

This crab, from its long spiny legs and light body, very often comes up entangled on the part of the rope which had been passing over the ground. Another handsome new species, *Amathia carpenteri*, NORMAN (Fig. 35), was common in the sandy chalk-mud of the 'Holtenia ground.' The genus had previously been familiar as a Mediterranean form.

I quote from a preliminary notice of the Crustacea by the Rev. A. Merle Norman: "*Ethusa granulata* (sp. n.), the same species as that found off Valentia, but exhibiting a most extraordinary modification of structure. The examples taken at 110—370 fathoms in the more southern habitat have the carapace furnished in front with a spine-nose rostrum of considerable length. The animal is apparently blind, but has two remarkable spiny eye-stalks, with a smooth rounded termination where the eye itself is ordinarily situated. In the specimens however from the north, which live in 542 and 705 fathoms, the eye-stalks are no longer moveable. They have become firmly fixed in their sockets, and their character is quite changed. They are of much larger size, approach nearer to each other at their base, and instead of being rounded at their apices they terminate in a strong rostrate point. No longer used as eyes, they now assume the functions of a rostrum; while the true rostrum so conspicuous in the southern specimens has, marvellous to state, become absorbed. Had there been only a single example of this form procured, we should at once have concluded that we had found a monstrosity, but there is no room for such an hypothesis by which to escape from this most strange instance of modifi-