

the open ocean on the whole. In all or most of these samples the numbers of individuals have been counted after the return of the expedition,—a laborious and painstaking piece of work,

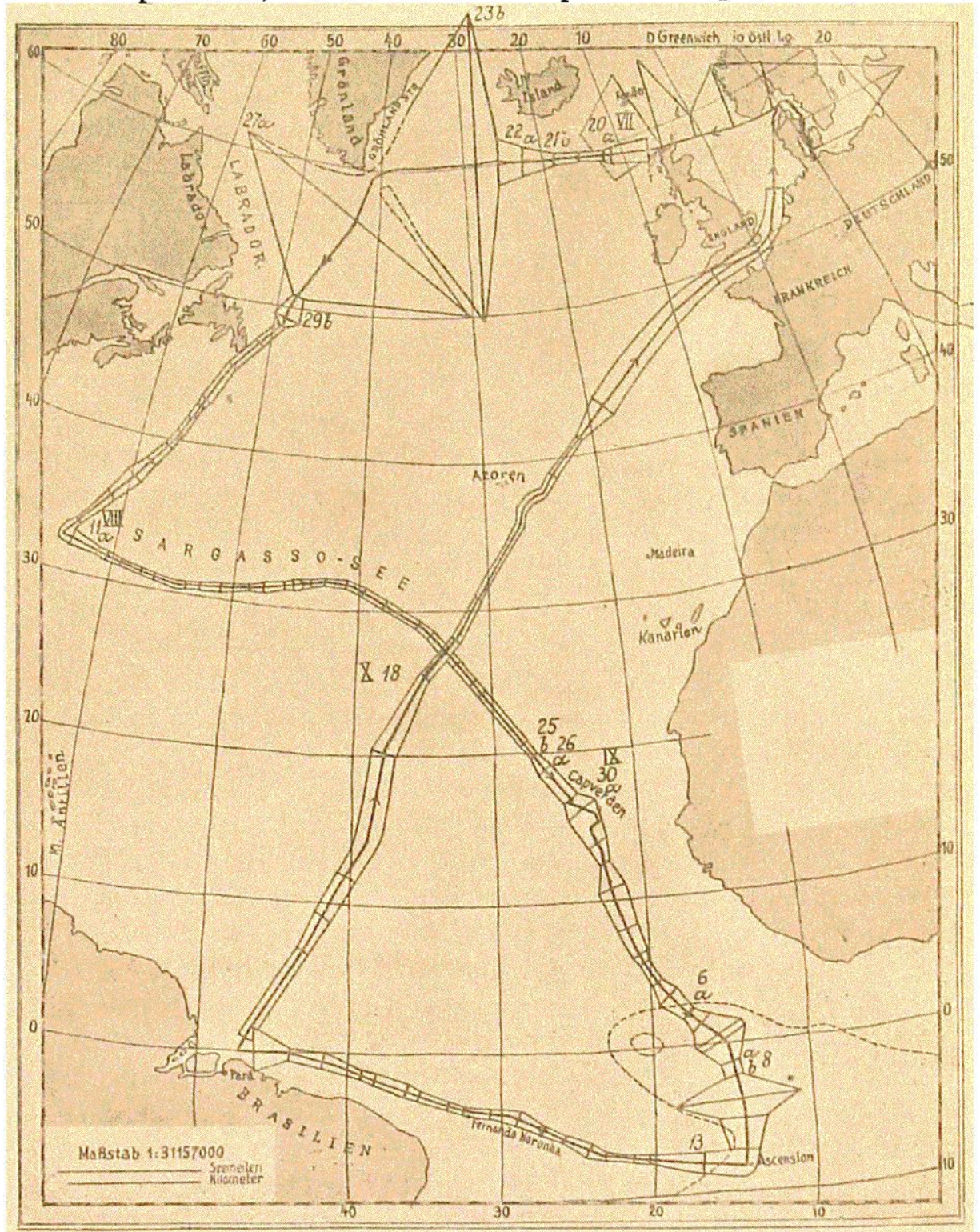


FIG. 566. — VOLUMES OF "PLANKTON" IN THE ATLANTIC AND IN THE NORTH SEA, ACCORDING TO THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE "HOLSATIA" IN 1885 AND THE "NATIONAL" IN 1889. (After Hensen, from Steuer.)

which has added greatly to our knowledge of marine biology. In Chapter IX. I have had occasion to refer to many important facts for which we are indebted to these expeditions, but I