

The Common Herring frequents our Arctic sea, but the fishing does not assume the importance there that it does in other places.

In the southern part of the Department, the *Clupeoideæ* furnish us with a pretty little fish, the gold-eye, white and delicate. This little glutton is caught with hook and line, and also with small meshed nets made for them. The Naccaysh measures about twelve inches; it is very fine; has a large mouth; its large and shining scales give it a silvered appearance, and its extremely large eye, with a yellow iris, has won for it its English name "Gold-eye."

In some of our rivers there is another kind of fish which resembles the herring, and is, probably, the *Fresh-water Herring*; and some other small fish that are found in shallows are, perhaps, *Marsh Fish*. I should experience great difficulty in classifying them or in indicating either their *genus* or *species*.*

III. THIRD ORDER.

Malacopterygii Subrachiatii.

Of the three families composing this order we have two here:

I. The *Gadoideæ* furnish us with two *genera* represented by only two *species*:

The Methy or Burbot—*Gadus (Lota) Maculosus*.

The Spotted Phycis—*Gadus (Phycis) Punctatus*.

Our Loche or Methy is not a fashionable fish, for the following is a common remark in this country: "How is it that you ask us to eat of it; even dogs refuse it?" It is a fact that dogs, however much accustomed to eat fish, will not touch this kind. For myself I have several times eaten it, and I found nothing in its flavor to justify aversion to it. It is not a delicate fish, but when dressed by an average cook, it is equal to the majority of river fish. I think it is the same kind as is called *Queue de poison* in Canada. It may be truly said that this is not a pleasant fish to look at. Gorged with food, or full of roe, its naturally short body becomes inordinately enlarged; and its tail, very much like that of an eel, matches very badly with the thick body. The Methy has scales, but they are so small, and so deeply embedded in gelatinous epi-

* Sir John Richardson gives the following classification of these two fishes: Hiodon Tergiou.—Order—Malacopterygii Abdominalis. Family—Clupeoideæ. Genus—Hiodon. The notch-fined Hiodon, or Fresh-water Herring.

Amia Ocellicanda. Order—Malacopterygii Abdominalis. Family—Clupeoideæ. Genus—*Amia*. The Marsh Fish.—D. R. C.