

Gascon peasants the "gilt cock of the sea." It is often called

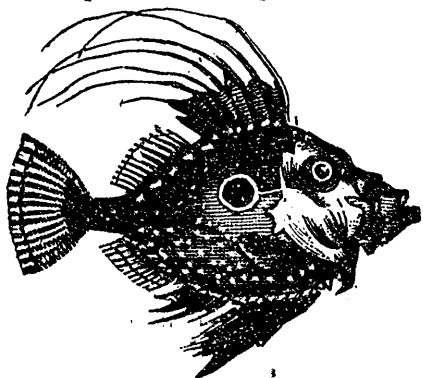


FIG. 9.—DORY.

by English sailors "St. Peter's fish," and disputes with the haddock the honour of having been the species out of whose mouth the apostle took the tribute money. The conspicuous marks on each side of the body are averred, by tradition, to be those caused by his finger and thumb as he took the fish out of

the water.

The diodon or sea porcupine, shown in Fig. 10, is covered with a leathery skin, which is armed with short erectile spines. It



FIG. 10.—SEA PORCUPINE.

possesses the ability of inflating its body by the inhalation of air, when its resemblance to the porcupine is sufficiently striking.