

300 metres, mainly those of the genus *Argyropelecus*, the adults

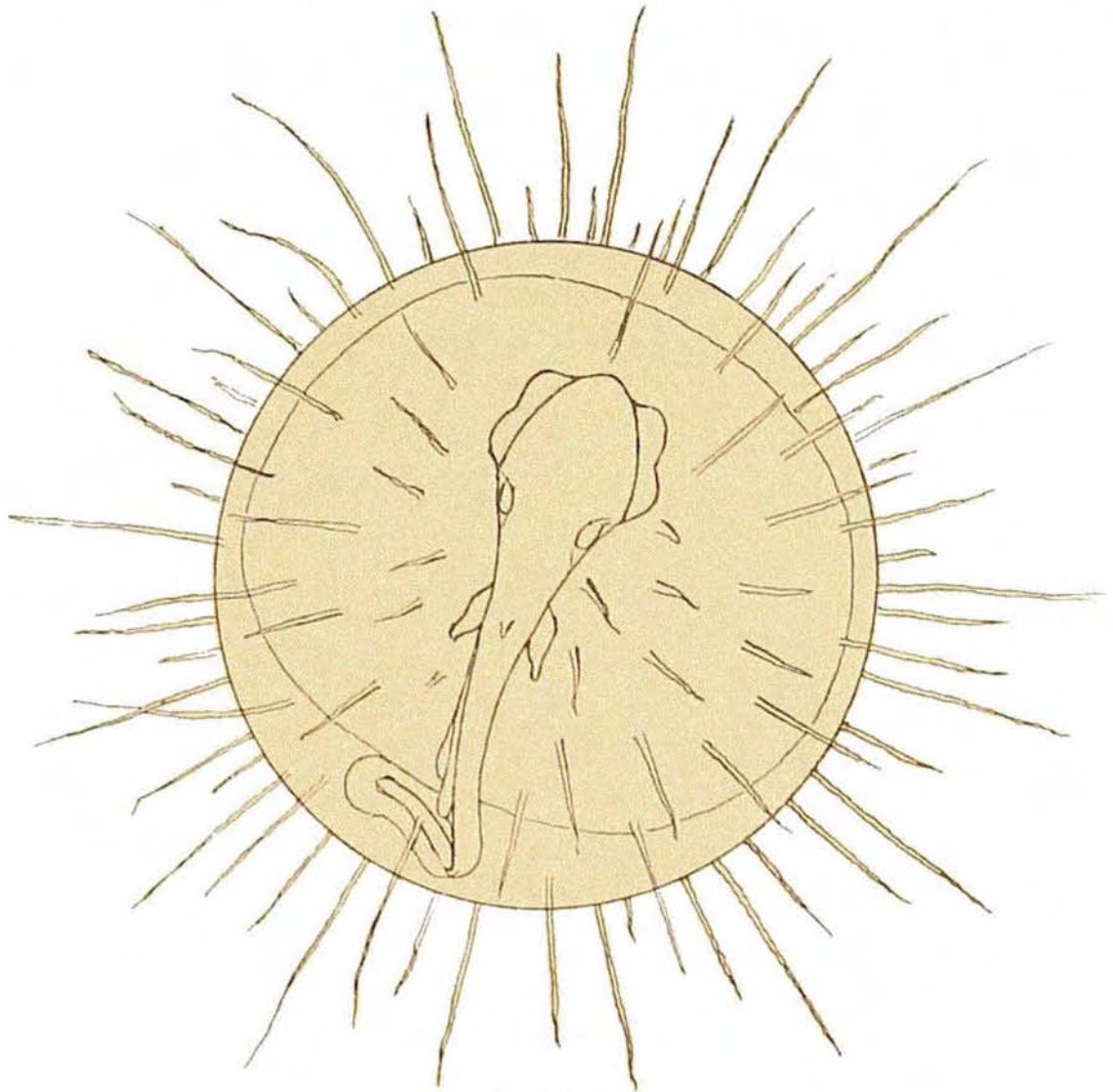


FIG. 531.

Egg of Scombrusocid. Diameter, 2.2 mm. Station 64.

of which live at these depths. A third group containing larvæ and young of Alepocephalidæ has only been taken below 500 metres. We see from Fig. 474, p. 621, that even the small stages of *Cyclothone* are found at 300 and 500 metres.

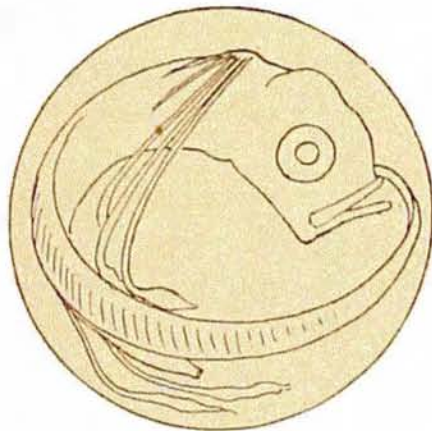


FIG. 532.

Egg of *Trachypterus*.
Diameter, 2.8 mm. Station 52.

It is interesting to note that the young stages of pelagic fishes are subject to the same laws regarding the development of colouring and light-organs as the adults. In the uppermost 150 metres the young are quite transparent, and many of them possess light-organs in very early stages.

Early stages of *Argyropelecus* (see Fig. 534) develop the silvery