

along these shores in recent years. They had given us to understand that we could reckon on finding good trawling grounds as far down as 250 fathoms on many of the coast banks off Morocco, such as the stretch from Cape Spartel to Casa Blanca, from Mogador to the bay at Agadir, and south of Cape

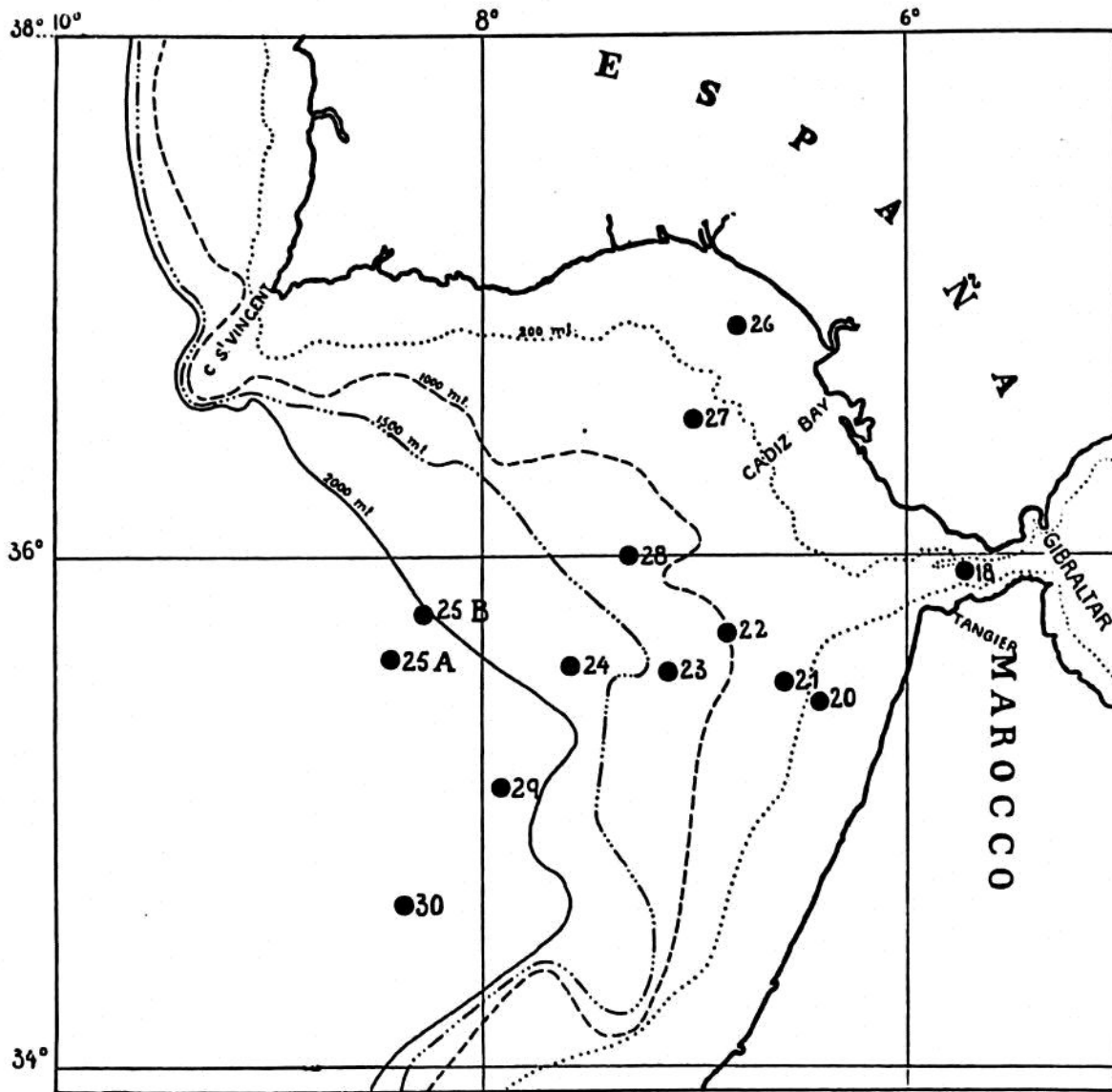


FIG. 47.—DEPTHS AND STATIONS IN THE SPANISH BAY.

Juby on the inner side of the Canary Islands. We also learned that their catches chiefly consisted of hake (*Merluccius vulgaris*), which, as a rule, made up two-thirds of the whole; soles (*Solea vulgaris*), and different kinds of silvery or brilliantly-coloured spiny-finned fish (mostly Sparidæ), which they call "salmon."

Our plan was to carry out two series of trawlings from the coast banks outwards to great depths, one in the Spanish Bay and one south of the Canary Islands, so as to have a general idea of the fauna at different depths in different latitudes. We