

had descended to 2025 fathoms. On the other hand, *Chiroteuthis veranyi* is distinctly stated by Vérany to live "à fleur d'eau pendant les calmes des belles saisons, au milieu des médusaires,"¹ and the same author records that he also found his specimen of *Chiroteuthis bonplandi* on the surface, while Verrill's examples of *Chiroteuthis lacertosa* have been obtained by dredging, apparently from depths varying from 300 to 2900 fathoms.

In this, as in so many other respects, we must await new facts before any conclusions of value can be obtained; the great need of the present day as regards inquiry into bathymetrical distribution is a net which can be opened and closed at any given depth.

¹ Céph. médit., p. 122.