

coast of Africa and the island of Fuerte Ventura. Here we

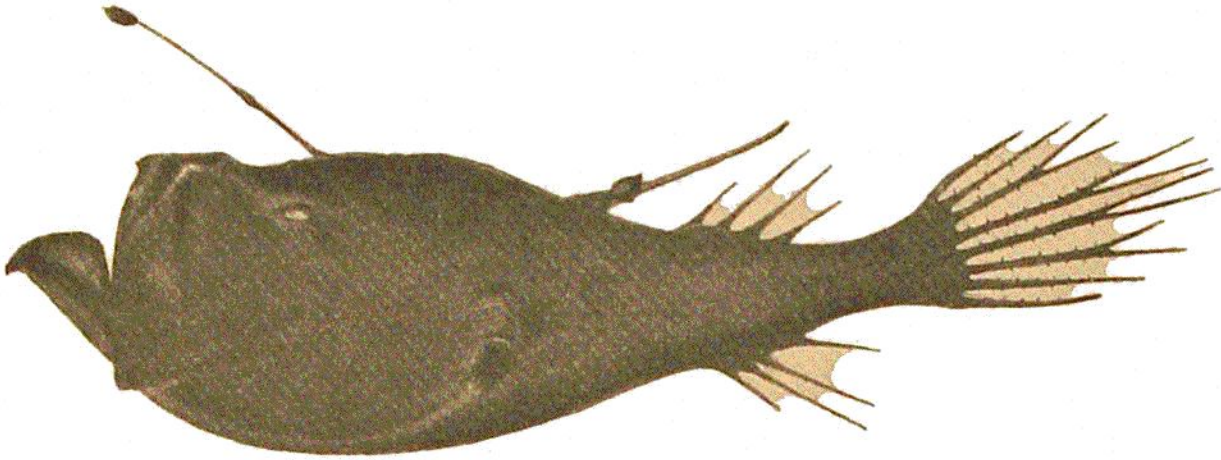


FIG. 59.  
*Ceratias*, n.sp. Nat. size, 13 cm. Station 42.

sounded at Station 41 and got 1365 metres. We shot our trawl with 3400 metres of wire, and towed it for three and a half

hours. Hauling in took an hour and fifty minutes. Our catch consisted of about fifty deep-sea fishes (see Fig. 57), several baskets of holothurians, and a number of interesting invertebrates, including some beautiful, large, red-coloured prawns, no less than 30 centimetres long. This catch was extremely interesting, as it yielded the same species of fish that we got in our hauls to the west of Ireland (*Mora*, *Trachyrhynchus*, *Alepocephalus*, *Synaphobranchus*).

The trade-winds had meanwhile freshened considerably, so we steamed under the lee of Fuerte Ventura, and at Station 42 used our pelagic appliances at various depths. The captures were particularly interesting, including as they did nineteen larvæ of eels (leptocephali). One individual among these (Fig. 58) belonged to the ordinary conger-eel (*Leptocephalus Congri vulgaris*), but the other eighteen were all of another species closely resembling the conger larva, but

Eel larvæ.



FIG. 60.—*Spirula*. (From Chun.)

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