

unarmed in the adult, it is well armed in the young (*e. g. Naucrates*), and it is frequently the case that the armature of this region is more powerful in the young than in the adult. If protective in function it is easy to understand that the spines of the turbot would only be required as long as the pelagic habit is maintained, but I think it is not less probable that their significance is simply ancestral.—
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Under *Gadus esmarkii*, for "30 to 50 fathoms cable" read "30 to 50 fathoms ca." (circa).

