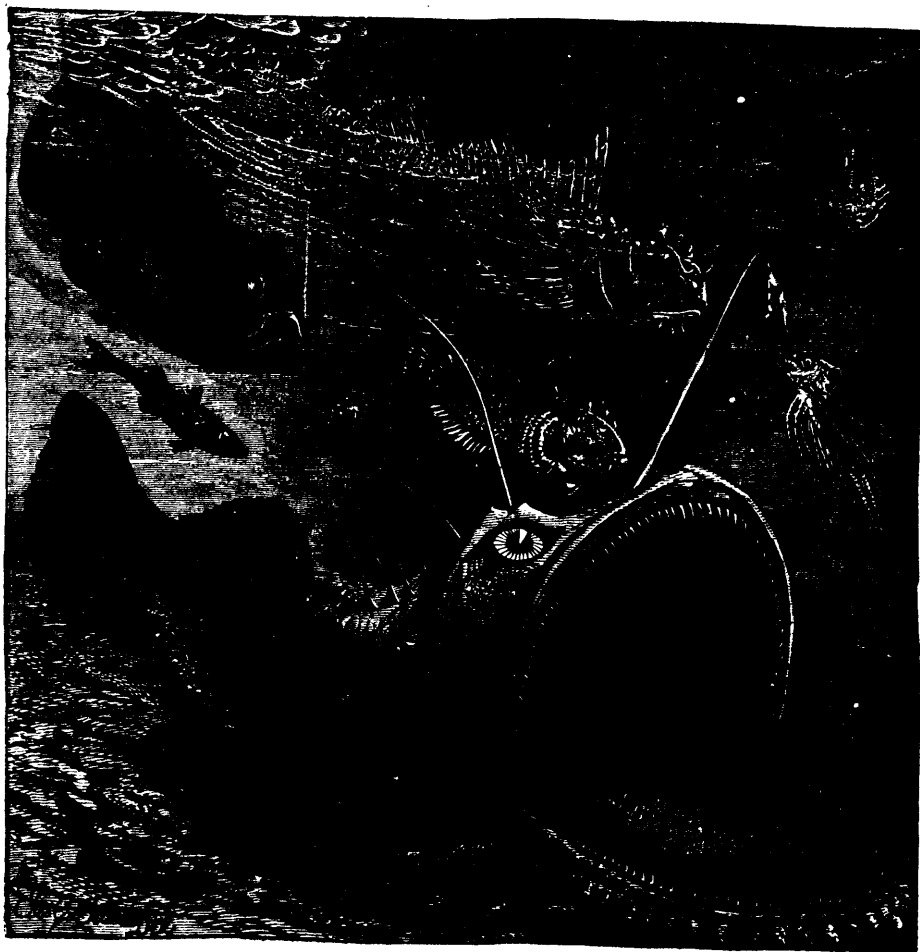


occupying a cavity, are placed at the extremity of two abnormal protuberances. In addition to this peculiarity these fish have also three tails similar in general form to those of the Kingiyo, though less marked.

That curious fish the Skate is not without its representatives in the Aquarium, and the skate's eggs, in appearance like odd-looking brown pods, have become objects of special care and interest. One of these was hatched a few weeks since, and it was remarked that, instead of being fat and floundering, it was slim and active, presenting the appearance

of a small white snake. The adult skate amuses visitors by the curious grin with which it gazes at them through the glass of the tank which it inhabits.

The Sea Raven is a creature which is the cause of much speculation and enquiry among visitors to the Aquarium, who fancy that, in the course of its sluggish existence, it has become covered with a growth of aquatic plants and verdure. The tufts and bobs of disjointed flesh which seem to cover it are, however, all real. This fish is subject to great variation of color, and specimens vary from rich russet brown



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