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Another group of whalebone whales, the fin-whale (Balanoptera physalus), the humpback whale (Megaptera boops,

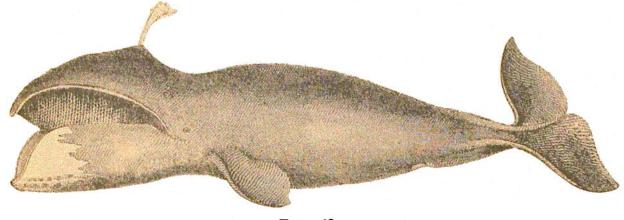


FIG. 568. Greenland whale (*Balæna mysticetus*). (From Scoresby.)

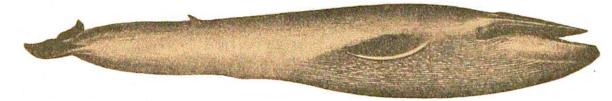
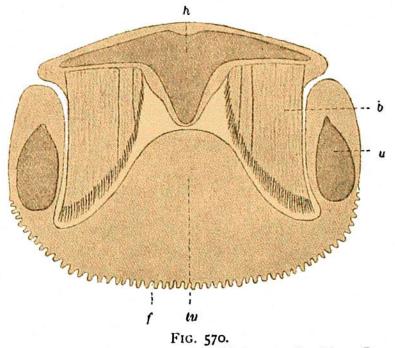


FIG. 569. The blue fin-whale (Balænoptera musculus). (From G. O. Sars.)



Cross-section of head of a fin-whale (*Balænoptera*). (From Boas.) h, Head; u, lower-jaw; b, whalebone; tu, tongue; f, furrows of the skin.

Fig. 571), and the "saithe" whale (*Balænoptera borealis*) feed on plankton as well as on pelagic fishes, mainly capelan and herrings, which also constitute the main food of the small toothwhales of the porpoise description.

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