

the fry of the horse mackerel, the young of *Scombresox saurus* (a near relation of the gar-pike), and of the flying fish (*Exocoetus*). These forms were with one exception observed only in our southern section.

A peculiar group of fishes are the Sargasso fish, which live on or around the Sargasso weed. We found *Antennarius marmoratus*, *Syngnathus pelagicus*, *Hippocampus ramulosus*, and *Monacanthus*, together with a peculiar Sargasso fauna, including small crabs (*Planes minutus*) and small prawns of several kinds

Sargasso
fishes.

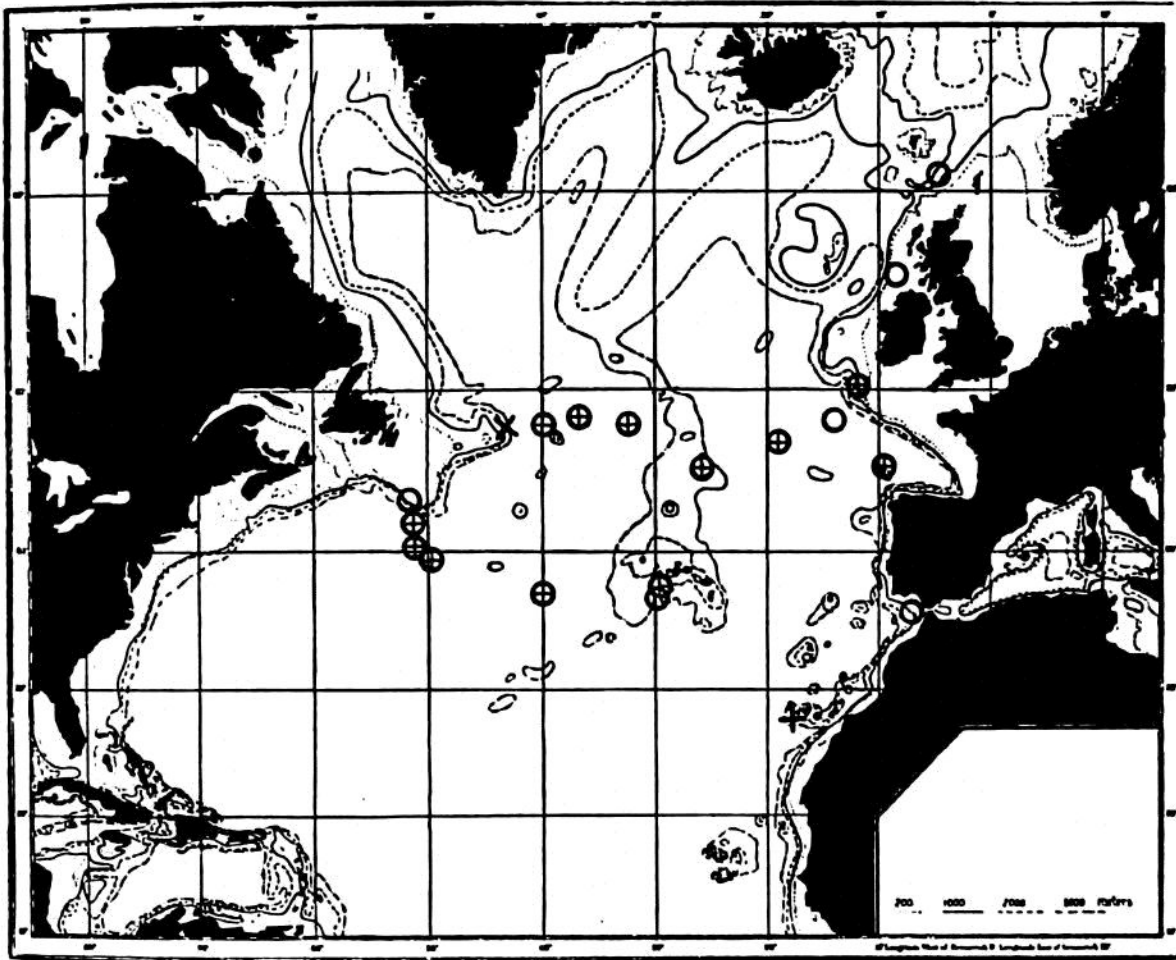


FIG. 479.—DISTRIBUTION OF *SALPA ZONARIA*.

(see Plates V. and VI., Chapter X.). But besides the Sargasso fish various remarkable forms occur in the surface waters of the ocean, such as the "wreck-fish," *Lirus medusophagus* and *L. ovalis*, *Polyprion americanus*, and the pilot fish (*Naucrates ductor*), taken by us to the south of the Azores, where salpæ and large medusæ were present in such numbers, as well as the enormous sunfish (*Mola*), harpooned due north of the Azores.

A community nearly as peculiar as the Sargasso fauna exists in the north-eastern corner of the area investigated by us, extending from the Azores to Ireland and thence to Rockall