

attacks it, by swelling out its cheeks and gill-covers to a large size. The nose, and space contiguous to the eyes, are furnished with short sharp spines; the covers of the gills are terminated by exceeding long ones, which are strong, and very sharp. The mouth is large; the jaws covered with very small teeth; the roof of the mouth is furnished with a triangular spot of very minute teeth.

This species is very frequent in the Newfoundland seas, where it is called *scolping*; it is also as common on the coast of Greenland, in deep water near the shore. It forms a principal food of the natives, and the soup made from it is said to be agreeable as well as wholesome.

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#### CORYPHÆNA.

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THERE are twelve species of this fish, most of them natives of foreign seas. The general characters are, the head is declined and truncated; the membrane covering the gills