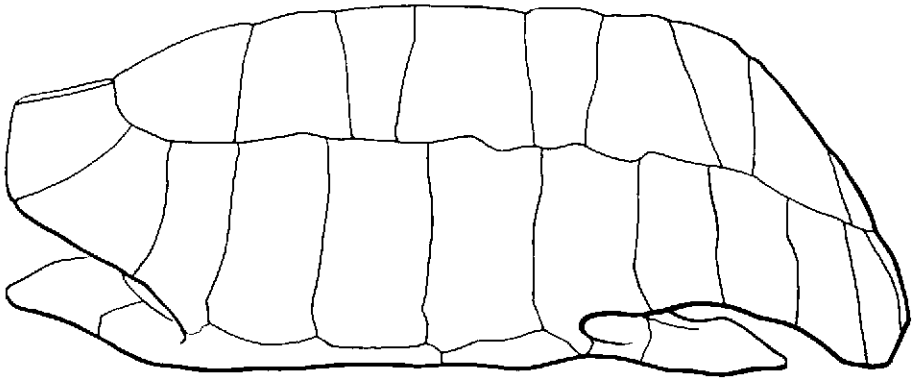


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neurals. A. *Stylemys tamphithorax*, Early Oligocene, Colorado, U.S.A. B. *Geochelone thesterna*, late Miocene, Colombia, South America.

*pus*, etc., Fig. 5). When present, the thickened epiplastra usually project beyond the general curve of the crest of the anterior lobe. This extension forms the epiplastral lip, which takes several forms in various species and furnishes valuable specific characters.

6) At the anterior end of the bridge the hypoplastron of each side sends a process dorsally and anteriorly that articulates with the first pleural bone. The hypoplastron also sends up an inguinal buttress, which usually articulates with the anterior half of the lower border of the sixth pleural. In *Stylemys* it articulates at the juncture of the fifth and sixth pleural, as it does in the Emydidae. Thus it seems evident that in land