

Chapter VII. includes the deep-sea genera *Argentina* and *Alepocephalus*, and it is somewhat surprising to find the small curious forms of the pelagic genus *Opisthoproctus* referred to the same family ; but there are

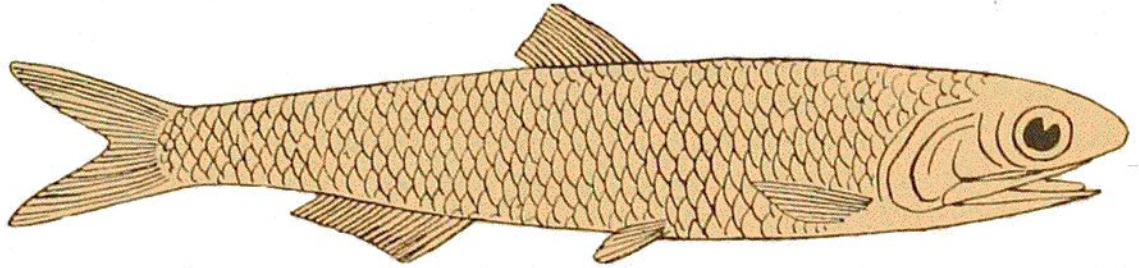


FIG. 450.
Engraulis encrasicolus, Cuv. (From Day.)

really certain features connecting it with *Alepocephalus*. The Opisthoproctidæ are small fishes, only a few centimetres long, laterally com-

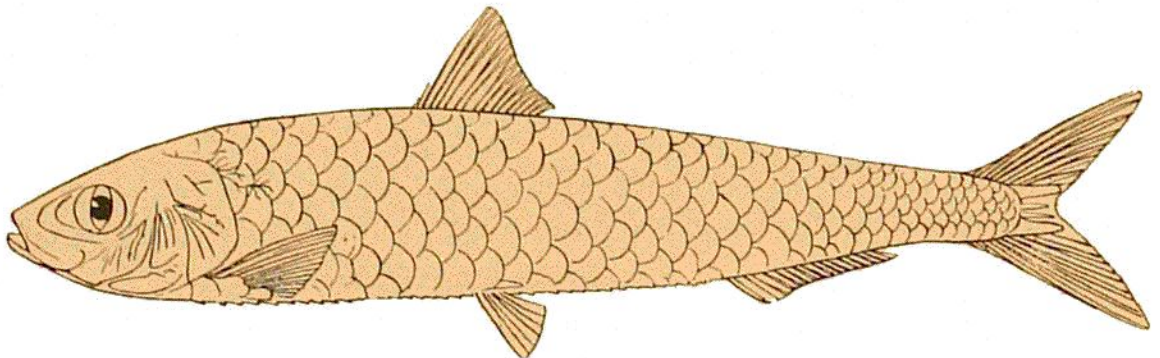


FIG. 451.
Clupea pilchardus, Walb. (From Smitt.)

pressed, with large thin scales, telescopic eyes, a remarkable flattening of the belly, forming a peculiar sole, and with a small adipose fin as in all

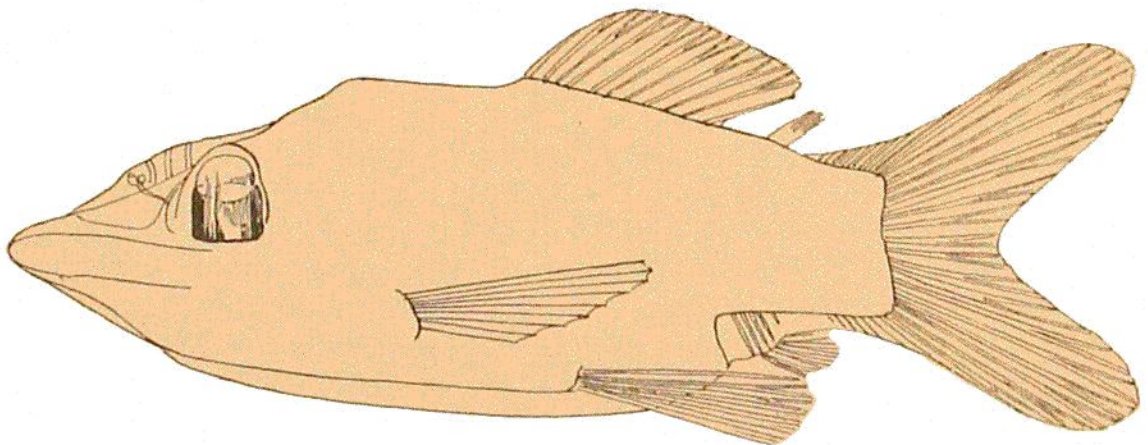


FIG. 452.
Opisthoproctus grimaldii, Zugmayer. Nat. size, 2 cm.

other Salmonidæ. One species, *Opisthoproctus soleatus*, was taken previous to our cruise in the Atlantic, and the other species (*O. grimaldii*, see Fig. 452) was taken subsequently near Gibraltar.