

well as near the coast banks. Our methods of capture were not designed for the purpose of obtaining detailed information

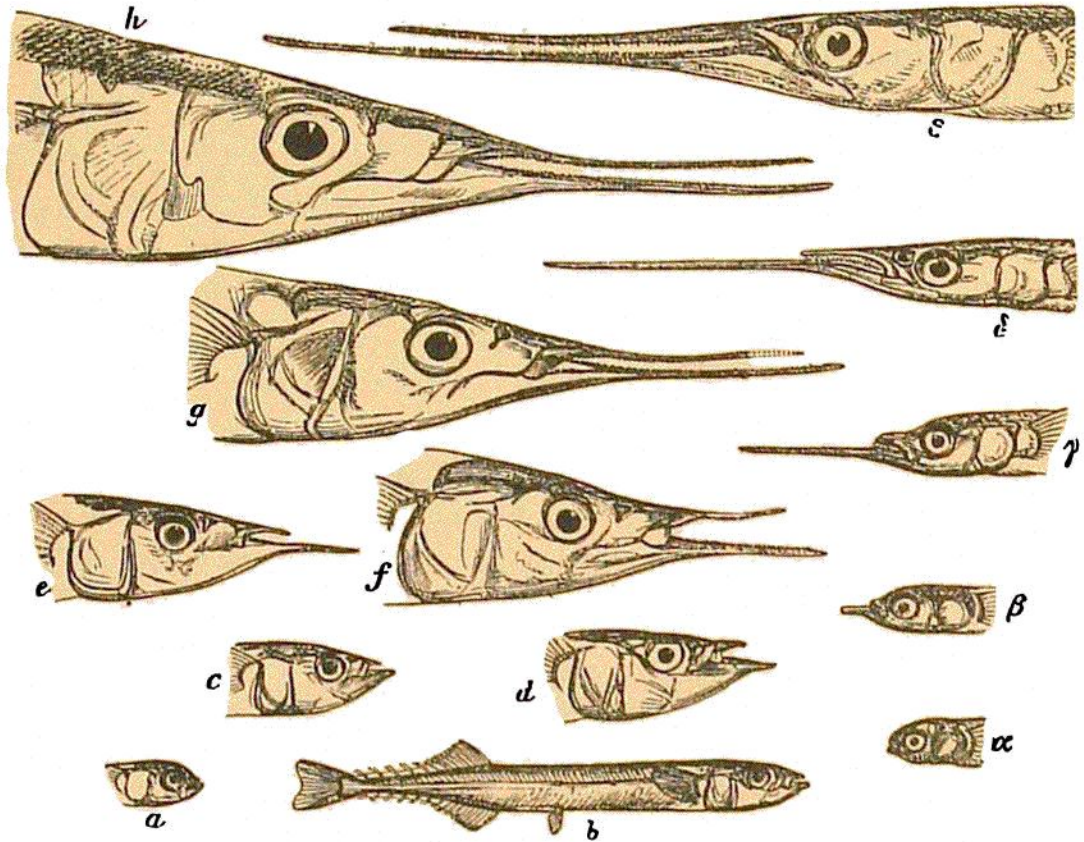


FIG. 542.

a-h, heads of *Scombrosox saurus* in different stages of development; *b*, a young fish. The younger stages somewhat enlarged, the older somewhat reduced in size. *α-ε*, heads of *Belone vulgaris*. (From Lütken.)

as to the quantities occurring in different areas of the ocean; but in the present state of our knowledge it is very interesting

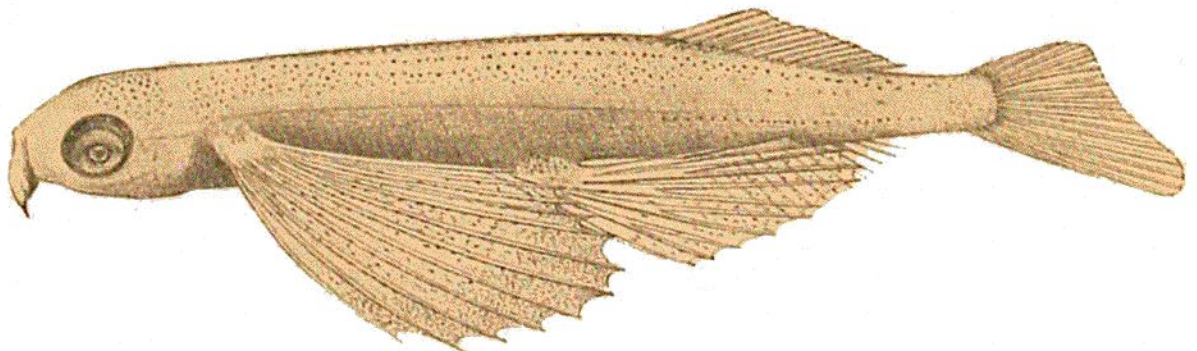


FIG. 543.

Young flying fish (*Exocoetus*). Nat. size, 2 cm.

to note that such large numbers of larvæ and young fish really occur all over the ocean.

Eel-larvæ
(leptocephali).

I will here restrict myself to giving some information as to an isolated group, viz. the larvæ of the eel-like fishes (lepto-