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Dr. William K. Emerson, Curator of Mollusks, right, and Walter Sage, Scientific Assistant, Department of Invertebrates, American Museum of Natural History, New York, examine a portion of the recent donations to the Museum's collection of Recent mollusks.

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On the same reef as Bob Purtymun

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Mitra amaura Hervicr 1898 Photos by Bob Purtymun

Over the past 14 years of diving on the Great Barrier Reef including some 120 dives on recfs off Townsville, I have had the opportunity for repeated collection of species which Bob Purtymun mentions in single incidents. Mitra amaura Hervier (S&SL 17(10): 222) is indeed moderately common as Alan Hinton suggests. While a diver certainly won't find it on every dive, it is not unknown to find several on one dive. Species such as this which are moderately common on the Great Barrier Reef yet do not appear on dealers' lists, are part of an information shortcircuit. Local scuba collectors, of whom there are only a handful competent with anything apart from cowries and cones, don't ever see any rarity/price estimation, assume it is also common elsewhere on coral reefs and only bother about immediate needs.

Other species of midtrids and costellariids also frequent a similar habitat, the rubble scree around the bases of bommies, coral heads and gutters or on the mainly bare sides of these. Some also occur on those outer reef slopes where exposure is not excessive, more frequently on the gentler sloping inner recfs rather than the steep weather faces of the outermost recfs. Moderately common species include Mitra tabanula Lamarck, M. telescopium Reeve, 1844, Vexillum lucidum Reeve, V. zelotypum Rceve, V. unifascialis Lamarck, V. bernhardina Roeding, and V. microzonias Lamarck. Less common in the same habitats are Mitra chrysostoma Broderip, M. rubritincta Reeve, Vexillum militaris Recve, V. crocatum Lamarck, V. consanguineum Reeve and V. millecostatum Broderip (see Purtymun S&SL 17(5): 177).

Other species I would call rare on the Great Barrier Reef, having only ever found one or two of them and habitat information is very tentative. For example, the only live Vexillum mutabile Reeve I collected was crawling along the iron sides of the wreck of the S.S. "Corea" in 5 metres on Eel Reef, hardly a major habitat type. However, the occurrence of other dead specimens in dredgings around the pier at Green Island off Cairns suggests a preference for the innermost shelf reefs. Vexillum corallina Reeve I found twice around 30 metres on bare coral faces. Others rarely found in the same rubble habitat mentioned above include Mitra turgida Reeve, M. coarctata Reeve, M. pyramis Wood, Vexillum tusum Reeve, V. turben Reeve and V. lautum Reeve.

Many of these coral and rubble dewelling species are frequently encrusted with coralline algae and at first glance it can be difficult to distinguish Mitra from Morula or Vexillum from Turridrupa which live similarly. Species which are moderately common include Turridrupa bijubata Reeve, T. cerithina Anton and T. cincta Lamarck, with T. albofasciata E.A. Smith uncommon to rare. Turridrupa acutigemmata E.A. Smith prefers the soft sandy mud bottoms between the reefs and the mainland.

Xenoturris millipunctata Sowerby (S&SL 17(11): 243) I found only once, intertidally, but X. cingulifera was more common, living in sand and rubble. Like most species living in sand on reefs it occurred both intertidally and subtidally. Turris spectabilis Reeve also was found occasionally in coarse sand and rubble subtidally, while Turris cryptorrapaphe Sowerby I found alive only once, in 5-7m at night on a sandy rubbly bottom amongst coral at North Point, Lizard Island. Because of the coarse nature of the preferred substrate most of these large turrids usually have eroded spires.

Collecting on the Great Barrier Reef is now further complicated by the necessity for permits to collect in those areas where access is still allowed and other permits to send the specimens out of the country. The cumulative discouraging effect of this bureaucracy will probably ensure species which may be common to the Barrier Reef remain rare in lists which Bob Purtymun consults.



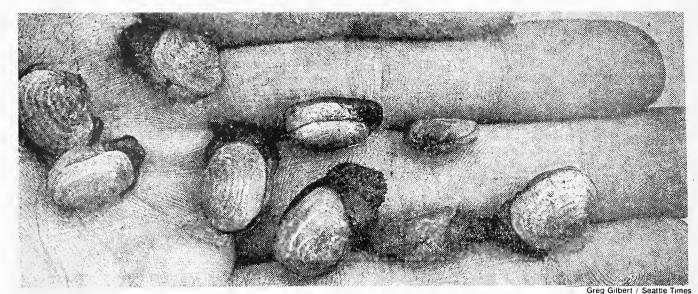


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Panope abrupta, commonly called the Gooduck (P. generosa, Geoduc, Gooeyduck or Gweduc), is found from southern Alaska to Mexico. Other relatives occur in the Gulf of California, Florida, New Zealand and South Africa. P. abrupta is the world's largest burrowing clam. It can be collected through diligent effort near the low water mark in Puget Sound and other west coast localities.

Should you decide to attempt collecting this mollusk, go prepared to get very wet; the creatures, when adult, have siphons that extend from their burrow through nearly three feet of sandy mud to the surface. A gently sloping beach is best, check along the low tide line as the water receds -- you shouldn't even try this unless the tide will be at least a minus 2.5 fect. Keep you eyes alert for a fleshy pink clean siphon-tip sticking an inch or so above the sand's surface; those siphons of a similar size which arc covered with leathery flaps, barnacles, algae, etc. belong to clams of the genus Tresus and while great

eating, are not what you're after this tide.

To reach the body of the clam it will be necessary to dig down at least two, and probably closer to three feet. Start digging a short distance from the siphons and make it a large excavation since you will have to contend with shifting sands continually trying to refill your hele. You'll probably end up on your hands and knees with your head down into the excavation, pulling and digging with your hand to excavate this bivalve behemoth.

A large specimen will weigh more than six pounds and the animal's shell can not completely cover the flesh. The "breast" of the Geoduck is considered the best eating portion -- actually this is the clam's mantle area. The "neck" or siphon can also be skinned, pounded and fried for a great tasting feast, or it can be ground and used in chowder. The flesh has a very delicate flavor and local restaurants feature this bivalve prominently on their menues.

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Because of the small area where the clam can be gathered intertidally, some research was undertaken several decades ago to see if the bivalve was really this scarce or if it usually lived more abundantly in deeper The latter proved to be the case and soon the Washington State Department of Fisheries discovered millions of the creatures inhabiting sandy bottoms throughout the Puget Sound and Hood Canal waterways.

Commercial divers now harvest these clams and one can find them for sale in fresh seafood markets, local supermarkets, and also from the back of pick-up trucks parked alongside the busy highways. The state leases tracts of bottom for these harvesters and currently receives \$750,000 annually in revenue from these leases on a dozen tracts. Unfortunately, Geoducks age slowly, making harvesting an area a

once in 30 years event.

The Department of Fisherics has, however, started the very first Geoduck hatchery. At its shellfish laboratory at Brinnon, on Hood Canal, the biologists have been investigating adult Geoducks for many years. Now they are gathering adult clams, gathering the eggs when spawned and then fertilizing and growing them at the lab. After a few months, when the bivalves have reached a length of one-quarter inch, they are released into the wilds of Puget Sound; this year it is estimated 225,000 will be planted using a scatter method. In the future a mechanical method will be developed to enable the department to plant millions of tiny clams each year. These laboratory raised young bivalves are expected to reach harvestable size within five or six years.

During the next decade the number of clams planted is to be increased to 30 million per year. Biologists hope for a 10 percent survival ratio to make the project economically feasible but many of the tiny bivalves become food for crabs, octopus, etc. Currently, in some areas of southern Puget Sound, survival rates have been nearer to 40 percent which may eventually allow those of you in areas where this delectable bivalve does not occur naturally might someday be able to enjoy fresh Geoduck steaks purchased at your nearby supermarket.

the DRIFTLINE on

From Sacramento: Bill and Lois Pitt stopped by overnite a few days ago. We hope to see them here again soon now that both are retired. Thanks for the help with the Redwood path to the hot tub!

From San Diego: Jeff Hamann has just returned from another trip to the Caribbean. Hope it was successful.

From Alaska: Rae Baxter spent a few days in Eurcka in mid-March. We had a good time looking over old books and visiting some of Rae's favorite collecting sites around Humboldt Bay. Rac went on to Cal. Academy, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, and Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History before returning to Alaska to catch a boat for some field-survey work.

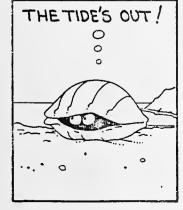
From Klamath Falls, Oregon: Roger Clark is off for a season's fishing in Alaskan waters.

From Brazil: In Susan Hewitt's article on the Field Note Book, the most important thing is not said: The notes on collecting in the book and the labels on the specimens must have one-and-the-same Number! I know, because I did not do that and now I have my difficulties -- Dr. Eveline Marcus, Sao Paulo, Brazil

From Texas: Bob Sappington is off to work in Saudi Arabia for several months. We hope to have some reports from him on the shelling there.

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From Sydney, Australia: The January, 1986, has just arrived, so I'll comment on a couple of things therein: The "China Clam" Hippopus porcellanus Rosewater, was on the front page of the January, 1984 issue of Australian Shell News, with a synopsis of the description inside.

Vexillum militaris Reeve which is mentioned by Bob Purtymun as a possible range extension, has been recorded on the Great Barrier Reef a number of times (e.g., the July 1984 issue of the Cairns Shell Club newsletter & in Robert Robertson's list of species collected at Lizard Island, published in Tryonia a few years earlier. It is a somewhat rash to make statements about range extensions unless one has access to a good library of the local literature. -IAN LOCH, The Australian Museum, Sydney, PO Box A285, Sydney
South, NSW 200, Australian

From Arizona: Ruth Keeling and Marjorie Wing, both Southwestern Malacological Society members, have been seriously ill recently. We hope that you are both able to get back to the club meetings soon.

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From Key West, Florida: Mr. Manchione (Mervilles de la Mer, Lusanne, Switzerland) has been in Key West for the past weeks. He managed to get to the Sanibel shell show during his visit. He will be retuning to Switzerland by about mid-April.

From Los Gatos, California: Tony Ferreira underwent major surgery in January and will be recovering for most of this year. He has been unable to work with his chiton research. We wish him the best and hope that he will at least be able to resume some limited correspondence later this year.



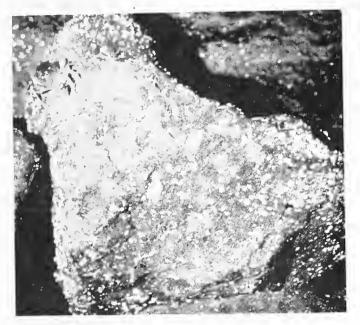




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A Snail-like Worm

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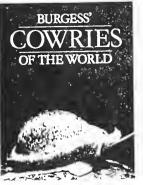
Shell collectors may be familiar with snails that resemble worms, specifically members of the family VERMETIDAE. Probably not so familiar are the worms that resemble snails. Prime examples are members of the genus Spirorbis which is in the sabellid family of worms.

There are at least 11 species of the snail worm Spirorbis on the Pacific Coast and several of these are cosmopolitan in the world's oceans. It is very difficult to speciate them. All are very small, from one to four mm in diameter and construct spiral snail-like calcareous tubes on hard substrates intertidally to a depth of 50 feet. The anterior end of the worm is a bright orange-red crown of tentacles that sticks out of the shell for suspension feeding and respiration. The tentacular crown retracts into the shell for protection against predators and dessication; the worm closes off the opening of its tube with an operculum, another snail-like feature. At times the larval forms of the worm are so plentiful that they settle onto most anything, including kelp, seaweeds, and even other animals such as barnacles, crabs, and even sea cucumbers.

Spirorbis has some interesting aspects of its life cycle. It is a true hermaphrodite, the anterior segments of the worm being female and the posterior segments male. Some species are broadcast spawners, discharging their gametes directly into the water column and having free swimming larvae. Some species attach their eggs to their body wall for incubation. In some species the operculum may serve as a brood pouch, with a temporary layer of material being deposited onto it to form an envelope in which to hold the developing eggs. Some species are even viviparous. Such diversity of parental care within a single genus is truly remarkable.

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habits, as well as the shells, is the subject of this book by the author of The Living Cowries, C.M. Burgess. Over 200 are discussed - species, distribution and synonymy all are illustrated in full colour of which over 150 show the living animal. In addition, there are 18 plates showing significant variations within a species, two plates showing species described since 1970, and schematic drawings of conchological and anatomical characters of the cowries.



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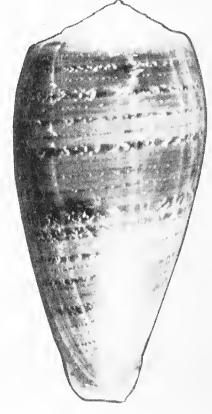
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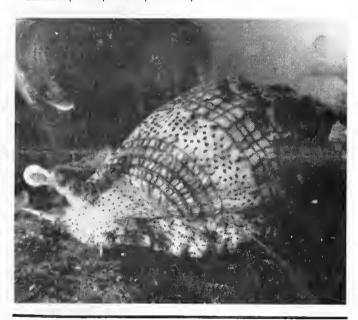
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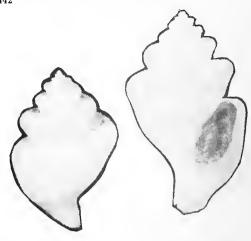
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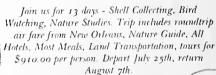
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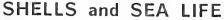
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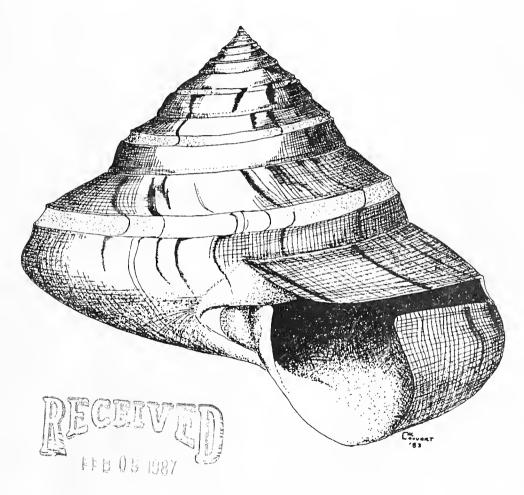
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Thank you for your patience during the past couple of months. The postal rate increases combined with your requests for a return to standard format and paper, have given us quite a challenge. Sally and I spent many hours on the phone and many sleepless nights trying to come up with the optimum solution. Comments from readers and friends suggested several possible approaches and we surveyed them all --simultaneously, it seems. One very bright spot was our successful implementation of our new address/labelling data base program -- which saves us about three days labor each month!

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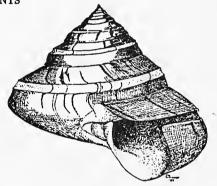
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To get there, fly from Oahu on one of the smaller commuter planes. Flight time is about 20 minutes. Pick up your rental car at Molokai's quaint, small and uncrowded airport. Drive for fifteen minutes to reach the small town of Kaunakakai. Look for the coconut trees planted by King Kamchamcha V (Kapuaiwa Coconut Grove). Use this area as your base camp, but don't park directly under the palms to avoid falling coconuts and palm fronds. Several dropped near us when we were there in July.

A good place to start collecting is right in front of you. Work your way out onto the flat, brown recf. It is mainly crushed coral and pebbles. Walking is easy if you use old tennis shoes to protect your feet. Diving booties are also recommended. If the wind is low and the ripple effect moderate, you'll be able to see over large areas of shell habitat. Cone shells, auger shells, cowries, and umbrella shells are typical. Some of the locals use nets attached to metal hoops to scoop up the "gravel" bed. Shells are retained in the net while the coral and pebbles pass through the netting. Ecological damage by this technique appears to be minimal, and it is an efficient method of collecting.



Another marvelous feature of the reef is the opportunity to collect at night. After getting used to the area and its features during the daytime go back after the sun goes down. Many of the animals normally hard to see during the day become active at night. Even though the town has a few stores, you might be better off bringing your own flashlight just to be sure.



Ventral view Umbraculum sinicum. Pen in photo 5.5"

Two of the animals indigenous to the large reef are Oak Cones (Conus quercinus) and umbrella shells (Umbraculum sinicium). The former are very sturdy and can attain a size of five inches. Umbrella shells are strikingly colored, have an exceptionally large foot and often lay partially buried in the reef debris. The umbrella shell has a foot that can vary from graybrown to bright orange in color with white nodules on the surface. Even though they are the same size as some abalone the umbrella shells are much easier to remove from the substrate. A firm steady pull with the hand is enough force to free their grip.

Shelling on Molokai was a unique and rewarding experience for us, so the next time you are in Hawaii take the opportunity to visit this uncrowded, friendly island.

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If you're on the grapevine of malacological professional staffs, you're probably already thinking of Syzmik and Dervish. For you shell-boilers who don't get the inside dope, that's Dr. Andreas "Jangles" Syzmik, curator of mollusks at one of our prestigious institutes of natural history, and his scientific assistant, Sterling Dervish. And even if you've never heard of them, the story of how their star-crossed association came to its end should be worth a listen.

To sketch in the background for you, the two ran a nice department together, and they enjoyed chatting over a beer -- but Dervish, a sort of breezy, unbuttoned type, kept doing things, in complete innocence, mind you, that unsettled Syzmik's peace of mind. And as if this weren't bad enough, Syzmik is kind of a nervous nellie anyway. Even so, things never got completely out of hand until that big field

trip.

It seems that after years of scrimping and saving, the department got enough money together to give Dervish a shot at South America. He started in Venezuela, dividing his time between marine, freshwater and land collecting, and worked his way through Colombia and into Ecuador. At first, he wrote back fairly regularly, but after a letter from Quito a long silence strung out. Syzmik began to get

strung out, too, but finally a note arrived:

"Hi, Jangles -- you'll never guess where I am. Hanging out with the Jivaro Indians! Now don't go into a fantod just because they're head-shrinkers. They haven't shriveled a noggin since I got here. They've been too busy shaking the jungle for land snails! Wait till you see the stuff these birddogs have come up with -- including a flock of new species. Wow! A collector in Quito put me onto them, and even sold me a load of trade goods that got the locals off their tusches and into the bushes.

"But to get to the point -- I need more elected."

"But to get to the point -- I need more alcohol, cotton, vials, jars and tags in a hurry. And I need more money! The locals are cooling off on penwipers, button hooks, book marks and tea cozies, and they're geetting a little testy. If I read their sign language right, they're really interested in stuff like designer jeans and calculator watches, with the heavy emphasis on Saturday night specials and leg traps. Send the supplies and money to Sr. Petrolo Fortuno, Maracaibo Shell Club. He's some kind of hot-shot executive -- I think he mentioned oil. He'll round up some jazzier trade goods and forward everything via plane, train, bus, boat, burro, oxcart and foot.

"P.S. Throw in a few foam coffee cups with lids. Before I leave I'll get the guys here to do their thing again, and the cups will be perfect for packing shrunken heads. Talk about your souvenirs!"

Syzmik, with a dry treasury and a brand-new nervous twitch, had to buck Dervish's request up to Administration. After a heroic struggle, he got the institute to shake loose of \$31, which he shot off to Maracaibo, not forgetting the supplies.

There was another long silence, toward the end of which he started doctoring for an ulcer. Then, at

last, another note:

"Fortuno tells me the top brass really smashed the old piggy bank. Criminy -- they save more than that on my paycheck every week. But good old Fortuno got us all off the hook, proving that he isn't filthy rich by accident. He sent me a bunch of those little plastic viewers with pictures of bathing beauties, most of them caught by the camera standing in their tubs. Why he included mothballs and a lawn sprinkler beats me. Anyway, art succeeded where pipe cleaners and shoe horns had lost their charm. The boys have stopped wigwagging about shotguns and switchblades and started collecting again. The new species, etc. are rolling in, and I'll soon fill the last sack and start back -- with a few custom-made Jivaro miniatures!

"P.S. Even in a gourmet restaurant, never order

the lizard, fungus and mothball stew.

"P.P.S. The chief's daughter took to wearing the lawn sprinkler in her hair, and all of a sudden she has to beat off the local Romeos with a stick. It makes you wonder what they see in the bathing beauties."

The note was followed by still another long silence, and when Syzmik took himself off to the annual AMU meeting he was under treatment for the heebie-jeebies. When anyone asked him, "How's ol' Sterling?" he cringed and changed the subject. Finally, pressed for an explanation, he told the open-ended story and added, "That boy is crazy to have any truck with head hunters. His trouble is, when he gets into hot collecting situations he completely loses his -- I mean, he rushes headlong -- that is, he barges in like a *Urosalpinx* at an oyster-shucking contest. I think I'll skip lunch."

One morning in the following week, a visitor suddenly appeared at his desk. The stranger, a seaman by the cut of his ensemble, was carrying a foam coffee cup -- with a lid. He set it on a corner of the desk and dropped a soiled envelope next to it. "A bloke in Maracaibo said there'd be something in it for

me if I delivered this to you," he said.

Syzmik stopped breathing and stared at the cup. His ulcer went g-r-r-r. Then he swallowed, wiped a wet hand on his best suit, and pulled the envelope across the desk with two fingers.

It helped when he saw Dervish's handwriting. It

didn't help when he read the scrawled note:

"A runner just arrived with a letter from you, which I'll read when I can -- if I can. I'm sending him back right now with and a note asking Fortuno to spring for the postage. Along about 3 a.m. I'm gonna slide out of this place, traveling light. It seems the local buckos found out what they saw in the bathing beauties -- just a novelty. So they quit collecting and took to scrapping over the chief's daughter. Even after he made her take off the sprinkler. Between rounds they jabber at me, and it ain't buddy-talk. I just hope they'll be exhausted by bed-time."

Szymik leaned back and sighed, sat up and fumbled for a pill, pulled a deep breath, and finally managed to croak, "ah -- do you happen to have any idea what's

in the cup?"

"Happen I do," the mariner said. "Coffee, light. The skirt on the snack cart out there asked me to bring it in. Your gal is on the phone, giggling."

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Syzmik briefly considered asking his secretary to bring in his coffee mug, so he could bounce it off her head. Instead, he went into a laughing jag and considered taking a few sick days.

But that afternoon his condition improved suddenly at the arrival of a cablegram. It was from Quito, and

it was from Dervish.

"Got out with my own head and a souvenir one. Sold the small one to send this. Begging and thumbing my way to Maracaibo. Hope to find money waiting."

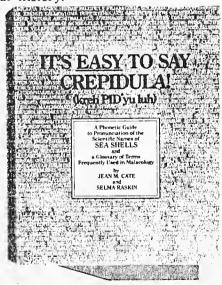
Syzmik wired some money from his own pocket. He tried a little solid food again, and instead of nightmares he had dreams featuring Dervish at his

begging and thumbing.

A couple of weeks later there appeared a letter from his hard-traveling assistant, but not in his own handwriting. It recounted a few of the rigors of the journey and his arrival, in a horse-drawn Edsel, in Cartagena, where he was invited to judge a shell show. It further stated that at the awards ceremony feelings ran high, which was why he was now in a hospital with multiple stab wounds, three fractures, a concussion, etc., etc. It included an estimate of the hospital bill, and noted that the chairman of the shell show, feeling a certain obligation, had not only volunteered to write the letter for him, but even insisted on paying for the stamp out of the show profits.

Syzmik arranged for a sabbatical leave, kicking it off with a nervous breakdown. And long before he came back, he'd also arranged for a higher-level position for Dervish -- at another prestigious institute

of natural history.



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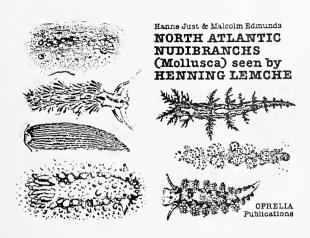
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BOOK REVIEW - North Atlantic Nudibranchs (Mollusca) seen by Henning Lemche. By Hanne Just and Malcolm Edmunds. With an appendix by Elizabeth Platts: An annotated list of the North Atlantic Opisthobranchia. Ophelia, Suppl. 2, 170pp., Sept. 1985. ISSN 0078-5326. Price - 500 Danish kroner (approx. US\$ 50).

The publication of this volume is a tribute to the late Dr. Henning Lemche. Dr. Lemche was the curator of Mollusca at the Zoological Museum, University of Copenhagen (ZMUC) for many years. During most of these years he produced excellent water-color paintings of most of the opisthobranchs he was able to study alive. As time went by, his artistic skills improved to a degree that some of his late paintings are more like portraits of individual sea-slugs than scientific representations of a particular species.

Dr. Lemche's intention was to compile a monograph of North Atlantic opisthobranchs illustrated with his own water-color plates of each species, but as his artistic skills improved so did his perfectionism, and he discarded many of his earlier paintings. Unfortunately Dr. Lemche passed away before he could complete his monograph.

During the years after his death several people expressed a wish that

During the years after his death several people expressed a wish that the paintings be published, but no one particularly wanted to take on the laborious task of preparing such a publication. Mrs. Hanne Just was Dr. Lemche's graduate student at the time of his death. Together with the editorial board, Dr. Jean Just, Dr. Jorgen Knudsen and Dr. Claus Nielsen, she has performed the difficult task of selecting which of Dr. Lemche's paintings were the most suitable for publication.

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The collaboration with Dr. Malcolm Edmunds has been essential to ensure the scientific standard of the accompanying text. Dr. Lemche's notes were often controversial and contradictory and it was absolutely necessary to have a specialist with a detailed up-to-date knowledge of nudibranch taxonomy weed out the contradictions and sort out the controversies.

The preface and the introduction of the book describe very well the background history and the material used in the book. The introduction contains a figure illustrating most of the scientific terms pertaining to nudibranch anatomy. This figure appears very crowded but has all the terms fully spelled out in a one-page figure.

Reproduction of the color plates is excellent and was probably the most difficult procedure accomplished while publishing this book. Several series of test prints were discarded before the quality was acceptable. Even then, some of the final prints had to be discarded, so only slightly over 1,000 copies of the book are available for sale. This makes the price of the book seem almost incredibly low.

Several books with color illustrations of nudibranchs have appeared over the last few years. Some have used color photographs while others have used paintings by artists with some zoological training. Color photographs probably reproduce the actual colors most faithfully, especially with a "natural" background. However, close-up photos usually have little depth-of-field, and hence only part of the animal will be in focus. Also, animals rarely pose to display taxonomically important features. Paintings can compensate for both of these shortcomings. In spite of the often very bright color patterns, many nudibranchs have rather pale ground colors. Books with color

paintings often use black backgrounds which make the white and pale species stand out in great contrast, whereas these species are usually very inconspicuous in their natural habitat. The present book presents the color plates on a white background which gives a more natural appearance of the colors.

The text to each plate is very brief in most cases. Only description of external morphology, distribution and sometimes a few taxonomic remarks are given. Most of the other recent illustrated nudibranch books have more extensive texts with detailed descriptions of external as well as internal anatomy. The introduction of the present book states that most of the actual specimens represented on the plates are kept preserved in the collections of the ZMUC. However, I would like to warn anyone contemplating to use these (or any of Dr. Lemche's preserved nudibranchs) for studies of internal anatomy: the existence of this material may turn out to be more of a nightmare than a help. Dr. Lemche did not believe that internal anatomy was necessary for nudibranch taxonomy, and in most cases he just dumped his specimens directly into 70% EtOH. Anyone can guess what the internal organs look like after such treatment.

The size of the book may seem a little odd, i.e. wider than tall. This has been done to accomodate the plates so that the text to each plate appears on the opposing page, and only in 5 cases does the text run on to the following page. The plates are reproduced at half the size of the original paintings and the arrangement of the individual figures within a plate is the same as in the originals with very few exceptions. Dr. Lemche composed his paintings to include a dorsal, a ventral, and a lateral (right side) view of each species, plus enlarged details of certain important structures. Also he included an eggmass if available.

At an early stage in the preparation of the book Mrs. Elizabeth Platts volunteered to contribute a checklist of the distribution of North-East Atlantic opisthobranchs. This turned out to be an enormous task in itself. The result is an impressive compilation of distributional data as well as some taxonomic remarks. As with all checklists, new data have appeared during the time "in press," but as a whole this checklist is a very useful tool for anyone collecting opisthobranchs species from this area, and that alone makes it very valuvable. The only point of criticism is that the taxonomy is not in accordance with that of the main body of the book. However, nudibranch taxonomy at the present time is in great need of a thorough revision.

There are very few printer's errors in this book. One of the more disturbing ones is the ommission of 4 species names in the table of contents: <u>Doto eireana</u> (Plate 13, pp. 34-35), <u>Doto columbiana</u> (Plate 16, pp. 40-41), <u>Doto cinerea</u> (Plate 17, pp. 42-44), and <u>Doris verrucosa</u> (Plate 21, pp. 50-51). The 3 <u>Doto</u> species appear on plates containing two species (combined from 2 original paintings), which explains but does not excuse the deletions.

To sum up: The scientific quality of the plates of this book easily matches that of the century-old monograph by Alder & Hancock. However, this is not a monograph; it does not contain all the species found in the area; the text can be used to identify the species, but otherwise has little scientific interest. The soft cover and the format suggest that it be used as a reference book. Certainly the appended checklist is so comprehensive that it should be used extensively for reference. The high quality of the color plates and the low number of copies available warrant a position as a bibliographic publication. - KATHE JENSEN, Zoological Museum, Universitetsparken 15, DK-2100, Copenhagen 0, Denmark



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From The Netherlands: I work as Chief Conservator of Ceramics, Glass & Stone, at the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam. I study molluscan evolution, fossil & recent and aim to have at least one species of every genus type that exists and from there collect specific families to greater depth. Pectinidae are my lust and love (fossil & recent). I need specimens from all over with biotype info or stratigraphical info. Beside that I study sharks (mainly recent) and fishes, mainly otoliths & scales. Sea life in general gets all my attention.

Hopefully we can start a correspondence and you can help me obtain literature and material. - C.V. HARTMAN, t'Witzand 6, 1261 BM Blaricum, The Netherlands

From Portland, Oregon: "Write something humorous for the coming issue of SHELLS and SEA LIFE," was the request. That caused no end of far-gazing, pencil-tapping, brow-wrinkling; what's funny about mollusks? Nay, Sally, not humorous. I might call attention to some anatomical cognomens established by Linnaeus and Lamarck which my colleagues find

amusing, but they do not belong here.

Instead, let me relate how I became interested in mollusks. My dear neighbor in Buffalo [New York] was Imogene Robertson; how many persons recall her, and her collaborator Clifford Blakeslee? In the 1940's I spent much time in her home, admiring the pretty shells in her cabinet. Doubtless she became weary of my questioning: "Did you dye these pretty blue snails? How did these get so frilly, and did you scallop the edges of those? How did the clam on the floor get so big?"

So she led me to her back yard and turning over a board on the ground, pointed out the snails beneath. They had a name, she told me, and if I wished she would loan a book containing their pictures and facts

about them.

Did I wish! In my own back yard I found the same snails, and others in Cattaraugus Creek, and clams in Lake Erie, and, and, and! I joined the Buffalo Shell Club (it is still active) and later when Imogene died I inherited her position as secretary of

the American Malacological Union.

Circumstances removed me to Wisconsin, then to the Florida Keys where I learned to snorkel. When my husband died I began a small shell business to occupy my time and to augment my Coast Guard pension. And now I live in Oregon, near my only son, John. I've joined the local (Portland) shell club, organized their library, am an honary life member of the AMU and of a half-dozen other clubs about the country.

Enough of me. 'Tis not humorous, Sally, but in review, mighty satisfying! -- MARGARET TESKEY

From Biloxi, Mississippi: The 17th Annual Conference of the the International Association of Aquatic Animal Medicine was held May 4-7, 1976.

From Bayside, California: We are getting ready for the annual pilgrimage to the AMU/WSM annual meetings. Sally & I will be leaving Bayside on the 30th of June and returning on the 7th of July. We hope that several of you will be able to stop and see us this summer, perhaps on your way to or from the

meetings. We have plenty of room for several campers and trailers plus tents. We can also sleep a several in the two spare bedrooms. Blackberries should be ripe along with plums and early apples.

We are located about 275 miles north of San Francisco on Highway 101. Bayside is now a part of Arcata, California and lies about 1 mile south of Humboldt State University, overlooking Humboldt Bay. Heading north from Eureka, take the "Bayside Cutoff" exit from Highway 101. At the south end of Arcata, take Old Arcata Road toward Sunnybrae. Hyland Street is directly across from Jacoby Creek

Elementary School.

Sally and I have been working hard and enjoying Humboldt County. Spring was beautiful with all of the fruit trees and Rhodedendrons in bloom along with the Tulips, Iris, Anemones, Crocus and Daffodils. We have built a road down to the lower half of our property (by hand, with pick and shovel) and cleared out several years' growth of Himalaya berries, blackberries and other pests. The result is a parking area overlooking Humboldt Bay with about 1/2 acre meadow and trees all around. As soon as we can get the time and money together, we intend to build a small guest cabin down there. Please do come by and visit when you are in Northern California.

WHAT IS IT?



Featherduster Worm - Indo-Pacific. Photo: E.R. Degginger

FIELD NOTES



Voluta demarcoi Cayos Cochinos, Honduras

From Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles: I was pleased to bring back from a trip to Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, several living specimens of the Music Volute, Voluta musica Linnaeus, 1758. I placed them in the aquarium hoping to get photographs of them while alive. It was thus I discovered one thing they like to eat, as one attacked and ate a Chestnut Turban, Turbo castanea Gmelin, 1791, which I was also watching. The volutes lived for several months in my aquarium.

-- PEGGY WILLIAMS, Rt. 3, Box 28, Sarasota, FL 33580 [ed. - Apologies to Peggy and our readers -- we confused photos. The correct photo and note appear together this month]



From the Florida Keys: It's frustrating to be diving with a group of spearfishermen who know nothing about shells and who are invariably the ones to bring up the large, spectacular Cassis madagascariensis Lamarck, 1822, the Queen Helmet shell. These mollusks are not uncommon in my neck of the waters, but I've always been too interested in looking at smaller organisms and haven't covered enough territory to find them in my own area. I have, however, collected helmet shells in the Florida Keys by drifting with the boat tethered by a line, across acres of sand/grass bottom 10-20 feet below, until I spotted a shell and struggled down to get it. By this method I've also collected Queen Conchs, Strombus gigas Linnaeus, 1758, carrier shells, Xenophora conchliophora (Born, 1780), and even a Trumpet Triton, Charonia variegata (Lamarck, 1816). -PEGGY WILLIAMS, Rt. 3, Box 28, Sarasota, FL 33580

Collecting trip to Death Valley in 1922.

Emery P. Chace



Elsie M. & Emery P. Chace From The Tabulata, January, 1970

Left Haiwee about 2 p.m., February 14, 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Ferriss, Mrs. Chace, and myself in the Chace Lizzie. Pretty well loaded with grub, blanket rolls and suitcases. Drove to Searles, via Little Lake and Inyokern, arriving there about 5 p.m. Mr. Ferriss' car (Maud) had been parked there since Christmas. The depot and section houses were the only buildings at Searles. We took our bedrolls and made our beds on the floor of the waiting room.

Feb. 15. Up early to meet Mr. Strong and Prof. Monroe who came in on the morning train from Los Angeles. Breakfast over a camp fire and about 3 hours work getting Maud ready to go and stowing loads. Left Searles about 10 a.m. for Trona. Roads very good for desert roads. Stopped at Salt Wells Canyon and prospected for snails but no luck. Dinner at this stop. Trona about 1:30 p.m. Mr. Strong arranged for a house with table and cookstove for us. Unloaded Lizzie and Mr. Ferriss, Mr. Strong, Mrs. Chace, and I drove to Indian Joe Canyon to try for snails. Found a good lot of them and back to the house at dusk.

Feb. 16. Drove Maud today to Argus Canyon. Ferriss, Strong, Monroe, Peggy, and I. Got a fine lot of snails. Roads fair to sandy. Back to Trona at 5 p.m. Fine weather.

Feb. 17. Drove Maud to Homeward Canyon today. Mrs. Ferris has the grippe and Mr. Ferriss stayed home with her. Roads fair to rocky and they all go right up the washes. Snails scattered in this canyon but got them on both sides of the canyon. After lunch we drove out of Homeward and up to Bruce Canyon. Stopped just before we got into Bruce Canyon and did some good collecting in a dry gulch. In Bruce Canyon we only found a few snails, but didn't have much time there. Back to Trona 6 p.m. Prof. Monroe is a good camp cook and we are enjoying fine eats.

Feb. 18. Mrs. Chace stayed at Trona with Mrs Ferris today. Mr. Ferris and Prof. Monroe went to Bruce Canyon again; Mr. Strong and I went to the Iron Cap Mine, about 22 miles north of Trona. Roads very fair except over the Slate Range Hill which is steep and a bit rough. Ferris made a good catch of snails and Mr. Strong and I did fairly well. We stopped at Water Canyon on the way back and found a few snails in the short time that we had. Trona about 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 19. Mr. Strong, Prof. Monroe, Mrs. Chace, and I started to go around the south end of Searles Lake but the roads were not passable. Too soft. Came back to Trona and out to the Stockwell Mine in the Slate Range. Road fair, everything considered. The mine had not been worked for at least a year. We had lunch (coffee and sandwiches) and then went after the snails. Made a big haul and got back to Trona in good time. A scorpion hit the tip of one of Mr. Strong's fingers but not hard enough to leave very much poison.

Feb. 20. Left Trona and drove to Tank Canyon and Andreas Canyon, east of Trona about 25 miles. All poor roads and only fair success with the snails. Mr. Strong left for Los Angeles on the evening train.

Feb. 21. Mrs. Chace stayed with Mrs. Ferriss today. Mr. Ferris and I went to Layton Canyon, about 35 miles round trip. Roads pretty poor and not much luck with the snails.

Feb. 22. Mrs. Chace and I packed up and moved headquarters to Ballarat, 26 miles northeast of Trona, taking Prof. Monroe with us. Mrs. Ferris not quite over the grippe. Had to put new brake linings in the Lizzie so did not do any collecting today.

Ballarat has a population of 7 and several empty houses. Mr. Oven, the Mayor, made us very comfortable. Mrs. Chace and I had a two room adobe house with a double bed and a mattress. Mr. Monroe moved into a three room shack that had a fair cookstove, a table and some chairs. Candles for light. Still having fine weather.

Feb. 23. Drove to Wild Rose Canyon 15 miles south of Ballarat. Roads good in spots. A fine trip and a good catch of snails. Some snails were found on the alluvial fans. They were in the edges of the small gutters left by the runoff of the last rain. No snails were found on the floor of the valleys anywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris came over from Trona today.

Feb. 25 to Mar. 1. Went to Surprise, Shepards, Jackpot, January Jones, and Jail Canyons with varying success. Good weather and poor roads.

Mar. 2. Packed up and said goodbye to Ballarat. Drove south and out of the end of Panamint Valley and turned east on the road to Silver Lake. Stopped for lunch and collected a few snails about 21 miles south of Ballarat. About 3:00 p.m. we stopped to investigate a rocky hill but did not find any snails this time. I did find that I had a broken

front hub and we were delayed about 45 mintues while I put in a new hub that I fortunately had in the car. Made camp that evening about 6 miles from Leach Springs. No accommodations. Mr. and Mrs. Ferris slept in their car. Mrs. Chace and I on our car cushions in a small tent. This was our first outdoor camp. Just a little ice on the water buckets in the morning.

Mar. 3. Packed up and on the road to Silver Lake. Stopped at a good rocky sidehill and collected a few snails. Then on to Owl Springs where we stopped and had lunch. Some rocky hills here but Mr. Ferriss and I hunted nearly an hour and found no snails. A few wild flowers in bloom here. Drove all afternoon and camped at Saratoga Springs. A fine big spring with a pool at least 50 feet across and the water slightly warm and slightly alkaline. There was quite a lot of small fish from one to two inches long in the pool. An old corrugated iron building without doors or windows, but with a camp stove made this a very comfortable camp. No brush or trees near the spring and I had to go to some mesquite trees about one-half mile away for wood to cook dinner.

Mar. 4. In the morning we hit the road again and arrived at Silver Lake at noon without stopping to hunt for snails very much. Spent the afternoon and part of the next morning working on Maud.

Mar. 5. Car fixed up and drove out to Red Pass on the Barstow Road and did a little collecting. Silver Lake has a store, a depot, a freight house, and about a dozen other houses. The railroad Agent offered us the use of his little cottage so we were very comfortable the two nights that we were there, with a stove and table and chairs. Again, Peggy and I slept on our car cushions on the floor. Prof. Monroe took the train back to Los Angeles.

Mar. 6. Weather still holding fine. Left Silver Lake for Tecopa. Stopped and found snails on a rocky hill not far from the old Amargosa Mine. Struck some bad sandy roads and some up grades and had to camp in the open again. No wind to speak of and a fine moon.

Mar. 7. Slow going for several miles this morning. Then we stopped to investigate some rocky hills. Got a few snails while Mrs. Chase got dinner. She baked biscuits in a dutch oven.

On the road again. Hit a steep hill and had trouble getting the cars to pull up it. Wind came up and was disagreeable. Finally made the top of the grade and ran mostly down hill to Zabriske. Had to tow Maud the last two miles. It was dark when we got there. There was a small shack built of railroad ties big enough for a stove and rolled up corrugated iron for a stove pipe. No people -- we got dinner in the shack. There was another building without doors or windows which had been a hotel (?) and a corrugated iron freight house. Mrs. Chace and I slept in the hotel. We made ourselves at home and were very comfortable in spite of the wind that blew very hard all night.

Mar. 8. In the morning I worked Maud over and Mr. Ferriss and I drove a few miles to Shoshone and filled up with gas and water. Fair road. Dinner at Zabriske and then a nine mile trip to Resting Springs. Only two sandy stretches.

At Resting Springs, Mr. Smith, who runs the ranch for the Tecopa Mining Company, welcomed us with open arms. He invited us to use his kitchen for our meals and gave us the use of what had been a school house at one time for our sleeping There were no doors or windows, but quarters. we were very comfortable. Mr. Smith had no family there but kept a horse and a dog. The spring is quite large and the flow of water would fill a 10 inch pipe as I remember it. There were no snails on the hillsides close to the spring but Mr. Ferriss and I walked about two miles over to the Gunsight Mountains where we found snails quite common. Friday Mrs. Chace and I went collecting in Chicago Valley and had a good day. We returned to Resting Springs at nearly 6:00 o'clock and Mr. Smith had a big supper all cooked for us.

Mar. 11. I packed the car and Mrs. Chace and I started back for Haiwee as our leave of absence was about up. We left Mr. and Mrs. Ferriss to do just a little more searching for shells. We passed through Shoshone, Salsberry Pass, and Death Valley. That night we drove up a canyon to Leach Springs where we found about an inch of snow on the ground and nothing of a shelter. So we cleared off some snow and made a bed beside the car. At about 5:00 a.m. I woke up to find it snowing in my face. So, hot coffee and then hit the road down the canyon. Out O.K. and through Pilot Knob, Johannesburg, Searles, Inyokern, and Little Lake. Back at the powerhouse at Haiwee about 6:00 p.m., Sunday, tired but happy.

[Emery Chace sent this log of his 1922 collecting trip to me about fifteen years ago. I found it among some old papers and rediscovered the charm of hearing Emery tell collecting stories with his great enthusiasm. I hope that readers will sense the cheerful determination and energy which was characteristic of "The Chaces" in all of their activities. Those who were not acquainted with Emery and Elsie Chace might enjoy reading "Keepers of the Tin Book" in *The Tabulata*, 3(1):11-15. Those great folks started collecting mollusks in 1910 and the last of their detailed collecting records was written in April, 1970.

The specimens collected on the 1922 trip have been given to the California Academy of Sciences and the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. -- Jack W. Brookshire.]

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Conchologists of America

C. O. A. Convention

From Fort Lauderdale, Florida: The Conchologists of America are busily planning this summer's 14th Annual Convention, a reunion of shellers, scientists, dealers and friends from around the States and the world. We're pleased to invite the readers of Shells and Sea Life to the convention, which will be held from Tuesday through Saturday, July 15 through July 19, 1986. The Broward Shell Club will host the festivities at the twin-towered Sheraton Yankes Trader Hotel, right on the beach at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. All shell collectors -- C.O.A. members or non-members, whether novice or advanced in expertise -- as well as shell dealers and scientists, are cordially invited to this consistently outstanding sheller's convention. If you have been to a prior C.O.A. convention, you know the congeniality and camaraderie which abound, and arm-twisting won't be necessary. If you have not yet had the good fortune to attend one of the earlier C.O.A. conventions, why not seriously consider making this one of your first? The summer is a perfect time for the Florida family vacation (at off-season rates!); and Fort Lauderdale provides every possible type of diversion for your non-shelling relatives and companions. Nearby superhighways zip you to Cape Kennedy, Orlandeo, Miami and the Florida Keys, the Everglades and Big Cypress Swamp -- if you can pry yourself away from the fun, sun, dining, dancing, live entertainment, beautiful surroundings and friendly people that are Fort Lauderdale. Plan a few extra days before or after the convention to enjoy Florida's "second season."

Convention Chairman, Ruth Chesler, reports plans for many events full of fun and interest. Convention registration begins on Tuesday morning, July 15, with programs commencing in the afternoon. Informative slide presentations, aiming to broaden the horizons of a varied audience, will be presented throughout the five-day convention by knowledgeable collectors and authorities; the meeting room promises to offer the best screen and speaker visibility yet. The Broward Shell Club will host a welcome and get aquainted party Tuesday evening at the renowned International Swimming Hall of Fame Museum, a fascinating place to explore.

Field trips are being planned, with the most adventuresome already confirmed. Wayne Harland will coordinate two trips, one for snorkelers and the other for scuba divers, to take advantage of the superb diving opportunities of the area. The waters in July are in the 80 degree+ range and usually are clear and calm; offshore reef structures offer habitat for many of the Caribbean/Florida species, including Mitra florida, Pecten mildredae, and the elusive and beautiful

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C.O.A.'s annual auction of donated shells will take place Thursday evening, following time for preview of the items up for bid. Last year, 175 lots brought over \$2,500 in proceeds, which help fund the publication of the association's Bulletin, and the C.O.A. "Grand Trophy" awards, presented at over 25 shell shows around the United States and overseas. Hundreds of specimen shells, including some of great rarity and sophistication, will find new adoptive "homes" at incredible savings! Dealers and generous shellers are requested to send their donations, preferably with accurate locality data and estimated value, to Mrs. Peggy Fox, 661 S.E. 6th Terrace, Pompano Beach, FL 33060. Any and all contributions will be greatly appreciated, and contributors will be acknowledged in the convention souvenir program booklet and in the auction catalog. Peggy will also welcome shell books, gift certificates, and additional shell-related items to be given away as door prizes for arrival no later than June 15, to allow time for the preparation of the catalog and booklet.

A grand finale banquet will close the convention on Saturday night; Dr. Clyde Roper, Curator of the National Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian Institution), will be the guest speaker. Members of the Broward Shell Club are being mysterious about other events planned for the evening; we'll simply have to attend to discover what surprises they have in store for us!

Richard Goldberg, Vice President of the Conchologists of America, has recently contacted all United States shell clubs, inviting each club to elect or appoint a C.O.A. Representative. To encourage participation, the certified representative from each club will be given a \$10 registration fee reduction at the Fort Lauderdale Convention. --Mary Ellen Akers & Donald J. Young, Co-Chairmen, C.O.A. Convention Publicity.



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Western Society of Malacologists & American Malacological Union Annual Meeting

The Western Society of Malacologists Nineteenth Annual Meeting will be held jointly with the American Malacological Union. The meetings will be held in Monterey, California on July 1-6, 1986, with much of the activity taking place at the Monterey Conference Center.

W.S.M. President, Terrence M. Gosliner, wants to remind everyone that the shell and book auction will be a joint affair this year, with all proceeds divided equally between the W.S.M. and the A.M.U. Both organizations use the proceeds to finance publications and/or support symposiums for the meetings. Auctioneers will be Carole M. Hertz and Richard E. Petit.

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If you prefer to bring items to the meetings, please call Terry or Jim and let them know what items you are bringing so they may be listed for the auction. Terry may be reached at the California Academy of Sciences -- Telephone 415-221-5100.

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Crown Point Picnic June 22, Stoney Run County Park. Contact: <u>Tide-ings</u>, Box 462, Crown Point, IN 46307.

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Joint Meeting, concurrent sessions, July 1-7, Monterey, California. Monterey Sheraton. Contact: Paula M. Mikkelsen, American Malacological Union, Inc., c/o Harbor Branch Foundation, Inc., R.R. 1, Box 196, Ft. Pierce, FL 33450-9719.

Conchologists of America Convention July 15-19, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Contact: Mrs. Jean Redding, 1112 S.E. Third Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316. Phone (305) 524-8929 home; (305) 525-1112 (business). Sheraton Yankee Trader Hotel (Attn. Reservations), 303 North Atlantic Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304. Phone (305) 467-1111.

National Marine Education Association, 1986 Annual Conference, August 4-9, John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio. Contact: Ohio Sea Grant Education Program, The Ohio State University, 059 Ramseyer Hall, Columbus, OH 43210, or call: 614-422-1078

SCAMIT, Topic for August meeting -- Bryozoa. Contact: Southern California Association of Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists, 3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro, CA 90731.

North American Paleontological Convention August 12-15, Boulder, Colorado. Field trips are planned for Aug. 4-11 and Aug. 16-17, along with workshops and access to collections. Contact: Norman L. Gilinsky, Dept. of Geological Sciences, VPI and SU, Blacksburg, VA 24061

Unitas Malacologica Ninth International Malacological Congress, August 31-September 6, Edinburgh, Scotland. Contact: Congress Office, Royal Scottish Museum, Edinburgh, Scotland EH1 1JF

New Jersey Wings 'n Water Festival, September 20-21. Contact: The Wetlands Institute, Stone Harbor Blvd., Stone Harbor, New Jersey. Call (609) 368-1211.

SCAMIT, November meeting topic -- Ascidiacea. Contact: SCAMIT, 3720 Stephen White Dr., San Pedro, CA 90731.

Western Society of Naturalists, December 27-30, University of Hawaii at Hilo. Dr. John Chan will be the local chairman. Contact: David H. Montgomery, WSN Secretary, Biological Sciences Dept., California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

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Third California Islands Symposium, March 3-5. Contact: Dr. Eric Hochberg, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta Del Sol Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93105, Phone: (805) 682-4711.

Western Society of Naturalists, December 27-30, California State University, Long Beach, California. Dr. Don Reish will be the local chairman.

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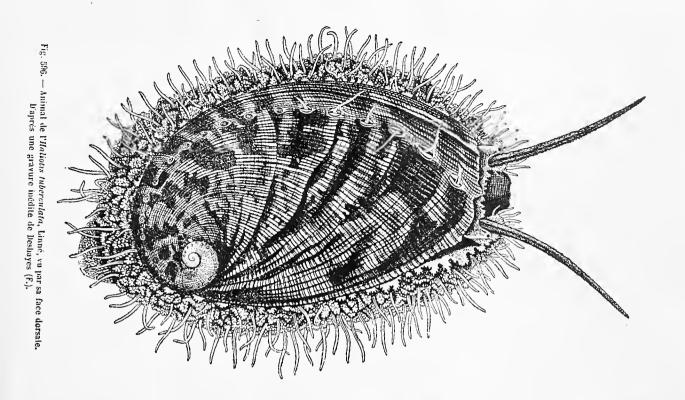
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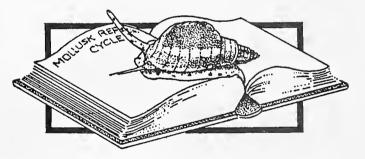
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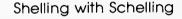
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Opisthobranchia will be a new publication dedicated to the Subclass OPISTHOBRANCHIA. It will be published bimonthly and be available for \$20 per calendar year in the US, \$25 overseas, and \$30 via air mail.

We are starting an important reprint with this issue. Edmund A. Crouch's 1827 edition of "An Illustrated Introduction to Lamarck's Conchology; contained in his Histoire Naturelle des Animaux sans Vertebres: being a literal translation of the descriptions of the Recent and Fossil Genera. Accompanied by twenty-two highly finished lithographic plates: in which are given Instructive Views of the various Genera, and their Divisions, drawn from Nature, from characteristic and generally well known Species." As we have space and time we will include the text and plates. We would appreciate suggestions of other important shorter works which you would like to see reprinted with future volumes of SHELLS and SEA LIFE.

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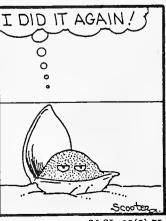
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LAMARCK'S System of Conchology, which is contained in his "Histoire Naturelle des Animaux sans Vertèbres," is now almost universally adopted among Naturalists; but that work being destitute of Graphic Illustrations, is rendered exceedingly difficult of comprehension to those who are not intimately acquainted with the science. The only means which are given for its attainment are written descriptions and numerous references to voluminous and expensive works: the former are frequently rendered inefficient, from the minute distinctions that characterize many of the genera; and the latter are seldom available, the works referred to being difficult of access to the student. It is the object of the present Elementary Treatise to remove these difficulties, by presenting a concise description of the various Classes, Orders, Families, and Genera composing the System, accompanied with Illustrations of characteristic and generally well known Species, drawn from nature, either from my own Cabinet or from those of obliging friends, and, where it has not been possible to meet with specimens, from the best printed authorities.

This work being chiefly graphic, I have purposely omitted the various classes of animals, having found it impossible to supply the requisite information; but descriptions of them will be found in Lamarck's Histoire Naturelle, before mentioned, or in Dubois' Epitome of Lamarck's Arrange-

ment of Testacea," whose Comparative and Synoptic Tables of the Systems of Linnæus and Lamarck, together with his judicious observations, will afford the greatest assistance.

THOSE Genera which are only to be found in the Fossil state are described in their natural arrangement, but are brought together in the last two plates, for the convenience of easy reference.

Some apology may be deemed necessary for the delay which has occurred in producing this work so long after its announcement; to those who are acquainted with the vexatious casualties of Lithographic printing, it will be unnecessary; but to those who are not, it may be proper to state, that many of the drawings, from the breaking of the stones, and other accidents, have been redrawn three or four times over; these and the delays occasionally experienced in procuring specimens of some of the rarer Genera must be my excuse.

I CANNOT omit this opportunity of returning my best thanks to Mrs. Mawe, Mr. G. B. Sowerby, and Mr. J. D. C. Sowerby, for their kind assistance in furnishing me with many specimens from their rich and extensive Cabinets; also to J. G. Children, Esq. for his polite attention in allowing me access to the collection of the British Museum.

To avoid repetitions in the following pages, where the authority is not mentioned, the specimens have been taken from my own Cabinet.

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LAMARCE'S CONCHOLOGY.

ANNULATA

Forms the Ninth Class of Lamarch's Division of Animal Nature.

SEDENTARY ANNULATA

COMPOSES the Third Order of the above Class. They are usually found attached to marine substances, and inhabit membranous or horny tubes; more or less incrusted with grains of sand or fragments of shells; or are solid, calcareous, and homogeneous: and are divided into Four Families, viz.—Dorsalia, Maldania, Amphitritea, and Serpulea.

DORSALIA. _2 GENERA.

Arenicola.—Has no shell.

SILIQUARIA.—Shell tubular, irregularly twisted, tapering towards the posterior end, which is sometimes spiral; anterior extremity open; and a longitudinal subarticulated fissure throughout its whole length,

Plate I. Fig. 1. S. anguina. (Serpula anguina.-Linnæus.)

MALDANIA. _ 2 GENERA.

CLYMENE. — Tube slender, open at both ends, the exterior incrusted with sand and pieces of shells.

[I have not been able to procure a Figure of the Clymene amphistoma; of which species only the genus is composed.]

Dentalium.—Tube testaceous, nearly regular, slightly curved, gradually tapering towards the posterior end, open at both extremities.

(a) Tube with longitudinal ribs or striæ.

Plate I. Fig. 3. D. elephantinum. (Idem.-Linnæus.) [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]

(b) Tube smooth, or nithout ribs or striæ.

Plate I. Fig. 2. D. politum. (Idem.-Linnæus.) [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]

AMPHITRITEA. _ 4 GENERA.

Pectinaria.—Tube membranous, or papyraceous, arenaceous, in shape of a reversed cone, not fixed.

Plate I. Fig. 4. P. Belgica.

SABELLARIA.—Tubes numerous, united in a common mass, composed of agglutinated fragments of shells and sand; the orifices cup-shaped.

Plate I. Fig. 5. S. crassissima.

TEREBELLA.—Tube elongated, cylindrical, attenuated and pointed at the base; membranous, with grains of sand and fragments of shells adhering round it: open only at the apex.

Plate 1. Fig. 6. T. conchilega.

Amphitrite.—Tube elongated, cylindrical, posterior extremity attenuated, membranous or coriaceous; the exterior generally naked.

Plate I. Fig. 7. A. ventilabrum. (Sabella penicillus.—Linn.) [Icon.—Journ. Sci. XIV. pl. iii. fig. 6.]

SERPULEA 5 GENERA.

Spirorbis.—Tube testaceous, turned into an orbicular spire, discoidal; the lower surface flat, and fixed.

Plate I. Fig. 8. S. carinata.

Serpula.—Tubes solid, calcareous, irregularly twisted, grouped or solitary, fixed; the aperture terminal, round, very plain.

Plate I. Fig. 9. S. decussata. (Idem.-Linn.)

VERMILIA.—Tube testaceous, cylindrical, gradually lessening to the posterior end, more or less twisted, and fixed at the base to marine substances. Aperture round, the margin armed with from one to three teeth.

Plate I. Fig. 10. V. triquetra. (Serpula triquetra.-Linn.)

GALEOLARIA.—Tubes testaceous, very numerous, cylindrical, rather angular, raised, wavy, crowded and matted together, fixed at the base, the upper end open. Aperture orbicular; the margin terminating in a projecting point. Operculum orbicular, galeiform, the upper part armed with from five to nine testaccous valves, which are fixed to its margin; the middle one linear, truncate, and larger than the others.

Plate II. Fig. 1. G. recumbens. Natural size. (Sowerby.)

2. Aperture and Operculum magnified.

Magilus.—The base of the shell turned into a short, oval, snail-like spire; the last four whorls contiguous, convex; the last larger than the others, and lengthening into an erect, wavy, elongated tube. Tube convex above, carinated beneath, plaited, and rather depressed at the sides; the plaits lamellated, crowded, undulated, vertical, thicker on one side of the tube than on the other.

Plate I. Fig. 11. M. antiquus. [Mr. Dubois's Cab.]

Tenth Class.

CIRRHIPEDA.

Shell sessile or elevated, on a flexible, tendinous pedicle; multivalve; sometimes moveable, sometimes fixed; the inside covered by the Mantle of the Animal.

THE CIRRHIPEDA are divided into Two Orders. ____Sessile Cirrhipeda, and Pedunculated Cirrhipeda.

ORDER I._SESSILE CIRRHIPEDA*.__6 GENERA.

THE Shells of this Order are fixed on marine bodies.

Tubicinella.—Shell univalve, operculated, tubular, erect, a little attenuated towards the base, bound with annular transverse ribs, truncated at both ends, open at the summit, and closed at the base with a membrane. Operculum with four obtuse valves.

Plate I. Fig. 12. T. balænarum.

CORONULA.—Shell sessile, apparently indivisible, suborbicular, conoidal or blunt-conical, the extremities truncated, the sides very thick, the inside hollowed into radiating cells. Operculum composed of four obtuse valves.

Plate I. Fig. 13. (a) C. balænaris. Upper-side. (Lepas balænaris.—Linn.)
(b) Inside.

Balanus.—Shell sessile, fixed, conical, summit truncated, closed at the base by an adhering testaceous lamina. Aperture subtriangular, or elliptical. Operculum internal, quadrivalve, the valves moveable, inserted near the base of the inside of the shell.

Plate I. Fig. 14. B. radiatus.

Acasta.—Shell sessile, oval, subconical, composed of separable pieces: cone formed of six unequal lateral valves united together; the base a lamina or orbicular valve, concave on the inside, resembling a patella or little cup. Operculum quadrivalve.

Plate I. Fig. 15. A. Montagui.

^{*} Lamarck has erroneously separated this Order into Two Divisions—Operculum quadrivalve, and Operculum bivalve. Sowerby has shewn, in his Genera, that the whole are quadrivalve.

- Creusia.—Shell sessile, fixed, orbicular, convex-conical, quadrivalve: valves unequal, united together, sutures distinct. Operculum internal, quadrivalve.
 - Plate I. Fig. 16. (a) C. verruca. Outside. (Lepas verruca.—Linn.)
 (b) Inside.
- Pyrgoma.—Shell sessile, univalve, rather globular, ventricose, convex above; apex perforated: aperture small, elliptical. Operculum quadrivalve.

Plate I. Fig. 17. (a) P. crenata. Outside.
(b) Inside.

ORDER II. __PEDUNCULATED CIRRHIPEDA.

THE body is supported by a moveable, tubular pedicle, having the base fixed on marine substances.—This order consists of Two Divisions, viz. 1. The shell composed of contiguous pieces. 2. The shell composed of distant pieces.

DIVISION 1. _ Shell composed of Contiguous Pieces. _ 2 GENERA.

Anathera.—Shell compressed at the sides, composed of five valves, which are contiguous and unequal; the lower side valves the greatest.

Plate I. Fig. 18. A. lævis. (Lepas anatifera.-Linn.)

Pollicipes.—Shell compressed at the sides, multivalve, valves rather contiguous, unequal; in number, thirteen or more: the lower side valves smallest.

Plate I. Fig. 19. P. cornucopia. (Lepas pollicipes.-Linn.)

Division 2. _ Shell composed of Distant Pieces. _ 2 Genera.

Cineras.—Shell composed of five testaceous oblong valves, separate, not covering the whole of the body: two at the sides of the aperture; the others on the back.

Plate II. Fig. 3. C. vittata. [Icon.-Wood's Conch. Tab. XII. Fig. 2.]

Otion.—Shell composed of two* testaceous small semi-lunate separate valves, adhering near the sides of the aperture.

Plate II. Fig. 4. O. Cuvieri. (Lepas aurita.-Linn.) [Icon.-Wood's Conch. Tab. XII. Fig. 4.]

This Shell has sometimes five testaceous valves; sometimes two testaceous, and three horny valves.
 Vide Sowerby's Genera.

Eleventh Class.

CONCHIFERA.

Shell always bivalve, wholly or partly covering the Animal; sometimes free, sometimes fixed: the valves mostly joined at the margin by a hinge or ligament. The shell is sometimes enlarged by testaceous, accessory pieces, not belonging to the valves.

THIS Class is divided into Two Orders, viz. Conchifera Bimusculosa, and Conchifera Unimusculosa.

ORDER I.—CONCHIFERA BIMUSCULOSA.

THE shell presents, in the interior, two separate and lateral muscular impressions: this order is divided into Four Sections, viz. C. crassipeda, C. tenuipeda, C. lamellipeda, and C. ambigua or the Chamacea

SECTION I.—CONCHIFERA CRASSIPEDA.

Shell gaping at the sides when shut.

This section contains Four Families _Tubicolaria, Pholadaria, Solenacea, and Myaria.

TUBICOLARIA. _ 6 GENERA.

Aspergillum.—Sheath tubular, testaceous, gradually attenuating to the anterior end, which is open; the other extremity larger, and club-shaped; having two valves incrusted on one side of the club. The disk at the end of the club, convex, and perforated with subtubular holes, having a fissure in the centre.

Plate II. Fig. 5. A. Javanum. (Serpula penis.—Linn.) [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.] 6. Front view of the disk.

Clavagella.—Sheath tubular, testaceous; the anterior end attenuated and open, the posterior club-shaped, ovate, and rather compressed with spinous tubes; one valve fixed in the side of the club, the other free in the tube.

Plate II. Fig. 7. (a) C. aperta. (Sowerby.) [British Museum.]
(b) The free valve.

- FISTULANA.—Sheath tubular, mostly testaceous; the posterior closed and turgid; the other end attenuated and open at the summit, inclosing a free bivalve shell; the valves of which are equal, and gape when closed.
 - Plate II. Fig. 8. F. gregata.
 - (a) One of the bivalves.
 - (b) One of the side valves.
- Septaria.—Tube testaceous and very long, gradually diminishing towards the anterior end; the interior divided by arched partitions, usually incomplete: the anterior extremity terminated by two other slender tubes, which are not divided internally.
 - Plate II. Fig. 9. S. arenaria. (Serpula polythalamia.-Linn.)
- TEREDINA.—Sheath testaceous, tubular, cylindrical; the posterior extremity closed, shewing the two valves of the shell; the anterior end open.
 - Plate XXI. Fig. 1. T. personata. Fossil.
- TEREDO.—Tube testaceous, cylindrical, flexuous, open at both ends, not belonging to the shell, and covering the animal. Shell bivalve, situated posteriorly on the outside of the tube.
 - Plate II. Fig. 10. T. navalis. The testaceous tube. (Idem.-Linn.)
 - (a) One of the bivalves.
 - (b) One of the terminating side valves.
 - (c) A section of the anterior part of the tube.

PHOLADARIA. _2 GENERA.

- Shell without a tubular sheath, having accessory pieces which do not belong to the valves, and gapes anteriorly. Ligament external.
- Pholas.—Shell bivalve, equivalve, transverse, gaping at both sides, having various accessory testaceous pieces, affixed above or below the hinge. The inferior or posterior margin of the valves reflected outwards.
 - Plate II. Fig. 11. P. candida. (Idem.-Linn.)
- Gastrochæna.—Shell bivalve, equivalve, rather wedge-shaped, gaping very much; the anterior aperture large, oval, oblique; scarcely any aperture posteriorly. Hinge linear, marginal, without teeth.
 - Plate II. Fig. 12. (a) G. modiolina. Front view.
 - (b) Back view.

SOLENACEA. _ 3 GENERA.

- Shell without accessory pieces, and gaping only at the lateral extremities. Ligament external.
- Solen.—Shell bivalve, equivalve, transversely elongated; gaping at both sides; beaks very small, not projecting. Cardinal teeth small, the number variable, sometimes none; rarely diverging; more rarely inserted in pits. Ligament external.

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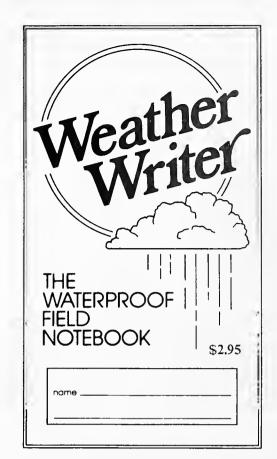






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My wife and partner, Sally, is in Britain for a month, attending her mother's functal and helping her father relocate. We both will miss "Rinnie" very much and regret that we could not both be with "Rinnie" and Gilbert at the end.

Please excuse our delays with magazine and books. This is a "one man operation" for the next couple of weeks. We hope to get Gilbert over here to help with mailing sometime in the next

few months.

This issue continues with the reprint of Edmund A Crouch's illustrated introduction to Lamarck's Conchology. These pages along with a small segment in August, will complete over half of this valuable reference. Starting with the August, we will get back to more of our standard articles and news.

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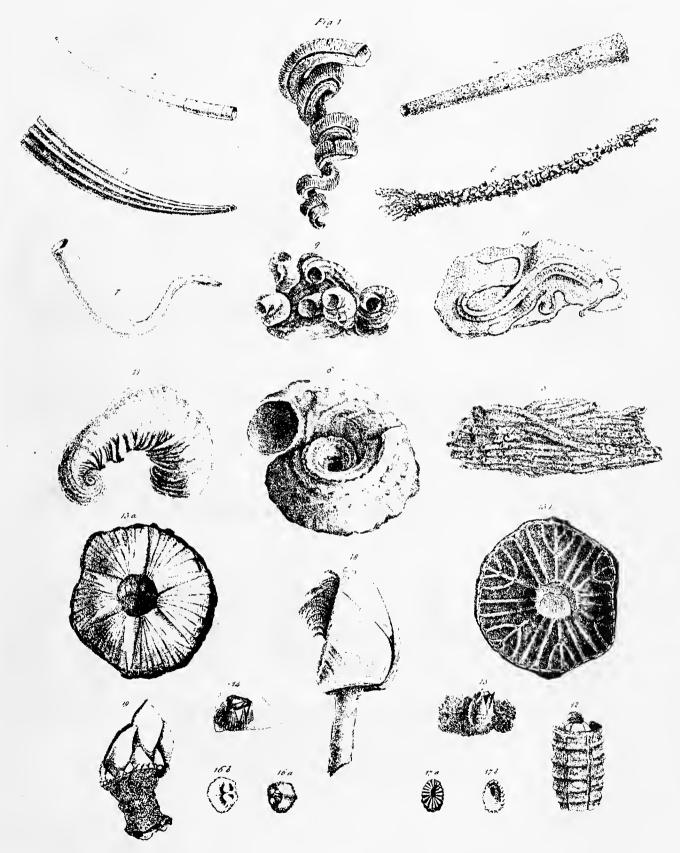
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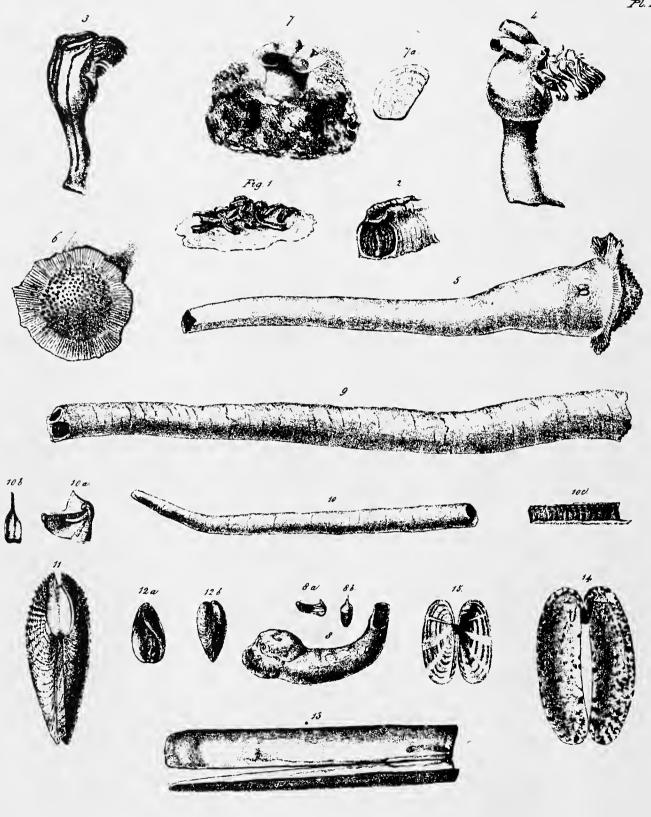
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- (a) The cardinal teeth contiguous to the anterior end.
- Plate II. Fig. 13. S. truncatus. (Dillwyn.)
 - (b) The cardinal teeth a little removed from the anterior end.
- Plate II. Fig. 14. S. cultellus. (Idem.-Linn.)
 - (c) The cardinal teeth nearer the middle than the anterior end.
- Plate II. Fig. 15. S. radiatus. (Idem.-Linn.)
- PANOPÆA.—Shell equivalve, transverse, unequally gaping at the sides: one cardinal conical tooth in each valve; and near it a short, compressed, ascending callosity, not projecting outwards. Ligament exterior, on the longest side of the shell, fixed to the callosities.
 - Plate III. Fig. 1. P. Aldrovandi. (Mya glycymeris.—Gmelin.) [Mrs. Mawe's Cab.]
 2. Hinge of ditto.
- GLYCYMERIS.—Shell transverse, gaping much on each side; hinge callous, without teeth; nymphæ projecting outside. Ligament external.
 - Plate III. Fig. 3. G. siliqua. (Mya siliqua.—Chem.) 4. & 5. Inside of ditto.

MYARIA. __ 2 GENERA.

- Ligament internal; having one large spoon-shaped tooth in each valve or in one only; to the cavity of which the ligament is attached. The shell gapes at one or both sides.
- Mya.—Shell bivalve, transverse, gaping at each end; having one large cardinal tooth in the left valve, broadly compressed, rather rounded, and projecting almost vertically: a cardinal pit in the other valve. Ligament internal, inserted in the prominent tooth and the corresponding pit.
 - Plate III. Fig. 6. M. truncata. (Idem.—Linn.)
 7. Inside, shewing the binge of ditto.
- Anatina.—Shell transverse, nearly equivalve, gaping at one or both sides; one naked, broad, spoon-shaped cardinal tooth, projecting internally in each valve, and receiving the ligament. In many species, a lamina or falcated rib runs obliquely below the cardinal teeth.
 - Plate IV. Fig. 1. (a) A. myalis. (Mya declivis.—Pennant.)
 (b) Hinge of ditto.

SECTION II. _CONCHIFERA TENUIPEDA.

The lateral gaping inconsiderable.

The shells of this section compose Four Families, which are separated into Two Divisions, viz.—1. Mactracea and Corbulea, having the ligament internal, with or without any external ligament.——And, 2, Lithophaga and Nymphacea, having the ligament always external.

Division I. LIGAMENT INTERNAL, WITH OR WITHOUT ANY EXTERNAL LIGAMENT.

MACTRACEA, __7 GENERA.

Shell equivalve, mostly gaping at the lateral extremities. Ligament internal, with or without any external ligament.

I. _THE LIGAMENT ALWAYS INTERNAL.

- (1) Shells gaping at the sides.
- Lutraria.—Shell inequilateral, transversely oblong or rounded, lateral extremities gaping: hinge with one tooth folded in two; or two teeth, one of which is simple, with an adjoining, deltoid, oblique pit, projecting inwards; no lateral teeth. Ligament internal, affixed in the pits.
 - (a) Shells transversely oblong.
 - Plate IV. Fig. 2. (a) L. elliptica. (Mactra lutraria.—Gmel.)
 - (b) Hinge of ditto.
 - (b) Shells orbicular, or subtriangular.
 - Plate IV. Fig. 3. L. compressa. (Mactra Listeri.-Gmel.)
- Mactra.—Shell transverse, inequilateral, subtriangular, gaping very little at the sides; beaks prominent. One compressed folded cardinal tooth in each value, with an adjoining pit projecting inwards; two compressed entering lateral teeth, near the hinge. Ligament internal, inserted in the cardinal pits.
 - Plate IV. Fig. 4. (a) M. stultorum. (Idem.-Linn.)
 - (b) Hinge of ditto.

(2) Shells not gaping at the sides.

Crassatella.—Shell inequilateral, suborbicular or transverse, the valves close: two rather diverging eardinal teeth, and a pit by the side of them. Ligament internal, inserted in the pit of each valve: lateral teeth, none; or obsolete.

Plate IV. Fig. 5. (a) C. kingicola, [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]
(b) Inside of ditto.

ERYCINA.—Shell transverse, rather inequilateral, equivalve, rarely gaping: two unequal, diverging cardinal teeth, having a pit between them; and two oblong compressed, short, entering lateral teeth. Ligament internal, fixed in the pits.

Plate IV. Fig. 6. (a) E. striata. (Sowerby.)

- (b) Inside of ditto.
- 11. __ LIGAMENT SHEWING ITSELF ON THE OUTSIDE, OR BEING DOUBLE; HAS ONE INTERNAL,
 THE OTHER EXTERNAL.
- Ungulina.—Shell longitudinal or transverse, rounded on the upper part, subequilateral; valves not gaping: beaks eroded. A short, and rather bifid cardinal tooth in each

valve; with an oblong, marginal, adjoining pit, divided in two by a contraction. Ligament internal, inserted in the pits.

- Plate IV. Fig. 7. (a) U. transversa. Natural size. [Brit. Mus.]
 - (b) Magnified view of the Hinge.
- Solenimya.—Shell inequilateral, equivalve, transversely oblong, the extremities obtuse; the epidermis shining, and extending beyond the margin. Beaks not prominent, seareely distinct. One eardinal tooth in each valve, dilated, compressed, and very oblique; rather concave above, to receive the ligament, which is partly internal, and partly external.
 - Plate IV. Fig. 8. (a) S. Mediterranea. [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]
 (b) Inside of ditto.
- Amphidesma.—Shell transverse, inequilateral, subovate or rounded, sometimes gaping a little at the sides: hinge having one or two teeth, and a narrow pit for the internal ligament. Ligament double; one external, short; the other internal, fixed in the eardinal pits.
 - Plate IV. Fig. 9. (a) A. reticulatum. (Sowerby's Genera.) (Tellina reticulata.—Linn.) (b) Inside of ditto.

CORBULEA. _2 GENERA.

Shell inequivalve. Ligament interior.

- CORBULA.—Shell regular, inequivalve, inequilateral, closed, or very slightly gaping. One large conical, eurved, ascending tooth in each valve, with a pit beside it: no lateral teeth. Ligament internal, inserted in the pits.
 - Plate V. Fig. 1. (a) C. poreina.
 (b) Hinge of ditto.
- Pandora.—Shell regular, inequivalve, inequilateral, transversely oblong; upper valve flat, and the lower convex. Two oblong, diverging, unequal, cardinal teeth in the upper valve; two oblong pits in the other. Ligament internal.
 - Plate V. Fig. 2. (a) P. rostrata. (Tellina inequivalvis.—Linn.)

 (b) Inside of ditto.

LITHOPHAGA. __ 3 GENERA.

- Boring Shells, without accessory pieces or sheath, and more or less gaping at their anterior side.

 Ligament of the valves external.
- Saxicava.—Shell bivalve, transverse, inequilateral; gaping anteriorly at the superior margin: hinge almost without teeth. Ligament external.
 - Plate V. Fig. 3. (a) S. rugosa. (Mytilus rugosa.—Linn.) (b) Inside of ditto.
- Petricola.—Shell bivalve, subtriangular, transverse, inequilateral; the posterior side rounded, the anterior attenuated; slightly gaping. Hinge having two teeth in each valve, or in one only.
 - Plate V. Fig. 4. (a) P. pholadiformis,
 - (b) Hinge of ditto.

VENERIRUPIS.—Shell transverse, inequilateral; the posterior side very short, the anterior gaping slightly. Hinge with two teeth in the right valve, and three in the left; sometimes three in each: the teeth are small, approximate, parallel, and but little or not at all diverging. Ligament external.

Plate V. Fig. 5. (a) V. perforans. (Venus perforans.—Montagu.)
(b) Inside of ditto.

NYMPHACEA. __ 10 GENERA.

Two cardinal teeth, or more, on the same valve: shell often gaping slightly at the sides. Ligament external; nymphæ, in general, projecting outside.

This family is divided into N. Solenaria, and N. Tellinaria.

NYMPHACEA SOLENARIA.

Sanguinolaria.—Shell transverse, rather elliptical, gaping slightly at the lateral extremity; the superior margin arched, not parallel to the inferior. Hinge with two approximate teeth in each valve.

Plate V. Fig. 6. (a) S. rosea. (Solen sanguinolentus.—Gmel.)
(b) Inside of ditto.

Psammobia.—Shell transverse, elliptical or oblong oval, rather flat, gaping slightly at each side; beaks rather prominent. Hinge with two teeth on the left valve, and one entering tooth in the opposite valve.

Plate V. Fig. 7 (a) P. cærulescens.

Psammot. Ea.—Shell transverse, oval or oblong oval, gaping a little at the sides; one cardinal tooth in each valve, sometimes in one valve only.

Plate V. Fig. 8. (a) P. variegata. (Solen variegatus.—Wood.)
(b) Inside of ditto.

NYMPHACEA TELLINARIA.

Is subdivided into _ I. Shells having one or two lateral teeth. _ And H. Those which have no lateral teeth.

I. -- HAVING ONE OR TWO LATERAL TEETH.

Tellina.—Shell transverse or orbicular, in general rather flat; the anterior side angular, with a flexuous and irregular fold on the margin: only one or two cardinal teeth in the same valve; two lateral teeth, often remote.

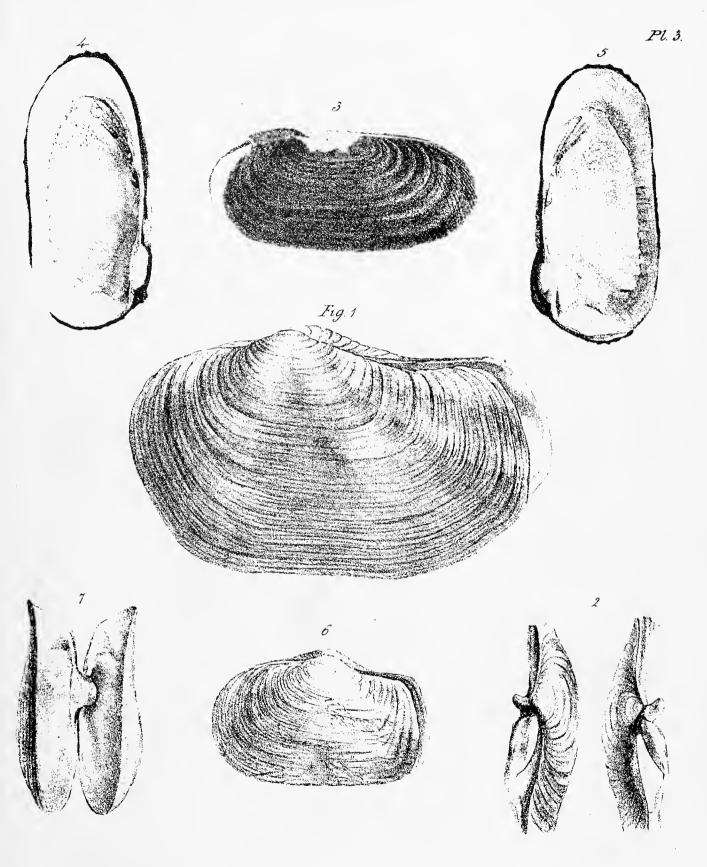
(a) Shell transversely oblong.

Plate V Fig. 9. (a) T. punicea. (Idem.—Gmel.)

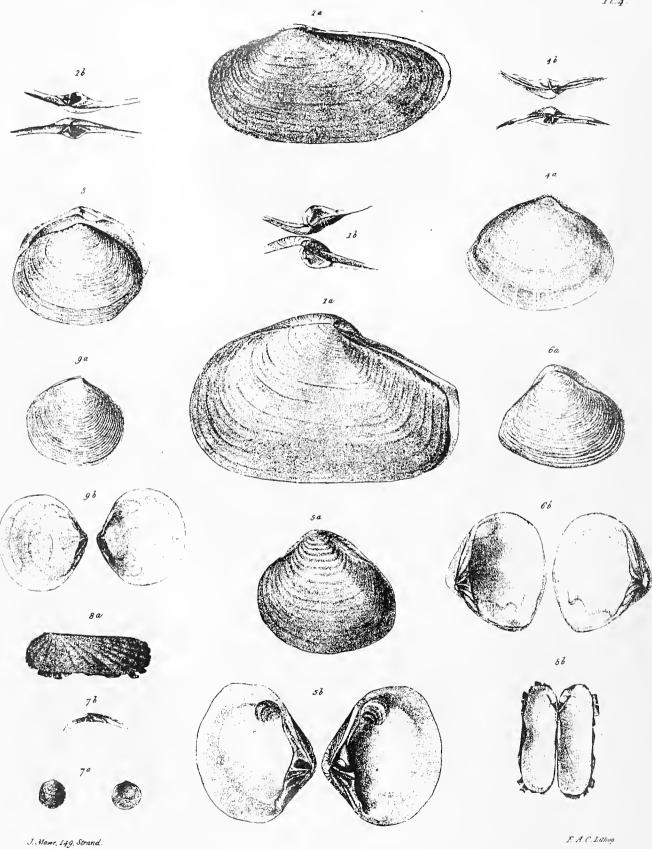
(b) Inside of ditto.

(b) Shell orbicular, or rounded oval.

Plate V. Fig. 10. T. erassa. (Idem.-Lister.)



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- TELLINIDES.—Shell transverse, inequilateral, rather flat, slightly gaping at the sides; beaks small and rather depressed, without the irregular fold on the margin. Hinge with two diverging teeth in each valve. Two lateral teeth, almost obsolete; the posterior of which in one valve is near the cardinal teeth.
 - Plate VI. Fig. 1. (a) T. rosea.
 (b) Inside of ditto.
- CORBIS.—Shell transverse, equivalve, without any irregular fold on the anterior margin, having the beaks opposite and curved inwards. Two eardinal teeth; two lateral teeth, the posterior of which is nearest the hinge. The muscular impressions simple.
 - Plate VI. Fig. 2. (a) C. fimbriata. (Venus fimbriata.--Linn.) [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.] (b) Hinge of ditto.
- Lucina.—Shell suborbicular, inequilateral; beaks small, pointed, and oblique; two diverging cardinal teeth, one of which is bifid, and which vary or disappear with age; two lateral teeth, sometimes obsolete, the posterior approaches nearest to the cardinal teeth; two muscular impressions, very separate, the posterior extending in the shape of a band, sometimes very long. Ligament external.
 - Plate VI. Fig. 3. (a) L. Jamaicensis. (Venus Jamaicensis.—Chem.) (b) Inside of ditto.
- Donax.—Shell transverse, equivalve, inequilateral, the anterior side very short and very obtuse; two eardinal teeth, either in both valves, or in one only; one or two lateral teeth, more or less distant. Ligament external, short, inserted in the place of the lunula.
 - (a) Internal margin entire, or nearly so.
 - Plate VI. Fig. 4. (a) D. cuneata. (Idem.—Gmel.)
 (b) Inside of ditto.
 - (b) Internal margin crenulated or toothed.

Plate VI. Fig. 5 D. trunculus. (Idem.—Chem

II. _ HAVING NO LATERAL TEETH.

- Capsa.—Shell transverse, equivalve, close: hinge having two teeth in the right valve, and one entering hifid tooth in the other; no lateral teeth. Ligament external.
 - Plate VI. Fig 6. (a) C. lavigata. (Donax lævigata.—Chem.)
 (b) Inside of ditto.
- CRASSINA.—Shell suborbicular, transverse, equivalve, rather inequilateral, close: hinge with two strong diverging teeth in the right valve, and two very unequal teeth in the other. Ligament external, on the longest side.
 - Plate VI. Fig. 7. (a) C. Danmoniensis. (Venus Daumoniensis.-Montagu.)

SECTION III.—CONCHIFERA LAMELLIPEDA.

THIS Section is divided into Five Families, viz. Conchæ, Cardiacea, Arcacea, Trigoniana, and Naiada.

CONCHÆ. __7 GENERA.

Three cardinal teeth at least in one valve, with as many, or less, in the other; sometimes with lateral teeth.

THE Conchæ are divided into Fluviatiles and Marinæ.

CONCHÆ FLUVIATILES.

CYCLAS.—Shell ovate-globose, transverse, equivalve, the beaks tumid; cardinal teeth very small, sometimes scarcely perceptible; occasionally two in each valve, one of them plaited in two; sometimes only one plaited or lobed tooth in one valve, and two in the other: lateral teeth transversely elongated, compressed, lamellar.—Ligament external.

Plate VI. Fig. 8. (a) C. cornea. (Tellina cornea.—Linn.)

(b) Inside of ditto.

CYRENA.—Shell rounded, triangular, turgid or ventricose, inequilateral, solid, covered with an epidermis; the beaks eroded; hinge having three teeth in each valve; the lateral teeth are nearly always two in number; one of them often near the cardinal. Ligament external, inserted in the larger side.

(a) Lateral teeth serrated or denticulated.

Plate VI. Fig. 9. (a) C. fluminea. (Tellina fluminea.—Gmel.)

(b) Lateral teeth entire.

[I have not been able to procure a species belonging to this division, to make a drawing from.]

GALATHEA*.—Shell equivalve, subtriangular, covered with a greenish epidermis: cardinal teeth sulcated; two in the right valve, approaching at their base; three in the other, the middle one advanced, and separate: lateral teeth distant. Ligament external, short, protruding, turgid; nymphæ prominent.

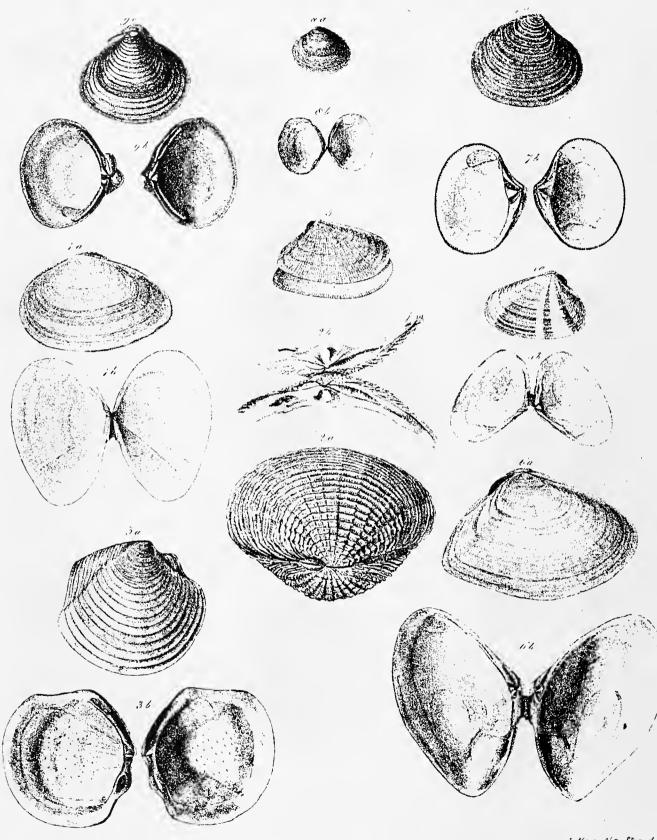
Plate VII. Fig. 1. (a) G. radiata. (Venus subviridis.—Gmel.) [Mr. G. B. Sowerby's Cabinet.]

(b) Hinge of ditto.

Galathea having been appropriated to a genus of Crustacea, Bowdich has substituted Megadesma
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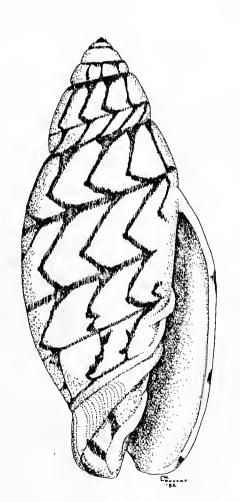
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CONCHÆ MARINÆ.

Mostly no lateral teeth; the whole shell frequently covered with an epidermis, except at the beaks.

CYPRINA.—Shell equivalve, inequilateral, obliquely cordate; the beaks obliquely curved; three unequal cardinal teeth, approximating at their base, and diverging a little above: a lateral tooth distant from the hinge, placed on the anterior side, sometimes obsolete. The callosities of the nymphæ large, arched, terminated near the beaks by a pit. Ligament external, sunk in part under the beaks.

Plate VII. Fig. 2. (a) C. Islandica. (Venus Islandica.—Linn.)
(b) Hinge of ditto.

- Cytherea. -- Shell equivalve, inequilateral, suborbicular, triangular, or transverse: four cardinal teeth in the right valve, three of which diverge and approximate at their base, and one quite insulated, situated under the lunula: three diverging cardinal teeth in the other valve, and a pit rather distant, parallel to the margin. No lateral teeth.
 - I. __INTERNAL MARGIN OF THE VALVES VERY ENTIRE.

(a) Anterior cardinal tooth having a striated canal or dentated border.

Plate VII. Fig. 3. (a) C. tripla. (Venus tripla.—Chem)

(b) Hinge of ditto.

(b) Anterior cardinal tooth without the striated canal or dentated border.

Plate VII. Fig. 4. C. picta. (Venus picta.—Chem.)

II. __INTERNAL MARGIN OF THE VALVES CRENATED OR DENTATED. Plate VII. Fig 5*. C. meroe. (Venus meroe.—Linn.)

- Venus.—Shell equivalve, inequilateral, transverse or suborbicular: three approximate cardinal teeth in each valve, the lateral ones diverging at the summit. Ligament external, covering the scutcheon.
 - I. _ INTERNAL MARGIN OF THE VALVES CRENATED OR DENTATED.

(a) Shells with lamcllar striæ.

Plate VII. Fig. 6. (a) V. verrucosa. (Idem.—Linn.)

(b) Hinge of ditto.

(b) Shells without lamellar striæ.

Plate VII. Fig 7. V. flexuosa. (Idem.-Gmel.)+

II _ THE INTERNAL MARGIN OF THE VALVES VERY ENTIRE.

Plate VII. Fig. 8. V. papilionacea. (V. rotundata.—Gmel.)

* This species is the Donax meroe of Lamarck; but, as it agrees in the hinge, and in other particulars, with the Cytherea genus, I have removed it to its present situation, where it forms, with a few others of a similar character, a very interesting group, which are distinguished by the remarkable cavity in which the ligament is situated, in addition to the crenated margin.

† Lamarck has named this species Cytherea flexuosa, but its hinge is decidedly that of a Venus.

VENERICARDIA.—Shell equivalve, inequilateral, suborbicular, mostly with longitudinal radiating ribs. Two oblique cardinal teeth, standing the same way.

Plate XXI. Fig. 2. V. imbricata. - Fossil. [Mr. G. B. Sowerby's Cabinet.]

CARDIACEA. __ 5 GENERA.

- Cardinal teeth irregular, either in their form or in their situation; and in general accompanied by one or two lateral teeth.
- CARDIUM.—Shell equivalve, rather heart-shaped; the beaks prominent; the internal margins of the valves dentated or plaited: hinge with four teeth in each valve; the two cardinal approximate and oblique, articulating cross-wise with the two in the other valve; and two rather distant entering lateral teeth.
 - (1) Shell with no particular angle on the beaks, and the anterior side at least as large as the posterior.

Plate VIII. Fig. 1. (a) C. rusticum. (Idem.—Chem.) [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]
(b) Hinge of ditto.

(2) Shell with the beaks carinated, or having an angle, and the posterior side often larger than the anterior.

Plate VIII. Fig. 2. C. retusum. (Idem.-Linn.)

- CARDITA.—Shell free, regular, equivalve, inequilateral: hinge with two unequal teeth, one short, straight, situated under the beaks; the other oblique, marginal, and extending under the corselets.
 - (1) Shell subcordate, or oval, more transverse than longitudinal.

Plate VIII. Fig. 3. (a) C. sulcata. (Chama antiquata.—Linn.)

(b) Hinge of ditto.

(2) Shells more longitudinal than transverse.

Plate VIII. Fig. 4. C. calyculata. (Chama calyculata.-Linn.)

CYPRICARDIA.—Shell free, equivalve, inequilateral, obliquely or transversely elongated.

Three cardinal teeth under the beaks, and one lateral tooth extending under the corselet.

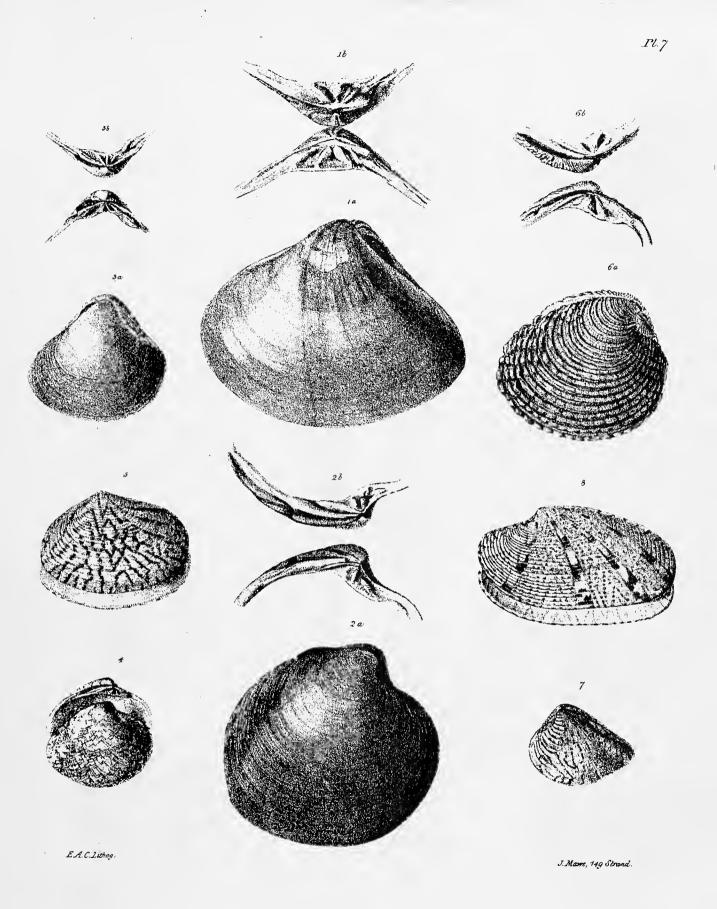
Plate VIII. Fig. 5. (a) C. Guinaica. (Chama oblonga.—Linn.)
(b) Inside of ditto.

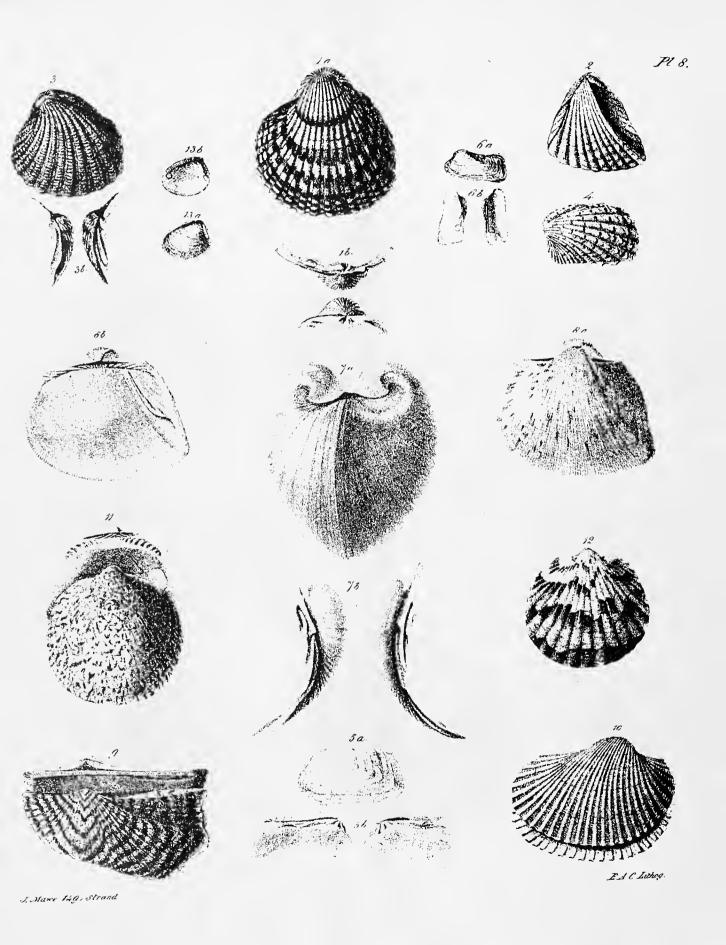
HIATELLA.—Shell equivalve, very inequilateral, transverse, gaping at the superior margin: hinge with one small tooth in the right valve, and two oblique teeth, a little larger, in the left valve. Ligament external.

Plate VIII. Fig. 6. (a) H. arctica. (Solen minutus; Mya arctica.—Linn.)

(b) Inside of ditto.

Isocardia.—Shell equivalve, heart-shaped, ventricose, the beaks distant, diverging, spirally turned on one side: two flat, entering, cardinal teeth, one of them curved,





and sunk under the beak; one elongated lateral tooth, situated under the corselet. Ligament external, forked on one side.

Plate VIII. Fig. 7. (a) I. cor. (Chama cor.—Linn.)

(b) Hinge of ditto.

ARCACEA. __4 GENERA.

Cardinal teeth small, numerous, entering, and disposed in each valve, in a straight, arched, or broken line.

Cucullea.—Shell equivalve, inequilateral, trapeziform, ventricose; the beaks distant, separated by the facet of the ligament; the anterior muscular impression forming a projecting angular or auricular margin: hinge linear, straight, with small transverse teeth, and having, at the extremities, from two to five ribs parallel to it.—Ligament wholly external.

Plate VIII. Fig. 8. (a) C. auriculifera. (Arca cucullus.—Gmel.)

(b) Inside of ditto.

- ARCA.—Shell transverse, subequivalve, inequilateral; the beaks distant, separated by the facet of the ligament: hinge in a straight line, without ribs at the extremities, and furnished with numerous serial and entering teeth. Ligament wholly external.
 - (1) Shells with the superior margin not crenulated within.

Plate VIII. Fig. 9. A. Noæ. (Idem .- Linn)

(2) Shells with the superior murgin crenulated within.

Plate VIII. Fig 10. A. Indica (Idem.-Gmel.)

- Pectunculus.—Shell orbicular, almost lenticular, equivalve, subcquilateral, close: hinge arched, furnished with numerous, serial, oblique, entering teeth; those in the middle obsolete, nearly obliterated. Ligament external.
- (1) Shells with distant longitudinal furrows, and often, besides, fine transverse or longitudinal striæ. Plate VIII. Fig. 11. P. glycymeris. (Area glycymeris.—Linn.)
- (2) Shells with prominent and radiating longitudinal ribs, with or without transverse striæ. Plate VIII. Fig. 12. P. pectiniformis. (Area pectunculus.—Linn.)
- Nucula.—Shell transverse, ovate-triangular or oblong, equivalve, inequilateral; no facet between the beaks: hinge linear, broken, many-toothed, interrupted in the middle by an obliquely extending spoon-shaped pit; the teeth numerous, often produced as in the pectines; the beaks contiguous, curved backwards. Ligament marginal, and partly internal, inserted in the pit or spoon of the hinge.

Plate VIII. Fig. 13. (a) N. margaritacea. (Arca nucleus.-Linn.)

(b) Inside of ditto.

TRIGONIANA. - 2 GENERA.

Cardinal teeth lamellar, transversely striated.

TRIGONIA. __Shell equivalve, triangular, sometimes suborbicular; cardinal teeth oblong, laterally compressed, diverging, transversely furrowed; two in the right valve,

furrowed on each side, and four in the other, furrowed only on one side. Ligament external, marginal.

Plate IX. Fig. 1. T. pectinata.

Castalia.—Shell equivalve, inequilateral, triangular; the beaks eroded, recurved posteriorly: hinge with two lamellar teeth, transversely striated; the posterior one distant, shortened, subtrilamellar; the other anterior, elongated, lateral. Ligament external.

Plate IX. Fig. 2. (a) C. ambigua. [Mr. G. B. Sowerby's Cabinet.]
(b) Inside of ditto.

NAIADA. _ 4 GENERA.

- Fresh water shells, the hinge of which is sometimes furnished with an irregular, simple, or divided cardinal tooth, and a longitudinal one, which extends under the corselet; and sometimes no tooth; or is furnished with irregular, granular tubercles, through its whole length. Muscular impression posterior, compound; the beaks decorticated, often eroded.
- UNIO.—Shell transverse, equivalve, inequilateral, free; beaks decorticate, almost eroded; muscular impression posterior, compound: hinge with two teeth in each valve; one cardinal, short, irregular, simple, or divided in two, substriated; the other elongated, compressed, lateral, prolonged under the corselet. Ligament external.
 - (a) Cardinal tooth short, thick, not crosted, and substriated. Plate IX. Fig. 3. U. brevialis.
 - (b) Cardinal tooth short, compressed, raised, and often crested.

Plate IX. Fig 4. (a) U. pictorum. (Mya pictorum.-Linn.)

(b) Hinge of ditto.

HYRIA.—Shell equivalve, obliquely triangular, eared; the base truncated and straight: hinge with two low teeth; the posterior or cardinal one divided into numerous diverging parts, of which the interior are the smallest; the other, anterior or lateral, very long, and lamellar. Ligament external, linear.

Plate IX. Fig. 5. (a) H. avicularis. (Mya syrmatophora.—Gmel.)
(b) Hinge of ditto

- Anodon.—Shell equivalve, inequilateral, transverse: Hinge linear, without teeth; a smooth cardinal lamina, truncated, or forming a sinus at its anterior extremity, terminates the base of the shell. Two distant, lateral, subgeminal, muscular impressions. Ligament linear, external; its anterior extremity inserted in the sinus of the cardinal lamina.
 - (1) Shells having no distinct angle at the posterior extremity of the cardinal line. Plate IX. Fig. 6. A. cyguea. (Mytilus cygneus.—Linn.)
 - (2) Shells having an angle at the posterior extremity of the cardinal line. Plate IX. Fig. 7. A. trapezialis. [The late Earl of Tankerville's Cabinet.]

IRIDINA.—Shell equivalve, inequilateral, transverse; the beaks small, reflected, almost straight; museular impressions similar to the genus Anodon; hinge long, linear, attenuated about the middle, tuberculated throughout the whole length, almost erenated; the tubercles unequal, frequent. Ligament external, marginal.

Plate X. Fig. 1. I. Nilotiea. (Zoological Journal, vol. i. pl. 2.) [Mr. G. B. Sowerby's Cabinet.]

CHAMACEA. _ 3 GENERA.

Shell inequivalve, irregular, fixed; hinge with one thick tooth, or without teeth: two separate and lateral muscular impressions.

DICERAS.—Shell inequivalve, adhering; the beaks conical, very large, diverging, irregularly spiral; one large, thick, concave, subauricular, prominent tooth in the greater valve: two muscular impressions.

Plate XXI. Fig 3. D. arietina.—Fossil. [Mr. J. D. C. Sowerby's Cabinet.]

- Chama.—Shell irregular, inequivalve, fixed; the beaks curved and unequal: hinge with one thick, oblique, subcrenate tooth, fitting in a pit in the opposite valve; two distant, lateral, muscular impressions. Ligament external, sunk.
 - (1) Shells whose beaks turn from the left to the right.

Plate X. Fig. 2. C. Lazarus. (Idem.-Linn.)

(2) Shells whose beaks turn from the right to the left.

Plate X. Fig. 3. C. radians.

- Etheria.—Shell irregular, inequivalve, adhering; the beaks short, almost sunk in the base of the valves: hinge without teeth, rather sinuous, unequal; two distant, lateral, oblong muscular impressions. Ligament external, tortuous, partly penetrating the shell.
 - (1) Shells having an oblong callosity in their base.

Plate X. Fig. 4 (a), (b). E. elliptica. [British Museum.]

- (2) Shells without the callosity in their base.
- Plate X. Fig. 5. (a) Inside of E. semilunata. [Mr. J. D. C. Sowerby's Cabinet.]
 - (b) Outside of upper valve of ditto.

ORDER II._CONCHIFERA UNIMUSCULOSA.

SHELL presenting internally one muscular impression, nearly in the centre. This order is divided into Three Sections.

SECTION I.

Ligament marginal, elongated on the margin, sublinear.

This section contains Three Families _Tridacnea, Mytilacea, and Mallacea.

TRIDACNEA. __2 GENERA.

Shell transverse, equivalve, the muscular impression under the middle of the superior margin, and is prolonged to each side under it.

TRIDACNA.—Shell regular, equivalve, inequilateral, transverse, gaping at the lunula: hinge with two compressed, unequal, anterior, entering teeth. Ligament marginal, external.

Plate X. Fig. 6. T. squamosa.

(a) Inside of ditto.

HIPPOPUS.—Shell equivalve, inequilateral, transverse; the lunula close: hinge with two compressed, unequal, anterior, and entering teeth. Ligament marginal, external.

Plate X. Fig. 7. H. maculatus. (Chama hippopus.-Linn.)

MYTILACEA. _ 3 GENERA.

The ligament at the hinge subinternal, marginal, linear, very entire, occupying a great part of the anterior margin; rarely foliated.

Modiola.—Shell subtransverse, equivalve, regular, the posterior side very short; beaks nearly lateral, depressed on the short side: hinge without teeth, lateral, linear.—Ligament cardinal, almost internal, situated in a marginal canal: one sublateral muscular impression, elongated, and axe-shaped.

Plate XI. Fig. 1. M. tulipa. (Mytilus modiolus.-Linn.)

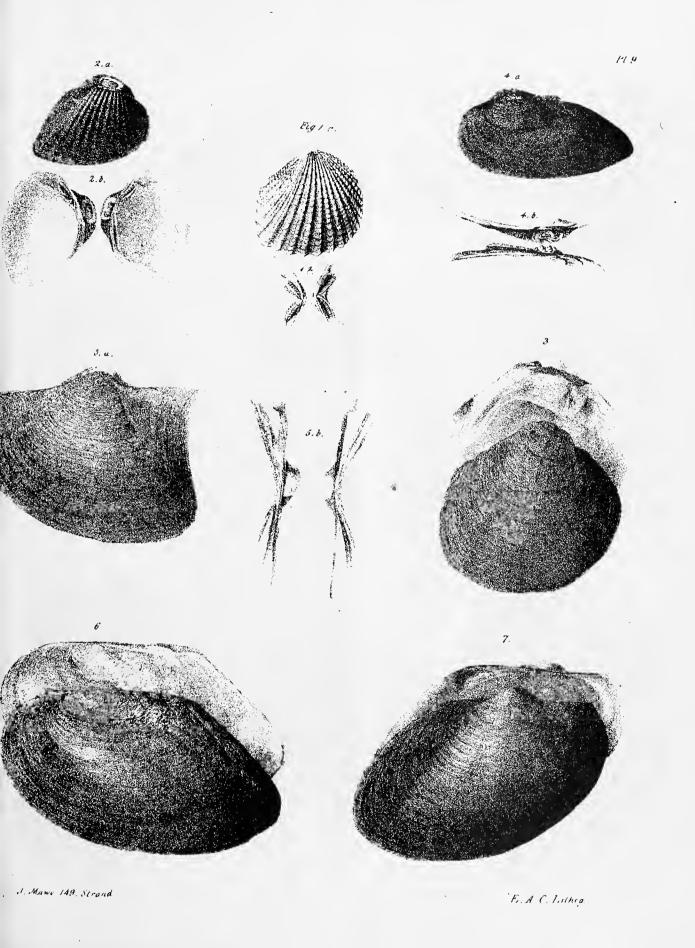
MYTILUS.—Shell longitudinal, equivalve, regular, pointed at the base, fixed by a byssus; beaks almost straight, terminal, pointed: hinge lateral, mostly without teeth.—Ligament marginal, subinternal: one elongated, club-shaped, sublateral, muscular impression.

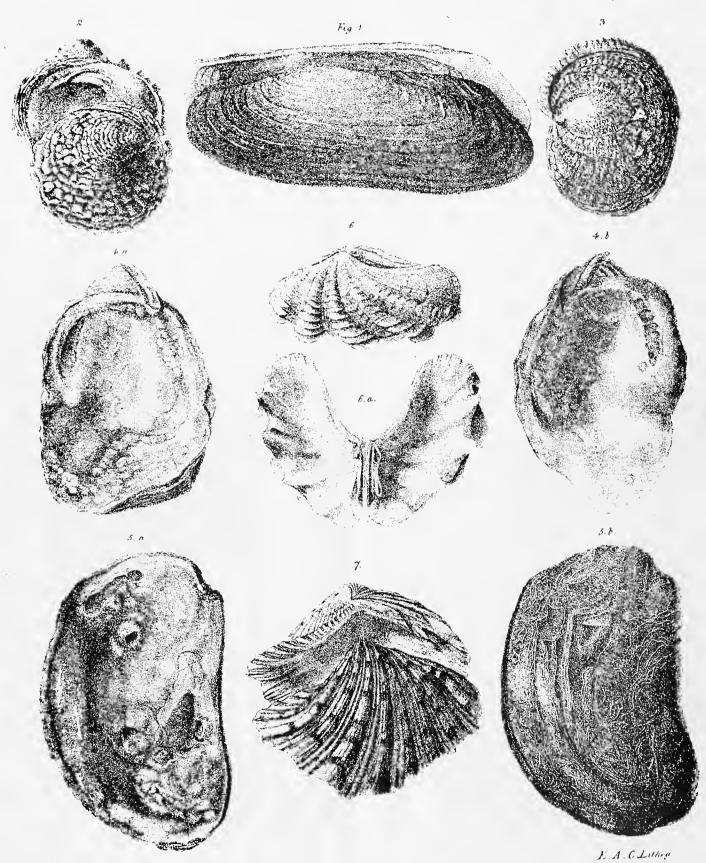
(1) Shells with longitudinal furrows.

Plate XI. Fig. 2. M. erosus.

(2) Shells without longitudinal furrows.

Plate XI. Fig. 3. M. perna.





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PINNA.—Shell longitudinal, wedge-shaped, equivalve, gaping at the summit, pointed at the base, the beaks straight: hinge lateral, without teeth. Ligament marginal, linear, very long, almost internal.

Plate XI. Fig. 4. P. muricata. (Idcm.-Linn.)

MALLACEA. - 5 GENERA.

Ligament marginal, sublinear, either interrupted by indentations or serial teeth, or wholly simple.

Shell subinequivalve, foliated.

CRENATULA.—Shell subequivalve, flat, lamellated, rather irregular; no particular opening or pit for the byssus: hinge lateral, linear, marginal, indented; indentations serial, callous, hollowed into pits, which receive the ligament.

Plate XI. Fig. 3. C. mytiloides.

Perna.—Shell subequivalve, flattened, rather deformed, texture lamellar: hinge linear, marginal; composed of furrow-like, transverse, parallel, non-entering teeth, between which the ligament is inserted. A posterior sinus, slightly gaping, situated at the extremity of the hinge for the passage of the byssus; sides callous.

Plate XI. Fig. 6. P. ephippium. (Ostrea ephippium.-Linn.)

Malleus.—Shell subequivalve, rude, deformed, mostly elongated, sublobate at the base; beaks small, diverging: hinge without teeth; an elongated conical pit situated under the beaks, traversing obliquely the facet of the ligament. Ligament partly external, short, inserted in the sloping facet of each valve.

Plate XI. Fig. 7. M. albus.

Avicula.—Shell inequivalve, fragile, rather smooth; base transverse, straight; the extremities produced, the anterior caudiform or tail-like; a sinus in the left valve: hinge linear, unidentate; a cardinal tooth in each valve under the beaks. Facet of the ligament marginal, narrow, channelled, not traversed by the byssus.

Plate XI. Fig. 8. A. crocea.

MELEAGRINA.—Shell subequivalve, rotundate, nearly square, externally squamose; the inferior cardinal margin straight, not caudate anteriorly; a sinus at the posterior base of the valves for the passage of the byssus; the left valve being at this place narrow and channelled: hinge linear, without teeth. Facet of the ligament marginal, elongated, nearly external, dilated in the middle.

Plate XI. Fig. 9. M. margaritiferus. (Mytilus margaritiferus.-Linn.)

SECTION II.

Ligament not marginal, contracted into a short space under the beaks; always visible, and not forming a tendinous cord under the shell.

This Section is divided into Two Families, viz. Pectinida and Ostracea.

PECTINIDA. __7 GENERA.

Ligament internal, or demi-internal. Shell in general regular, compact, not foliated.

Pedum.—Shell inequivalve, subauriculated, lower valve gaping; heaks unequal, distant: hinge without teeth. Ligament partly external, inserted in an elongated and channelled pit, formed in the lower side of the beaks. Lower valve notched near the posterior base.

Plate XII. Fig. 1. P. spondyloideum. (Ostrea spondyloidea.-Gmel.) [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]

Lima.—Shell longitudinal, subequivalve, auriculated, gaping slightly on one side between the valves; beaks distant; their internal facet inclined outwards: hinge without teeth. The cardinal pit partly external, receiving the ligament.

Plate XII. Fig. 2. L. glacialis. (Ostrea glacialis.—Ginel.)
(a) Inside of ditto.

Plagiostoma.—Shell subequivalve, free, subauriculated, the cardinal base transverse, straight; beaks rather distant, their inner sides expanding into transverse, flattened, external facets, one straight, the other obliquely inclined: hinge without teeth; a conical cardinal pit situated below the beaks, partly internal, opening outwards, and receiving the ligament.

Plate XXI. Fig. 4. P. spinosum. [Mr. G. B. Sowerby's Cabinet.]

Pecten.—Shell free, regular, inequivalve, auriculated; the lower margin transverse, straight; the beaks contiguous: hinge without teeth; a cardinal triangular pit, wholly internal, receiving the ligament.

(1) Shells with ears equal, or nearly so.

Plate XII. Fig. 3. P. maximus. (Ostrea maxima.-Linnæus.)

(2) Shells with the ears unequal.

Plate XII. Fig. 4. P. varius. (Ostrea varia.-Gmel.)

PLICATULA.—Shell inequivalve, not auriculated, attenuated towards the base, the superior margin rounded, subplicate; the beaks unequal, and without an external facet: hinge having two strong cardinal teeth in each valve; a pit between them, receiving the ligament, which is wholly internal.

Plate XII. Fig. 5. P. ramosa. (Spondylus plicatus.-Gmel.)

Spondylus.—Shell inequivalve, adhering, auriculated, echinated or rough; the beaks unequal, the lower valve having an external, flattened, cardinal facet, divided by a channel which lengthens with age: hinge having two strong teeth in each valve, and an intermediate pit for the ligament, communicating by the base with

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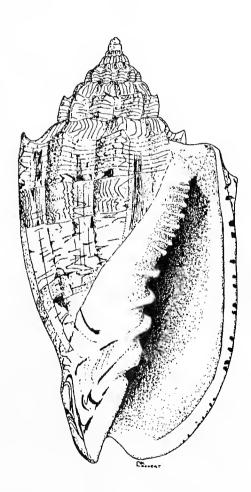
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Sally is due back in Bayside around the middle of August and we should get the September issue together in time to mail on the first of the month. I have been keeping up with most of the book orders. My apologies for any delays.

We need information from all clubs and dealers for the update to the SEA LIFE DIRECTORY. We expect to print in mid-September and mail before the end of September. Please have any corrections or additions to us as early in September as possible so they may be included. Display advertising is available for \$10 per square inch with a minimum ad size of 3 square inches. At least 15,000 copies of the directory will be distributed throughout the world. Donations to help defray printing and mailing costs are welcome. Quantity orders are available for a donation to cover printing and mailing costs. Please contact us prior to September 15th, 1986.

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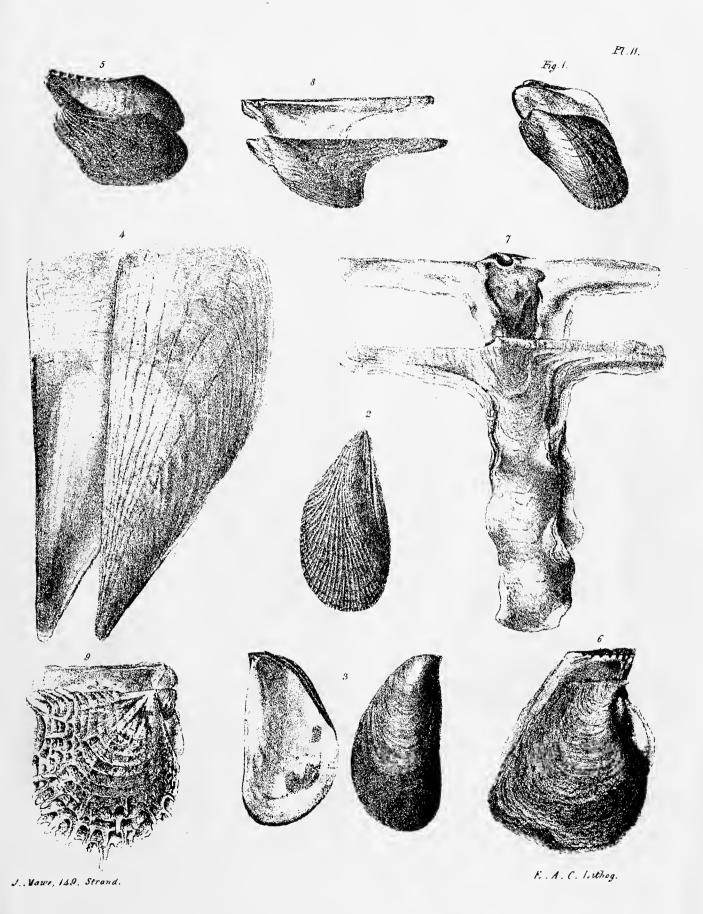
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the external channel. Ligament internal; the remains of former ligaments are seen outside in the channel.

Plate XII. Fig. 6. S. gæderopuş. (Idem.-Linn.)

Podopsis.—Shell inequivalve, subregular, adhering by the inferior beak, not auriculated, the lower valve largest, most convex, and the beak most produced: hinge without teeth. Ligament internal.

Plate XXI. Fig. 5. P. truncata. Fossil. [Icon.-Encyc. Method. Pl. 188. Fig. 6.]

OSTRACEA. _ 5 GENERA.

Ligament internal, or demi-internal. Shell irregular, foliated, sometimes very thin.

THIS Family is separated into Two Divisions.

- (a) Ligament demi-internal. Shell foliated, and often very thick.
- GRYPHEA.—Shell free, inequivalve, the lower valve large, concave, terminated by a projecting involute beak, the upper valve small, flat, and opercular: hinge without teeth; an 'oblong, arched cardinal pit; only one muscular impression in each valve.

.Plate XII. Fig. 7. G. angulata.

- Ostrea.—Shell adhering, inequivalve, irregular; beaks distant, becoming very unequal by age, and the upper valve gradually removed during the life of the animal: hinge without teeth. Ligament demi-internal, inserted in the cardinal pit of the valves; the pit of the lower valve increasing by age, sometimes to a great length.
 - (1) Margin of the valves simple or wavy, not plicate.

Plate XII. Fig. 8. O. edulis. (Idem .- Linn.)

(2) Margin of the shells distinctly plaited.

Plate XII. Fig. 9. O. folium. (Idem,-Linn.)

Vulsella.—Shell longitudinal, subequivalve, irregular, free; the beaks equal: hinge with a prominent callosity in each valve, depressed above, shewing an impression of a conical and obliquely arched pit for the ligament.

Plate XII. Fig. 10. V. lingulata. (Mya vulsella.-Linn.)

- (b) Ligament internal. Shell thin, papyraceous.
- PLACUNA.—Shell free, irregular, flat, subequivalve: hinge internal, having two sharp longitudinal ribs in one valve, approximate at their base, and diverging in form of a V; and, in the other valve, two impressions which correspond with the cardinal ribs; to which is attached the ligament.

Plate XII. Fig. 13. P. placenta. (Anomia placenta.-Linn.)

Anomia.—Shell inequivalve, irregular, operculated, adhering by the operculum: lower valve perforated, generally flattened, having a hole or channel at the beak; the other valve rather larger, concave, entire. Operculum small, elliptical, osseous, fixed to marine substances.

Plate XIII. Fig. 1. A. ephippium. (Idem.-Linn.)

(a) Operculum of ditto.

SECTION III.

Either no ligament, or none known; or represented by a tendinous cord, which supports the shell.

THIS Section contains Two Families __ Rudista, and Brachiopoda.

RUDISTA. __ 6 GENERA.

Ligament, hinge, and animal unknown; shell very inequivalve. No distinct beaks.

SPHERULITES.—Shell inequivalve, orbicular-globose, rather depressed above, echinated externally with large, subangular, horizontal scales; upper valve smallest, rather flat, opercular; the internal surface furnished with two unequal, subconical, curved, and prominent tuberosities; lower valve largest, rather ventricose, the external margin radiated with scales; cavity obliquely conical, and forming on one side, by the folding of the internal margin, a crest, or projecting keel: internal side of the cavity transversely striated. Hinge unknown.

Plate XXI. Fig. 6. S. foliacea. Fossil. [Icon.—Encyc. Mcthod. pl. 172. fig. 7.]

Radiolites.—Shell inequivalve, externally striated; the striæ longitudinal, radiating: lower valve turbinated, and largest; the upper, convex or depressed conical, opercular. Hinge unknown.

Plate XXI. Fig. 7. R. turbinata. [British Museum.]

CALCEOLA.—Shell inequivalve, triangular, turbinated, flattened beneath; the larger valve hollowed or hood-shaped, obliquely truncated at the aperture; the cardinal margin straight, transverse, a small notch or indentation in the middle; the superior margin arched: the small valve flat, semi-orbicular, opercular, having a tubercle on each side of the cardinal margin, and, in the middle, a pit with a small lamina.

Plate XXI. Fig. 8. C. sandalina. [Mr. J. D. C. Sowerby's Cabinet.]

BIROSTRITES.—Shell inequivalve, bicornute, the disk of the valves elevated conically, unequal, obliquely diverging, nearly straight, horn-shaped, the one enveloping the other at the base.

Plate XXI. Fig. 9. B. inæquiloba. [Mr. J. D. C. Sowerby's Cabinet.]

DISCINA.—Shell inequivalve, oval-rotundate, rather depressed, valves nearly equal, each having an orbicular disk in the centre, very distinct; disk in the upper valve not perforated, with a mammillated protuberance in the middle; that in the other valve very white, divided by a small transverse slit.

Plate XIII. Fig. 2. D. Norvegica. (Orbicula Norvegica.—Sowerby's Genera.) [Mr. G. B. Sower(a) Lower valve of ditto. by's Cabinet.]

(b) Upper valve of ditto.

CRANIA.—Shell inequivalve, suborbicular, lower valve almost flat, perforated in the internal surface by three unequal and oblique holes; the upper valve very convex, furnished interiorly with two prominent callosities.

Plate XIII. Fig. 3. C. personata. (Anomia craniolaris.-Linn.)

(a) Lower valve of ditto.

(b) Upper valve of ditto.

BRACHIOPODA. __ 3 GENERA.

Shell bivalve, adhering to marine bodies, either directly or by a tendinous cord.

Orbicula.—Shell suborbicular, inequivalve; without any apparent hinge: lower valve very thin, flat, adhering to marine substances; the upper valve subconical, the summit more or less elevated.

[I have not been able to meet with any shell agreeing with the above description.]

TEREBRATULA.—Shell inequivalve, regular, subtriangular, attached to marine bodies by a short tendinous pedicle; the beak of the larger valve produced, often curved, perforated at the summit by a round hole, or by a notch: hinge with two teeth; two nearly osseous, slender, elevated, forked, variously ramified branches rise from the disk of the small valve, and serve as a support to the animal.

(1) Shell smooth, without longitudinal striæ or furrows.

Plate XIII. Fig. 5. T. vitrea. (Anomia vitrea.—Gmel)

(2) Shell striated longitudinally.

Plate XIII. Fig. 4. T. psittacea. (Anomia psittacea.—Gmel.)

Lingula.—Shell subequivalve, flattened, ovate-oblong, truncated at the summit, rather pointed at the base, elevated on a fleshy tendinous pedicle, fixed to marine bodies: hinge without teeth.

Plate XIII. Fig. 6. L. anatina. (Patella unguis.—Linn.)
(a) Inside of ditto.

Twelfth Class.

MOLLUSCA.

Body sometimes naked, either destitute of any solid internal parts, or inclosing a shell or other hard substance, and sometimes provided externally with a shell covering or sheathing, but is never composed of two opposite valves united by a hinge.

THIS Class is divided into Five Orders, viz. Pteropoda, Gasteropoda, Trachelipoda, Cephalopoda, and Heteropoda.

ORDER I.

PTEROPODA. _ 6 GENERA.

Some only are furnished with a thin, cartilaginous or corneous shelt.

HYALÆA.—Shell corneous, transparent, ovate-globose; tridentated posteriorly; open at the summit, and at the two posterior sides.

Plate XIII. Fig. 7. H. tridentata. (Monoculus telemus?-Linn.)

CLIO.—This genus has no shell.

CLEODORA.—Shell gelatinous, cartilaginous, transparent, in shape of a reversed pyramid, or lanceolate, truncated and open at the summit.

Plate XIII. Fig. 8. C. pyramidata. (Clio pyramidata.-Linn.)

LIMACINA.—Shell thin, fragile, papyraceous, spiral; the whorls re-united in a discoidal manner, like the Planorbis.

Plate XIII. Fig. 9. (a) L. helicialis. (Clio helicina.—Gmel.) [British Museum.]

CYMBULIA.—Shell gelatinous, cartilaginous, very transparent, crystalline, oblong, in shape of a shoe, truncated at the summit; aperture lateral and anterior.

Plate XIII. Fig. 10. C. Peronii. [Icon. Encyc. Method. pl. 464. fig. 4 b.]

PNEUMODERMON.—This genus has no shell.

ORDER II. __GASTEROPODA.

Some are naked, others have a dorsal shell, not enveloping: again, others have a shell more or less hidden in their mantle.

THIS Order is divided into two Sections - Hydrobranchiæ and Pneumobranchiæ.

SECTION I. HYDROBRANCHIÆ.

Contains Six Families, viz. Tritoniana, Phyllidiana, Semi Phyllidiana, Calyptraciana, Bullæana, and Aphysiana.

TRITONIANA. __ 6 GENERA.

Without shells, either external or internal.

GLAUCUS.—No shell.

Eolis.-Ditto.

TRITONIA.—Ditto.

Scyllæa.—Ditto.

TETHYS .- Ditto.

Doris .- Ditto.

PHYLLIDIANA. _ 4 GENERA.

Some are without shells, either internal or external: others are wholly or partly covered by a shell, sometimes composed of one single piece, sometimes of a range of moveable and distinct pieces.

PHYLLIDIA.—Has no shell.

Chitonellus.—Body elongated, rather narrow, like a caterpillar, the middle of the back furnished with a multivalve shell; valves alternate, mostly longitudinal; they are nearly connected by their extremities.

Plate XIII. Fig. 11. C. striatus. [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]

Chiton.—Body oval-oblong, convex, rounded at the extremities; bordered all round by a coriaceous skin; partly covered by a longitudinal series of testaceous, imbricated, transverse, moveable pieces, set in the borders of the mantle.

Plate XIII. Fig. 12. C. Magellanicus. (Idem.-Gmel.)

PATELLA.—Shell univalve, not spiral, covering the animal, shield-like, or retuse-conical; concave and simple below, without any fissure on the margin; the summit entire, and inclined anteriorly.

Plate XIII. Fig. 13. P. miniata. (P. sanguinolenta.—Ginel.)
(a) Inside of ditto

SEMI-PHYLLIDIANA. _2 GENERA.

PLEUROBRANCHUS.—Shell internal, dorsal, thin, flattened, often oblique-oval.

Plate XIII. Fig. 14, 14 (a). P. plumula. (Bulla plumula.-Montagu.)

UMBRELLA.—Shell external, orbicular, sub-irregular, nearly flat, slightly convex above, white, with a small apex near the middle; margin acute, internal surface rather concave, having a callous disk, coloured, depressed in the centre, surrounded by a smooth border.

Plate XIII. Fig. 15, 16. U. Indica. (Patella umbellata.-Gmel.)

CALYPTRACIANA.__7 GENERA.

Shell always external, covering the animal.

PARMOPHORUS.—Shell oblong, subparallelipipedal, slightly convex above, obtuse at the extremities, anteriorly channelled by a slight sinus, and having, towards the posterior part, a small pointed apex, inclined backwards; the lower surface slightly concave.

Plate XIV. Fig. 1. P. australis. (Patella ambigua.—Chem.)
(a) Under side of ditto.

EMARGINULA.—Shell shield-like, conical; summit inclined; the cavity simple, having a notch or hollow cut on its posterior margin.

Plate XIV. Fig. 2. E. rubra.

Fissurella.—Shell shield-like or depressed conical, concave below, perforated at the summit; without any spire; the perforation oval or oblong.

Plate XIV. Fig. 3. F. pustula. (Patella pustula.—Chem.)

PILEOPSIS.—Shell univalve, obliquely conical, anteriorly recurved; apex bent, almost spiral; aperture rounded-elliptical; the anterior margin shortest, acute, slightly sinuated, the posterior largest and rounded: one elongated, arched, transverse muscular impression, situated under the posterior margin.

Plate XIV. Fig 4. P. ungarica. (Patella ungarica.-Linn.)

CALYPTRÆA.—Shell conoidal, summit vertical, imperforate, subacute; base orbicular: the cavity furnished with a convolute lamina, or a spiral diaphragm.

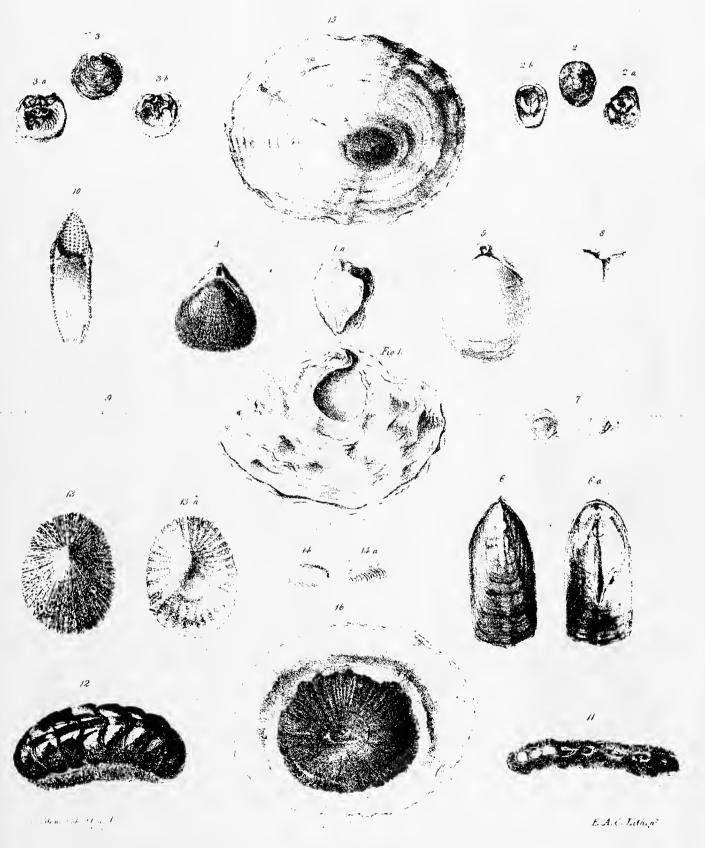
Plate XIV. Fig. 5. C. equestris. (Patella equestris.—Linn.)
(a) Under side of ditto.

CREPIDULA.—Shell ovate or oblong; the back almost always convex; concave underneath; the spire very much inclined towards the margin: the aperture partly closed by a horizontal lamina.

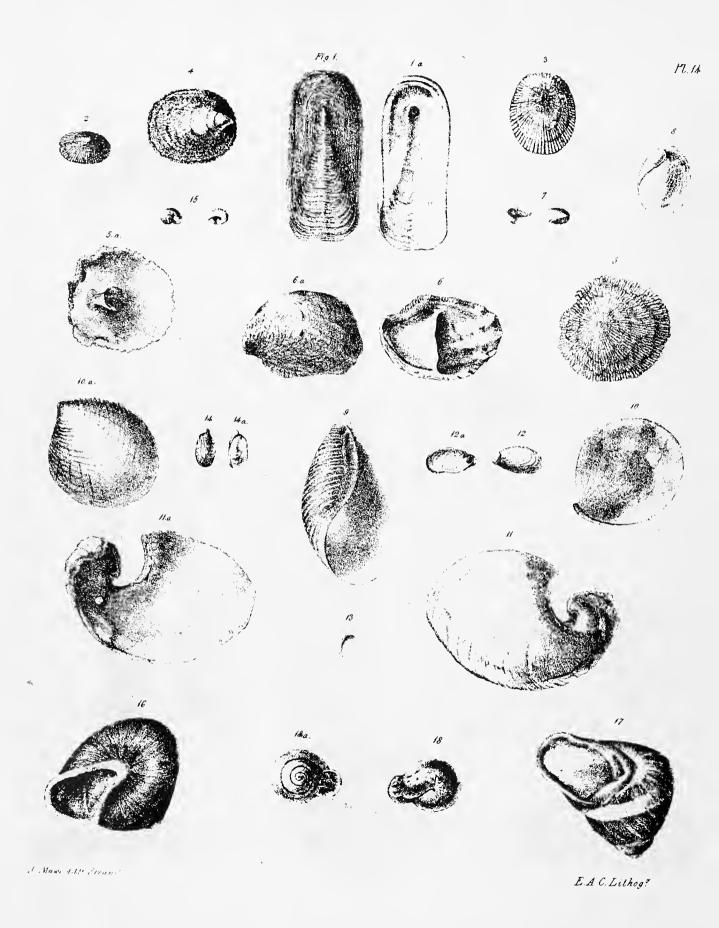
Plate XIV. Fig. 6 (a). C. fornicata. (Idem.—Linn.)
(b). Under side of ditto.

Ancylus.—Shell thin, obliquely conical, the summit pointed, inclined backwards; aperture oval; the margin very simple.

Plate XIV. Fig. 7. A. fluviatilis. (Patella fluviatilis .- Gmel.)



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BULLÆANA. _ 3 GENERA.

ACERA.-This genus has no shell.

Bullea.—Shell very thin, partially rolled and spiral on one side, without columella, and without spire; the aperture very large, dilated at the upper part.

Plate XIV. Fig. 8. B. aperta. (Bulla aperta.-Linn.)

Bulla.—Shell univalve, ovate-globular, convolute, no columella, spire not projecting: aperture the whole length of the shell; external margin sharp.

Plate XIV. Fig. 9. B. lignaria. (Idem.-Linn.)

APLYSIANA. __ 2 GENERA.

APLYSIA.—Shield dorsal, semicircular, subcartilaginous.

Plate XIV. Fig. 10. A. radiata.

(a) Outside of ditto.

Dolabella.—Shell oblong, slightly arched, hatchet-shaped, contracted, heavy, callous, almost spiral on one side, and larger, flatter, and thinner, on the other.

Plate XIV. Fig. 11. D. Rumphii. (Bulla dubia.)

(a) Under side of ditto.

SECTION II. __PNEUMOBRANCHIÆ.

This Section contains only One Family, viz. Limaciana.

LIMACIANA. _ 5 GENERA.

ONCHIDIUM.—This genus has no shell.

PARMACELLA.—Lamarck has given a description of the animal of this genus, but only mentions that the scutcheon contains a shell, without describing it.

Plate XIV. Fig. 12. P. calyculata. (Sowerby's Genera.) [Mr. H. Stutchbury's Cabinet.]

(a) Under side of ditto.

Limax.—Lamarck merely mentions that the animal is "furnished with a coriaceous subrugose shield.

Plate XIV. Fig. 13. L. rufus. [British Museum.]

Testacella.—Shell very small, external, rather ear-shaped, slightly spiral at its summit; the aperture very large, oval, obliquely dilated; the left margin involute.

Plate XIV. Fig. 14. T. haliotidea. [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]
(a) Under side of ditto.

VITRINA.—Shell small, very thin, depressed, terminated above by a very short spire, the last whorl very large: Aperture large, rounded-oval; the left margin arched, slightly involute.

Plate XIV. Fig. 15. V. pellucida.

ORDER III. _TRACHELIPODA.

THE shells of this Order are spirivalve, ensheathing. It is separated into Two Sections, viz. Phytiphaga and Zoophaga.

SECTION I. TRACHELIPODA PHYTIPHAGA.

Aperture of the shell entire; base without any ascending dorsal notch or canal.

This Section contains Ten Families, viz. Colimacea, Lymnæana, Melaniana, Peristomiana, Neritacea, Janthinea, Macrostomiana, Plicacea, Scalariana, and Turbinacea.

COLIMACEA. -- 11 GENERA.

- Shell spirivalve, with no other projecting parts on the exterior than the striæ of growth; the right margin of the aperture is often recurved or reflected outwards.
- HELIX.—Shell orbicular, convex, or conoidal; sometimes globular, the spire rather elevated: aperture entire, transverse, very oblique, contiguous to the axis of the shell; the margins disunited by the projection of the penultimate whorl.

Plate XIV. Fig. 17. H. hæmastoma. (Idem.-Linn.)

CAROCOLLA.—Shell orbicular, more or less convex or conoidal above; the circumference or periphery angulated or keeled: aperture transverse, contiguous to the axis of the shell; the right margin or lip subangular, often toothed or plaited beneath.

Plate XIV. Fig. 16. C. albilabris. (Helix carocolla.-Linn.)

Anostoma.—Shell orbicular, the spire convex and obtuse: aperture round, toothed within, grinning or showing the teeth, turned upwards to the side of the spire; the margin of the lip reflected.

Plate XIV. Fig. 18, 18 (a). A. globulosa. [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]

Helicina.—Shell subglobular, imperforate: aperture entire, dcmi-oval. Columella callous, transverse, rather flat, margin acute, forming an angle at the lower base of the right lip: operculum corneous.

Plate XV. Fig. 1. H. major. [Gray, in Zool. Jour. Vol. I. p. 251.]

Pupa.—Shell cylindrical, generally thick: aperture irregular, demi-oval, the lower part rounded and subangular; the margins nearly equal, reflected outwards, disunited at the upper part by an interposed columella lamina, always affixed.

Plate XV. Fig. 2. P. mumia.

- CLAUSILIA.—Shell mostly fusiform, slender, the summit rather obtuse: aperture irregular, rounded-oval; the margins united throughout, free, reflected outwards.

 Plate XV. Fig. 3. C. torticollis.
- Bulimus.—Shell oval, oblong, or turreted; aperture entire, longitudinal; the margins very unequal, disunited at the upper part. Columcla straight, smooth, the base entire, not channelled.

Plate XV. Fig. 4. B. citrinus. (Helix perversa, Variety b.-Linn.) [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]

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Thank heavens -- Sally is back from England. I am impressed all over again by how much she does around here. We are catching up on the mailing and correspondence as quickly as possible. If you are waiting for a letter or a book it will probably be there about the same time as this issue.

If everything goes as planned, this September issue will be mailed out on or before the first of September -something we have been trying to accomplish for many months. This also means that our deadline for material to include in each issue moves back to the 15th of the preceeding month (e.g., October material must be ready to print by September 15th).

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Data on the opisthobranch fauna of the west coast of Baja California, Mexico is quite limited (Farmer 1963, Farmer & Collier 1963, Collier & Farmer 1964, Hamann 1981, Behrens 1980, 1983, Bertsch 1982, Bertsch & Aguilar 1984, Bertsch & Kerstitch 1984, Gosliner & Bertsch 1985) in comparison to the Gulf side or east coast of the penninsula. This is inpart due to the infrequency of scientific and collecting expeditions to this coastline. A recent excursion to the localities of Isla San Martin, Roca Ben, Johnson's sea mount, Arrecife Sacramento and Islas San Benitos produced 31 species of opisthobranch molluscs (see Gatewood, Shells and Sea Life 17(4): 128-131, April 1985 for details of the expedition).

The collection localities are given in Figure 1 and Table 1. A species account is presented in Table 2. Of the 31 species collected, four are unknown to science. These are designated in the table by a single asterisk (*). The collections account for eight extensions of known geographic ranges (designated by a double asterisk **). The southern most range for each species is given in the table also, except for those species whose distribution along the west coast of Baja California is not well known. Citations for range limits are also given where the original reference is known.

All collections were subtidal while diving on SCUBA. Collections were made from 5 - 10 August 1984. All specimens are being retained by D. W. Behrens or the Invertebrate Collection of the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA.

Of particular interest was the collection of four undescribed species. The undescribed Dendrodoris is well known from southern California (Behrens 1980, species #141) to Pescadero Point, Carmel Bay and Monterey in northern California (McDonald & Nybakken, 1981). The Phyllidia, first reported in Behrens (1980, species #144), has a striking resemblance to Phyllidia rolandiae Pruvot-Fol 1951 from the Mediterranean. Eight specimens were collected on this trip, at S&SL 18(9):139 two of the five collecting locations. The unidentifiable Flabellina (see photo Shells & Sea Life 17(4) pg 129, top left) is identical in external coloration to Flabellina trilineata (O'Donoghue 1921) except that it does not have the typical, and distinctive, three white longitudinal lines along the body. Lastly, the undescribed facelinid is identical to species #155 of Behrens (1980). A photograph of this species is also featured in Shells & Sea Life 17(4) pg 129 (bottom). Close examination of radula, jaws and reproductive system suggest that the species may be difficult to assign to an existing genus. Six specimens were collected at Islas San Benitos.

Numbers of species, shown in Table 2 by collection site may be a good indication of species diversity, but may be weighted by sampling effort. An analysis of catch per unit effort (CPUE) calculated as species/diver hour, seems to support this conclusion (Table 2). One dive made at Johnson's Sea Mount, produced the greatest number of species, and concomittantly the greatest CPUE. At the other extreme however, the lowest CPUE was calculated for Islas San Benitos, the collection site having the second highest species count. CPUE here is most probably artificially reduced due to the large sampling effort expended (40 hours collection time). In this instance increased effort did not add to the species inventory.

We would like to express our thanks to Marc Chamberlain, Patty Mariano and all the other members of this Sea Challengers expedition for enthusiastically assisting in the collections. Literature Cited

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Table 1

Latitude and longitude of collection localities
Isla San Martin
Roca Ben
"Johnson's Sea Mount"
Arrecife Sacramento
Islas San Benitos

30°29'N; 116°07'W
30°26'N; 116°07'W
29°45'N; 116°05'W
29°45'N; 115°47'W
28°20'N; 115°40'W

Table 2 Species Inventory

	Collection Localities								
Systematic Account	Isla San Martin	Roca Ben	Johnson's Sea Mount	Arrecife Sacramento	Islas San Benitos				
Bullomorpha <u>Navanax inermis</u> Cooper 1862 <u>Panama</u>		X			X				
Aplysiomorpha Aplysia californica Cooper 1863 Range unknown on west coast of Isla San Martin (Behrens 1983									
Pleurobranchomorpha Tylodina fungina Gabb 1865 Costa Rica & Galapagos (Brusca **Berthellina citrina Ruppell & Lueckart 1828 San Clemente Is.	1980) X		X		X				
Sacoglossa **Elysia hedgpethi (Marcus 1961) La Jolla, CA	Χ								
Nudibranchia Doridacea	,								
**Hopkinsia rosacea MacFarland	X								
Ensenada (Farmer & Collier 1963 Triopha maculata MacFarland 1905 El Tomatal (Bertsch & Anguilar Laila cockerelli MacFarland 1905 Cape San Lucas			Х		X				
**Polycera atra MacFarland 1905	۵)		X						
Bahia Todos Santos (Bertsch 198 Cadlina flavomaculata MacFarland			Х						
Pt. Eugenia **C. limbaughorum Lance 1962			X						
Bahia Puerto Escondito (Bertsch C. luteomarginata MacFarland 1905		Х							
Pt. Eugenia Glossodoris dalli (Bergh 1879)					X				
Magdalena Bay (Bertsch 1978) C. macfarlandi Cockerell 1901			X						
Bahia Magdalena (Bertsch 1978)			^		S&SL 18(9):141				

Mexichromis porterae (Cockerell	Х		Χ	Χ	Х
1901)			``	٨	^
Cedros Is (Behrens 1980, 1983) Hypselidoris californiensis (Bergh		Х			
Westcoast of Baja (Brusca 1980)	۸				
Rostanga pulchra MacFarland 1905		Χ			
Chili Diaulula sandiegensis (Cooper 186)	2)		Χ		
Cabo San Lucas (McDonald & Nybal		1)	^		
**Jorunna pardus Behrens &	Χ			Х	
Henderson 1981 Isla San Martin (Behrens 1983)					
Discodoris heathi MacFarland 1905					
Bahia San Quintin (McDonald & Ny Dendrodoris krebsi (Morch 1863)	1981)			v	
Vizcaino Bay (Collier & Farmer	1964)				Х
* ** Dendrodoris. sp. (Species #141		1980)		Χ	Χ
La Jolla, CA (Behrens 1980) Doriopsilla albopunctata (Cooper	Х		Χ	χ	
1863) · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	^		^	^	
Pt. Eugenia (Behrens 1980)	1.0	00)	V		v
* ** Phyllidia sp. (Species #144 Beł Pt. Loma, CA (Behrens 1980)	80)	Х		Х	
Tambja eliora (Marcus & Marcus 196	67)				Χ
Vizcaino Bay (Behrens 1983)					
Arminacea Janolus barbarensis (Cooper 1863)		Х			
Cedros Is. (Behrens 1983)		^			
Aeolidacea		V	V	V	V
Flabellina iodinea (Cooper 1862) Cedros Is. (Behrens 1983)		Х	Х	Х	Х
* Flabellina. sp. (first account)			Χ		
* Facelinid (Species #155 Behrens 19 Cedros Is. (Behrens 1980, 1983)	980)				Х
Hermissenda crassicornis	Χ	Х	Χ		
(Eschscholtz 1831)					
Pt. Eugenia (Farmer & Collier 19 Phidiana pugnax Lance 1962	963)	Х			
Cedros Is. (Farmer & Collier 196	63)	^			
Total number of species	8	6	15	5	11
Species/diver hour	5.3	5.0	7.5	2.7	0.28

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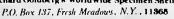
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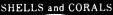
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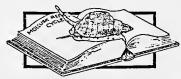
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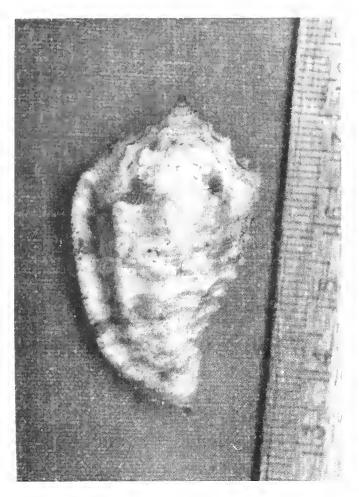
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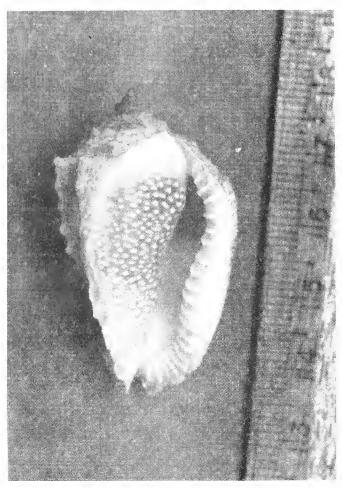
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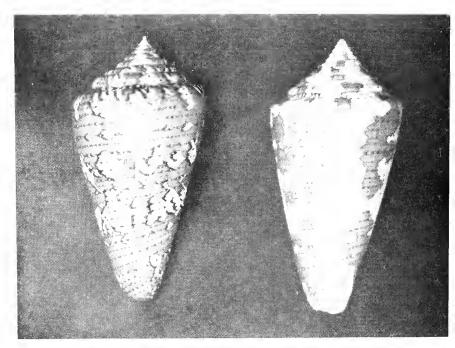
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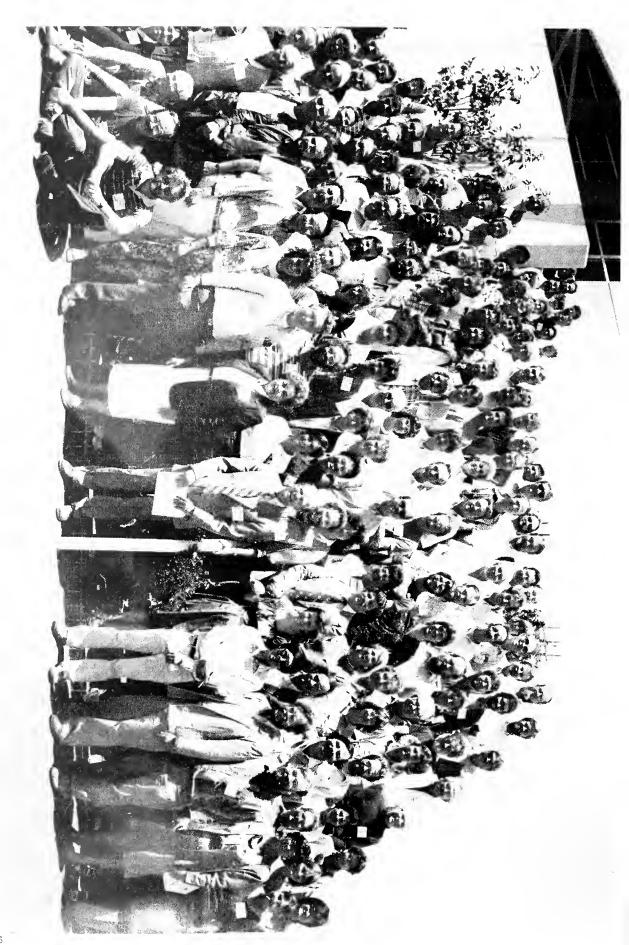








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 - (2) Shell with the last whorl depressed, or attenuated towards the base.
 - Plate XV. Fig. 5 (a). A. albo-lineata. (Voluta leucozonias.—Gmel.) [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]
- Succinea.—Shell oval or ovate-conical: aperture large, entire, longitudinal; the right lip sharp, not reflected, united at the lower part to a smooth, sharp, attenuated columella. No operculum.
 - Plate XV. Fig 6. S. amphibia. (Helix putris.-Linn.)
- Auricula.—Shell suboval or ovate-oblong: aperture longitudinal, very entire at the base, contracted at the upper part, where the margins are disunited. Columella with one or more plaits; the lip or margin sometimes reflected outwards, sometimes simple and sharp.
 - (1) Shells with the margin reflected outwards.
 - Plate XV. Fig. 7. A. Judæ. (Voluta auris Judæ -- Linn.)
 - (2) Shells with the margin simple and acute.
 - Plate XV. Fig. 8, 8 (a). A. monile. (Voluta flava.—Gmel.)
- CYCLOSTOMA.—The shape of the shell variable; whorls of the spire cylindrical: aperture round, regular; the margins circularly united, or reflected by age. An oper-culum.
 - Plate XV. Fig. 9. C. volvulus. (Helix volvulus.-Linn.) [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]

LYMNÆANA. _ 3 GENERA.

- Shell spirivalve, the external surface mostly smooth; the right margin of the aperture always sharp, and not reflected.
- PLANORBIS.—Shell discoidal, spire depressed, the whole of the whorls shewn above and beneath: aperture oblong, lunate, very distant from the axis of the shell; the margin never reflected. No operculum.
 - Plate XV. Fig. 10. P. corneus. (Helix cornea.-Linn.)
- Physa.—Shell convolute, oval or oblong; the spire prominent: aperture longitudinal, contracted at the upper part. Columella twisted: right lip very thin, sharp, partly projecting above the plane of the aperture. No opereulum.
 - Plate XV. Fig. 11. P. rivalis. (Lymnæa rivalis.-Sowerby.)
- LYMNÆA.--Shell oblong, sometimes turreted; the spire prominent: aperture entire, longitudinal, outer lip sharp; the lower part ascending over the columella, forms a very oblique plait, re-entering the aperture. No operculum.
 - Plate XV. Fig. 12. L. stagnalis. (Helix stagnalis.-Linn.)

MELANIANA. _ 3 GENERA.

Margins of the aperture of the shell disunited, the right always sharp.

Melania.—Shell turreted: aperture entire, oval or oblong, effuse at the base; eolumella smooth, incurved. Operculum horny.

Plate XV. Fig. 13. M. amarula. (Helix amarula.-Linn.) [Mrs. Mawe's Cabinet.]

Melanopsis.—Shell turreted: aperture entire, oval-oblong. Columella eallous at the upper part; truncated at the base, separated from the right margin by a sinus. An operculum.

Plate XV. Fig. 14. M. lævigata.

PIRENA.—Shell turreted: aperture longitudinal, right lip sharp, having a sinus at the base, and another at the summit. Base of the columella curved towards the right margin: opereulum horny.

Plate XV. Fig. 15. P. terebralis. (Strombus ater.-Linn.)

PERISTOMIANA. _ 3 GENERA.

Shell operculated, conoidal or subdiscoidal, the margins of the aperture united.

Valvata.—Shell discoidal or conoidal, the whorls cylindrical, spiral cavity complete, not modified by the penultimate whorl; aperture round, the margins united, sharp, An orbicular operculum.

Plate XV. Fig. 16. V. piscinalis.

- PALUDINA.—Shell eonoidal, the whorls rounded or convex, spiral cavity modified by the last whorl: aperture rounded-oval, oblong, angular at the summit; the two margins united, acute, never reflected outwards. Opereulum orbicular and horny. Plate XV. Fig. 17. P. vivipara. (Helix vivipara.—Linn.)
- Ampullaria.—Shell globular, ventrieose, umbilicated at the base, without any eallosity on the left lip: aperture entire, oblong, margins united, the right not reflected. An operculum.

Plate XV. Fig 18. A. Guyanensis.

NERITACEA. __4 GENERA.

Shell fluviatile, or marine, semi-globular or flattened-oval, without columella, the left margin of the aperture resembling a half partition.

(1) Fresh-water shells.

Navicella.—Shell elliptical or oblong, eonvex above, summit straight, depressed to the margin, eoncave beneath; the left lip flattened, sharp, narrow, without teeth, transverse. A solid flat operculum, having an acute and lateral tooth.

Plate XV. Fig. 19, 19 (a). N. elliptica. (Nerita porcellana.—Chem.)

NERITINA.—Shell thin, semi-globular or oval, flattened beneath, not umbilicated: aperture semi-circular, the left margin flattened, sharp; no teeth or crenulations on the surface of the right margin. Opereulum furnished with a lateral tooth.

Plate XV. Fig. 20, 20 (a). N. dubia. (Nerita dubia.—Chem.)

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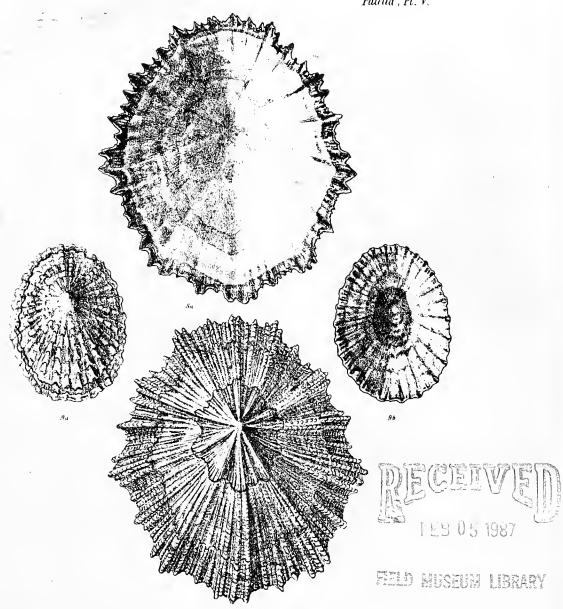
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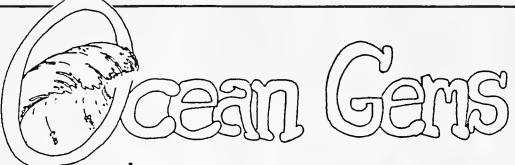
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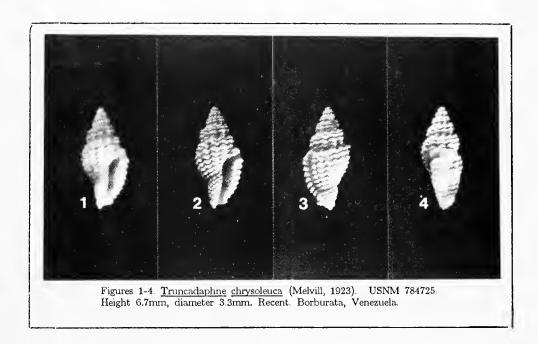
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Reassignment of the Caribbean <u>Lienardia</u> <u>chrysoleuca</u> Melvill, 1923 (Mollusca: Gastropoda), and a range extension.

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ABSTRACT

The small, rare daphnelline, *Lienardia chrysoleuca* Melvill, 1923, known from Cuba, the Greater Antilles and the Netherlands Antilles, is reassigned to the formerly monotypie genus *Truncadaphne* MeLean, 1971, the type species of which is "*Philbertia*" *stonei* Hertlein & Strong, 1939, from the Galapagos Islands. The Caribbean form has now been found in Venezuela.

INTRODUCTION

A small, but very distinctive turrid in our Venezuelan Recent collection for long defied identification. The diagonally reticulate protoconch suggested that it was a daphnelline, but nothing similar was found in our available Caribbean literature. Eventually, a related species was recognized by McLean (Keen, 1971, p.762): *Truncadaphne stonei* (Hertlein & Strong, 1939) from the Pleistocene and Recent of the Galapagos Islands, and living at a

depth of 64 to 110m. The Venezuelan form was elearly distinet, and was considered to be a new species. Virginia O. Maes concurs with the assignment to *Truncadaphne* McLean, 1971, (in litt., 21 December, 1984) but noted that the Caribbean form had been described twice previously: originally as *Lienardia chrysoleuca* Melvill, 1923, from Cuba, and secondly as the junior synonym *Glyphostoma permiscere* Nowell-Usticke, 1969, (not seen) from St. Thomas, St. Croix and Klein Bonaire. It has also been found by Jack Worsfold in the Bahamas.

The two genera, *Lienardia* Jousseaume, 1884, and *Glyphostoma* Gabb, 1872, are not daphnellines. McLean (Keen, 1971, p.129) established the monotypic genus *Truncadaphne*, the type species being "*Philbertia*" *stonei* Hertlein & Strong, 1939. *Lienardia chrysoleuca* has the attributes of, and is here transferred to, *Truncadaphne*, to become the second known species. At the same time, a range extension from the Netherlands Antilles to the north coast of South America is noted.

In the circumstances it is thought worthwhile to describe and figure again this little known Caribbean taxon, and differentiate it from the East Pacific form.

TAXONOMY

Family TURRIDAE Swainson, 1840
Subfamily Daphnellinae Casey, 1904
Genus Truncadaphne McLean, 1971
Truncadaphne chrysoleuca (Melvill, 1923)
Lienardia chrysoleuca Melvill, 1923. Proc. Mal. Soc. London, p.170, pl.5, fig. 18. Cuba
Glyphostoma permiscere Nowell-Usticke, 1969. A Supplementary Listing of New Shells (Illustrated), p.29, fig.1214.

Figures 1-4

Description - Shell small, turreted, whorl shoulder tabulate, suture a little impressed, body whorl higher than spire. Protoconch narrow, subcylindrical, of 3-1/2 tan whorls with diagonal reticulate sculpture. Teleoconch of 5-1/4 whorls; spire whorls slightly convex, body whorl somewhat globose. Sculpture on the first teleoconch whorl of 10 axial ribs noded by 2 spiral cords. Later spire whorls with 2 spiral cords at the shoulder, a more prominent cord at the mid-whorl and a weaker one below. The 15 axial ribs of the body whorl with wider interspaces, are crossed by 8 spiral cords giving deep, rectangular interspaces; both ribs and cords diminish in prominence towards the whorl base; intersections strongly noded. Three, close-set spiral threads lie between the shoulder and the suture. Anterior fasciole long, separated by a sulcus and crossed by 7 noded spiral cords. Aperture narrow, elongate, tapering to anterior canal. Outer lip thickened into a broad, flat varix, deeply exeavated and overhanging behind, and crossed by the spiral cords; 7 neat, sharp denticles within, coincident with the spiral interspaces. Sinus deeply U-shaped, laterally directed and surrounded by a rim of callus; the raised fasciole with growth striae ends at the back of the varix. Columella smooth, but appearing

denticulate due to the nodes on the spiral cords of the anterior fasciole. Anterior eanal short, deeply notched, and slightly recurved. Shell white or tan, a narrow brown band at the shoulder, and a broader band on the whorl base.

Voucher specimens - USNM 784725 (figured specimen); ANSP 379113; AMNH 202293; BM(NH).

Discussion - The material, all from coral reef habitats, consists of 15 specimens from Borburata, Carabobo State, all occupied by hermit crabs; one dead specimen from Isla La Orchila, and a fragment from Isla La Tortuga. Truncadaphne chrsoleuca differs from T. stonei in having non-bulbous protoconeh whorls, a narrower aperture, a different colour pattern, and a finer clathrate sculpture with, consequently, more denticles within the outer lip. It is worth mentioning that juvenile Daphnella lymneiformis (Kiener, 1840), the type species of Daphnella Hinds, 1844, is sympatric with, and resembles T. chrysoleuca. Apart from the similar protoconch, the first four spire whorls in D. lymneiformis are tabulate at the shoulder, and the sculpture is clathrate and nodose. The later sculpture and whorl outline, however, are very different.

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From Osprey Reef, Coral Sea, Australia: In December, 1984, I spent several days collecting at Osprey Reef, an isolated atoll in the Coral Sea, 97 miles from the Australian mainland and 69 miles beyond the nearest Barrier Reefs. It consists of an almost closed lagoon about 15 miles long in 1200-2000 metres of water, with no part permanently above water. An osprey would have to bring his own perch.

The opisthobranch fauna, as expected, was not particularly rich, comprising 2 species of Elysia including a curious white species also found on the nearest Barrier Reefs, 2 Chelidonura, 1 Haminoea, 2 Pleurobranchus, I Dolabella, I Aplysia, 5 phyllidiids, 5 chromodorids and 2 other cryptobranchs, 3 phanerobranchs, 1 *Dermatobrancus*, 2 acolids and a *Tritoniopsilla*, 28 species in all (11 dives). In comparison, collecting on outer Barrier Reefs on the way to and from Osprey (14 dives) yielded 42 species, although generally "common" species were ignored for this area. These species comprised 4 Elysia, 3 Chelidonura, 1 Philinopsis, I Aplysia, 1 Stylocheilus, 3 Pleurobranchs including the large P. grandis, 4 phyllidiids, 1 *Dendrodoris*, 11 chromodorids, 5 other cryptobranchs, 5 phanerobranchs including a white pustulose Gymnodoris and a Trapania both new to me, 2 acolids and I tritoniid.

No species was found on Osprey which was not also collected on the Barrier Reefs on this or previous trips. Similarly with the macro-prosobranchs, all the species occur on the Barrier Reefs with none of those "typical" Coral Sea species such as *Gourmya gourmyi* Crosse, *Latirus barclayi* (Reeve), and *Strombus* thersites Swainson, being found. These species are found very rarely or not at all on the Barrier Reefs. So from this superficial visit, it would appear that Osprey Reef derives its impoverished fauna from the Great Barrier Reef to the west, rather than other Coral Sea reefs to

the east and south.

One final observation was on the cephalaspid *Chelidonura inornata* Baba, 1949. While I have seen up to 3 specimens of this common species crawl across live heads of massive corals, on a dawn dive on St. Crispins Reef I noticed a specimen in a mucous cocoon lying at the edge of a brain coral. As it remained immobile for the few minutes of observation, I eventually tore the cocoon and the *Chelidonura* crawled off without any apparent ill-effects. Which animal secreted the cocoon and the apparent immunity of *C. inornata* to the corals remain a puzzle to me. - IAN LOCH, The Australian Museum, Sydney, Dept. of Malacology, PO Box A285, Sydney South, NSW, Australia 2000

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From Natalia Keller: In September 1985, while on an expedition of the new "Vityaz" I had the opportunity to study the macroepifauna of Sargassum algae in the Sargasso Sea. In the area where we made

our studies 2 species of *Sargassum* were found: *S. natans* and *S. fluitans*. They turned out to be the home and substratum for rather numerous fauna of vertebrate and invertebrate animals. Among them a particular pattern of development is obtained by the attached forms: encrusting Bryozoa (*Membranipora* sp.), Polychaeta Sedentaria (*Spirorbis* sp.) and numerous hydroids (nine genera). These sendentarian sestonophagous animals for covering of diverse density on "leaves", vesicular and stem parts of algae.

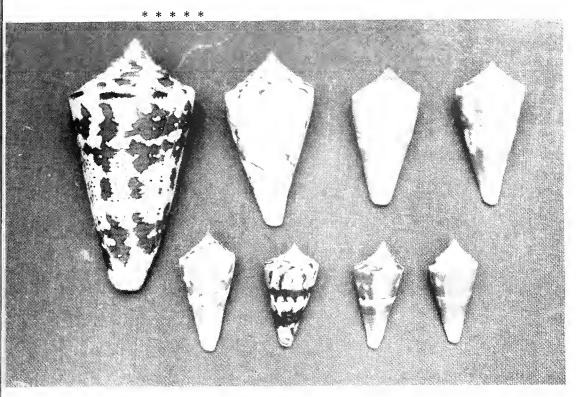
Among these one can observe patchy aggregation of mobile carnivores (usually around bits of carrion), no less important than the sestonophagous animals. Among these the most numerous are the Gastropoda Prosobranchia Litiopa melanostoma Rang (Brown sargassum snail), *Polychaeta errantia*; *Platynereis dumerilii*, Audouin and Milne-Edwards) and one species of Turbellaria Polycladida. Gastropoda Opisthobranchia (Nudibranchia): Doto sp. and Fiona pinnata (Eschscholtz) (det. 1. Roginskaya). Pantopoda and Isopoda are monotonous and innumerable both in specific and in quantitative respects. Most striking are the delicate dimensions of the epifaunal carnivores (specimens of L. melanostoma do not exceed 1.5 mm in height and 0.8 mm in width) and the high productivity and low biomass of the population. We noted a clear-cut selection in the choice of substrata: a fundamental mass of animals, predominantly L. melanostoma and P. dumerilii, settled on the S. natans and, only in the absence of this form, on the S. fluitans. I would appreciate if you or any readers of SHELLS and SEA LIFE can give me any information whether anyone has established reasons for this preference which I find so fascinating? I suppose the answer might lie in the varying degrees of roughness in the substrata, which facilitates the settling of larvae, or possibly in the density of the "leaf" covering, although this does not exclude the possibility that this matter depends on the varying concentration of biologically active substances. The latter were recently extracted by Taiwanian researchers (Lin C. Tsai S., Yang S., 1983) from the talli of sargassum. In my opinion the most interesting result is the following: I defined the biomass for the L. melanostoma and P. dumerilii taken from sargassum caught in and outside the cold rings of the Gulf Stream. As it turns out, it reaches maximum number values at the center of the ring's cold spot (30 times greater than in the adjacent waters of Sargasso Sea), characterized by low productivity).

Benthic biomass values 20 times greater than in adjacent waters were also observed at stations taken at the "trace" site of the second cold ring and along the periphery of the third ring where an influx of cold slope waters from the north also occurs. Minimum benthic biomass values were found in direct proximity of the Gulf Stream current. By studies of a number of specialists (for example, Wiebe, 1976) a significant rise of primary production in slope waters isolated in the Gulf Stream rings, have been shown (the 90% increase of primary production in the young rings, and 40-50% increase in the 3-month-old rings). The younger the ring is -- the higher the burst of life. It seems to me that as far as I know this is the first time that similar results for epifauna of the cold rings of

Sargasso Sea have been obtained.

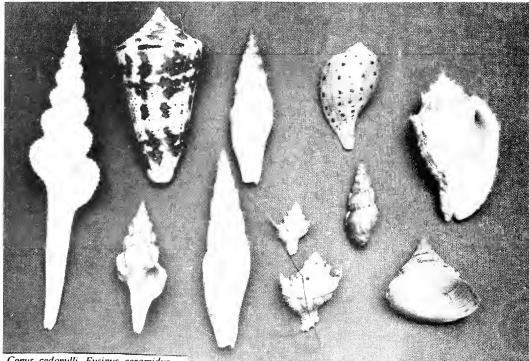
Would you or any of your readers happen to know anything about the tendency? I specialize in the

study of deep water Madreporaria, but the more vast problems of Ocean Life interest me as well. -- NATALIA KELLER, Moscow, U.S.S.R.



Rare Cones from deep water, off the west coast of Barbados, West Indies.

Top row, lest to right: Comus cedonulli, C. centurio, C. amphiurgus, C. villepinii. Bottom row, lest to right: C. villepinii (similar to type illustration), purple form of C. villepinii named C. hunti Wils & Moolenbeek, 1979), and two solid-color forms of C. villepinii. Photo by David Hunt

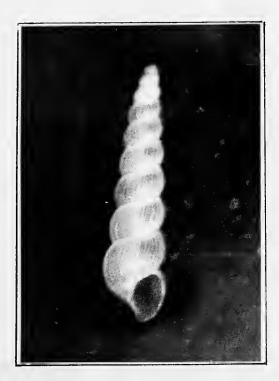


Jewels of the deep benthos.

left to right: Fusinus eucosmius, Conus cedonulli, Fusinus ceramidus, (two) Mitra (antillensis?), Ficus howelli, (two) Latiaxis dalli, Phos beaui, Morum dennisoni, Calliostoma sp. These rarities from 400-600ft. depth, west coast Barbados, West Indies. Photo by David Hunt

Notes on micromollusk collecting in the Caribbean Province.

Joanne Lightfoot, PO Box 2295, Sedona, Arizona 86336



Aclis underwoodae (Bartsch, 1947) Actual size 3mm. Collected from wave line, Delray Beach, Florida.

Two collecting sites in Florida have provided the material for these notes -- Atlantic Dunes Park, Delray Beach (open beach) and the small islands that support Ocean Blvd. Bridge, spanning Indian River, from Stuart to Hutchinson Island (protected bay area). All specimens were taken from beach drift, shallow water dredgings, or the wave line of both incoming and outgoing tides. In addition, since Atlantic Dunes Park has been renourished twice in the last 15 years, there is much dredge material from deeper waters deposited on the beach. The existing range of each species is from "American Seashells", Second Edition, R.T. Abbott, 1974.

SCISSURELLIDAE

Scissurella cingulata O.G. Costa, 1861. One, good specimen, lip broken, wave line, Delray Beach. Size 0.9mm. Range - West Indies, Bermuda. "Distribution of Shallow-Water Marine Mollusca, Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico", H.E. & E.H. Vokes, 1983, figures this species and lists it from this area.

RISSOIDAE

Alvania gradata (Orbigny, 1842). Seven, good to perfect specimens, wave line and dredge material, Delray Beach. Size 1 to 2.5mm. Range - West Indies. Vokes figures this species and lists it from the Yucatan.

Cingula floridana (Rehder, 1943). Three, almost perfect (white, semi-clear, no brown color), from dredge material, Delray Beach. Size 3 to 4mm. Range - Florida Keys and Gulf of Mexico to Puerto Rico.

VITRINELLIDAE

Vitrinella lexana Moore, 1965. Twenty specimens, fresh dead (still translucent) to whitened, all in good condition, from beach drift, Indian River. Size 0.8 to 1.5mm. Range - Texas coast. "Shells and Shores of Texas," J. Andrews, 1977, figures this species and notes the range as Florida, southern Texas.

Eniscopia increase (Orbigny, 1842). One perfect

Episcynia inornata (Orbigny, 1842). One, perfect specimen, from dredge sand, Delray Beach. Size 2.2mm. Range - Texas, Campeche Bank and Greater Antilles. Also, one perfect specimen from beach drift, Palm Island, west coast of Florida.

CAECIDAE

Caecum condylum Moore, 1969. One, perfect specimen from dredge sand, Delray Beach. Size 2mm. Range - off Texas coast; Virgin Islands. Caecum heladum Olsson & Harbison, 1953. Eight specimens, all in good condition, from beach drift, Indian River. Size - 2 to 3.8mm. Range - west coast of Florida.

ACLIDIDAE

Aclis underwoodae (Bartsch, 1947). Two, perfect specimens from the wave line, Delray Beach. Size - 1.5 and 3mm. Range - Tampa Bay. Bermudaclis tampaensis Bartsch, 1947. Onc, fair

Bermudaclis tampaensis Bartseh, 1947. Onc, fair specimen, from the wave line, Delray Beach. Size 1.8mm. Range - Tampa Bay.

Schwengelia floridana (Bartsch, 1911). Thirty, perfect specimens, from about one pint of material, taken from the wave line -- incoming tide -- the bulk of which was just plain sand, Delray Beach. There were at least this number again of broken shells. Size 2 to 4mm. Abbott describes this species as rare and in deep water.

Henrya morrisoni Bartsch, 1947. Thirty specimens, fair to perfect, from beach drift, Indian River. Size 0.5 to 1.8mm. Range - Tampa to Marco, west Florida. Abbott lists two other species under this

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genus, one of whieh, *Henrya goldmani* Bartsch, 1947, is figured in Vokes. *H. morrisoni* looks identical with *H. goldmani* and the habitat of all three species is the same -- mangrove and saline bays. It is significant that this genus is represented commonly in beach drift from the east coast of Florida and Little Torch Key where it has not previously been reported. More work is needed to ascertain if this is just one species.

COLUMBELLIDAE

Deciphifus sixaolus Olsson & McGinty, 1958. The, fair to good specimens, from dredge material, Delray Beach. Size 3.2 to 4.5mm. Range - Bahamas to the lower Caribbean.

MARGINELLIDAE

Marginellopsis serrei Bavay, 1911. Thrcc specimens, good to perfect, from wave line, Delray Beach. Size 1 to 1.4mm. Range - Lower Florida Keys and the Caribbean, Brazil.

PYRAMIDELLIDAE

Odostomia teres Bush, 1885. Sixteen specimens from beach drift, all in good condition, Indian River. Size 2 to 4mm. Also collected over 30 specimens from dredge material, Delray Beach. All perfect, still porcelaneous -- size 3 to 7mm. Range - off North and South Carolina, Cape Hatteras; Texas.

Odostomia jadisi Olsson & McGinty, 1958. Eleven, fair to perfect specimens, dredge material, Delray Beach. Size 2 to 3mm. Range - Atlantic Panama to Brazil. Vokes figures this species, finding it in one

of seven collecting stations.

Odostomia abbotti Olsson & McGinty, 1958. One, good specimen, from wave line, Delray Beach. Size 1.5mm. Range - Western Caribbean. Vokes figures

this species.

Cingulina babylonia (C.B. Adams, 1845). Three, fair to good specimens, from dredge material, Delray Beach. Size 2 to 2.5mm. Also, two fair specimens, 2mm, from shallow dredgings, Little Torch Key. Range - Bermuda and the West Indies.

LEPTONIDAE

Lepton lepidum Say, 1826. Four, single valves, perfect, from beach dredge material, Delray Beach. Size 3.8 to 5mm. Range - South Carolina, Texas. SPORTELLIDAE

Ensitellops sp. Twenty single valves, chalky, good condition, beach drift, Indian River. Size 6.5 to

3mm. Abbott lists.

Ensitellops protexta (Conrad, 1841), off North Carolina, from 22 fathoms and rare; and Ensitellops pilsbryi (Dall,1889), off North Carolina in 49 fathoms. Vokes figures Ensitellops tabula Olsson & Harbison (no date given), uncommon in their data. It is significant that this genus is found in these numbers at this location.

All of the above-mentioned species are figured in one of the three books used as reference, with the exception of *Aclis underwoodae* (Bartsch, 1947), which is figured here.

A few additional remarks about wave line collecting may be helpful. The best results have been obtained from beaches that yield a good variety in the obvious drift accumulation. The line the wave makes on the sand is collected, dried and then sifted. There is very little to be seen with the naked eye. the first sift yields the largest material, aclis, caecidae, pyramidellids, large ptcropods, and small, common shells. The second, finer sift yields shells 1mm or less. Much of this material is difficult to identify, i.e. protoconchs, tiny pteropods and many unknowns. This material is similar to what is scen when viewing plankton through a low power microscope. It is a painstaking and time consuming task, but one that is very rewarding. Even after two siftings, there are microscopic shells left in the residue, with three and four whorls that measure 0.2mm!







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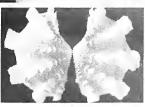


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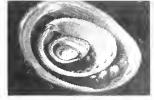






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From Guam: Phil Crandal made a recent trip to the Philippines and will be going again in November.

From the Netherlands: W. Backhuys has been to the U.S.A. for the A.M.U./W.S.M. meetings and to the C.O.A. He then travelled to the European Malacological Congress in Scotland, and, most recently, to Iceland for another conference.

From New York: I have organized another shell club for shellers living in the Rochester Area. "The Shell Collectors Club." It has progressed beyond my expectations. In September, 1985, we became a bonified club with officers and committees and dues. Ahead of that I had held a few meetings on a trial basis in which I gave lectures illustrated with shells. This is a day time club as many of us can no longer drive at night. The old Rochester Shell and Shore Club that I organized in 1963 has disbanded. -- Mrs. Bernice Plummer, 47 Tulane Parkway, Rochester, NY 14623

From Virginia: Tom Shepherd spent some time in Europe recently. One of his visits was with Kety Nicolay and her husband. LA CONCHIGLIA is alive and well and working to promote the Mediterranean mollusk fauna.

From Qatar: Has another year really gone by? I enclose herewith my subscription to S&SL by airmail to the usual address.

We have been away for a couple of months and it gave me an opportunity to work on the book which I hope reaches fruition by some time next year -- I never evisaged the work involved. Still I guess noone ever does.

Your advertisement realized several replies for which I am most grateful to you -- now have to fit in time to reply and satisfy all the inevitiable demands on my time -- as I have to work as well! -- TONY WOODWARD

From Florida: For "microshell" collectors references and identification are still the major problem. Your SHELLS and SEA LIFE could perform a valuable service by continuing the effort started by Tom Rice -- of publishing illustrations and descriptions of microshells not described in the major references -- such as Keen, Abbott, Kay. Interest in the "micros" is growing. The publication of illustrations and descriptions would also stimulate more people to collect and learn more about these interesting little mollusks. -- JIM KEELER

From Alaska: [30 May, 1986] Had a poor mollusks trip on the edge of the shelf south of Kodiak Island. Mostly *Fusitriton*, a few small *Arctomelon*, and Neptuneas. -- RAE BAXTER

From Brazil: Michael Small (Canada) has transferred to Brazil and will be staying there for some time.

From Maine: I have only recently become interested in shell collecting and I find your publication to be a gift from above. I and my wife are in the Navy and just recently completed a three year tour

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on the island of Guam. From the first moment I entered the warm (shell-filled) waters I was hooked. My collection is quite small, but that is because like most beginners I am sticking to CYPRAEA. About 1/2 of my collection is CYPRAEA and that comprises approximately 100 species of CYPRAEA. I wait with baited breath each month for my issue. I have written to several friends back on Guam and I am sure that they too will be writing. I am counting the days until Christmas when we will be taking a vacation in Florida where we plan on some diving and some collecting. Thank you for saving me from the informational doldrums. -- DANIEL K GIGSTEAD

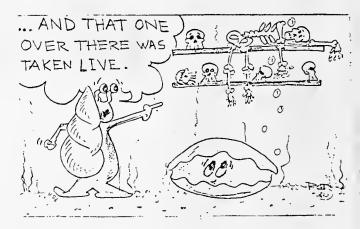
From Brazil: Eveline Mareus broke her leg in Europe and spent quite a while in the hospital before she was allowed to return to Brazil. Our best wishes to you.

From the Philippines: Carlos Leobrera (Carfel) is shipping *Shells of the Philippines* and has been busy travelling around promoting the book.

From Florida: Allow me to extend my admiration and compliments to your creative solution to your

publishing problems -- very impressive!

Now, although my stand on live shell collecting is not exactly a popular one, it's apparently acceptable to one degree or another by most folks I've encountered. I decided to "raise the consciousness" of the readers of the weekly newsletter I write down here in shell land and asked a young artist friend, Roger Owen Trier, to illustrate a "cartoon" I eame up with. While I would not want to step on the toes of the enoumously talented Scooter Beers, whose cartoons are probably destined to syndication, I hoped you may be able to print Roger's and my offering in one of your publications. -- PAM SCOTT, 16861 Davis Rd. SW #824, Ft. Myers, FL 33908



From Illinois: My interest in specimen sea shells began in 1967, as an active diver and collector of shells off the coast of Puerto Rieo, while assigned to Ramey Air Force Base in Puerto Rieo, for three years, as a Captain, USAF. Since returning to the United States in a civilian status in late 1970, I have been a resident of a suburb close to Chicago, Illinois, with my wife and three children and have contented myself with shell club participation, with infrequent diving trips to Puerto Rieo and the Florida Keys and with expanding my modest collection of several thousand specimens which I acquired through diving —

with trades and purchases, to include shells worldwide, several dozen "key" shells, and two hundred or so current and out of print books on shells and sea life. Being in financial and regulatory management for Illinois Bell Telephone Company, an attorney, a college instructor, an elected public official and a avid tennis player as well as a marathon runner -- I freely admit that not all of my waking moments have been spent devoted to shells and related subjects -- although, for sure, some of my most pleasurable have been, and certainly some of the nicest people I have met, I have come to know through shelling and related interests.

Looking through the Dealer Directory published in the June Supplement of SHELLS and SEA LIFE -- made me realize that it has been several years since I made a general mailing for free dealers lists and catalogues, which I actively use to develop my collection. I would greatly appreciate your lists and/or catalogues. Please respond to: -- H. RICHARD WINTERS, 23

Blue Grass Court, Oak Brook, IL 60521

From Qatar: Secms sad in some ways to leave Doha after 6 years but I am really looking forward to Dubai and the U.A.E. in general. At least I should be able to devote more time to shells soon as I have been able to hand over chairmanship at the Doha Sub Aqua Club to someone else. Along with committments to the Natural History Society and guest lectures, TV programs, etc. plus a full time job it was all becoming a bit too much.

Had a really good 2 week trip to the Seychelles, more of that later I hope -- and some very good dives around a 2-1/2 year old oil tanker some 4 hours out from Doha. It sank after a fire (not a war casualty) and thankfully caused no pollution. It lies in 30 meters of water and has become a paradise for fish

and invertebrate life. The finds I have had there are well worth an article which I promise I will do my best to write soonest! Also received some close up lenses for my Nikonos camera but sadly the flash had to go to Japan after a flood. So after repair I hope to send some underwater shots of interest.

After September, 1986, my address will be: A. Woodward, c/o Al Habtoor Motors, PO Box 9879,

Dubai, U.A.E.

From Denmark: Other news: I spent 3 weeks in Hong Kong in April, participating in the 2nd International Workshop on the Marine Flora and Fauna of Hong Kong and Southern China. I got 3 new species of Ascoglossa, besides several of the species I found during my last visit in 1983. This time I also had the time to do some experimental work on the feeding behavior of these animals. - KATHE JENSEN, Zoologisk Museum, Universitetsparken 15, DK 2100, Kobenhavn, Danmark

From Philippine Islands: ... I have just started a shell club here in San Miguel (Sand Miguel Sand Dollars) and would like to amass a club library -- we are an off-shoot of the San Miguel Coral Climber Scuba Club. ... I am interested in starting a monthly newsletter. I was in the Guam Shell Club with Capt. Alexander Roth for several years and was SHOCKED to find out that there was no operating shell club at Subic Bay, Cubi Point or San Miguel -- I mean, this is the Philippines -- Shell Heaven! I will most likely start a club at Subic as well -- that is where I work. San Miguel is a small temporary housing/communications base 50 minutes drive north of Subic Bay. I do a lot of nite diving -- excellent coral reefs -- beautiful! -- Danny McBride, Naval Communication Station Philippines, Box 504, FPO San Francisco, CA 96656-0007



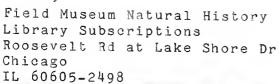
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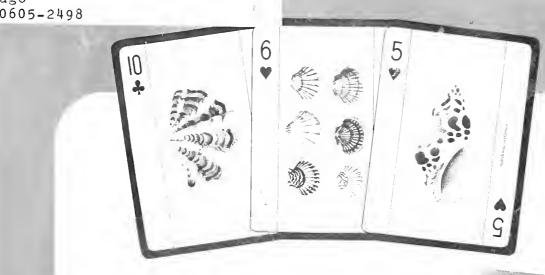
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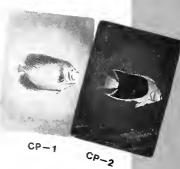
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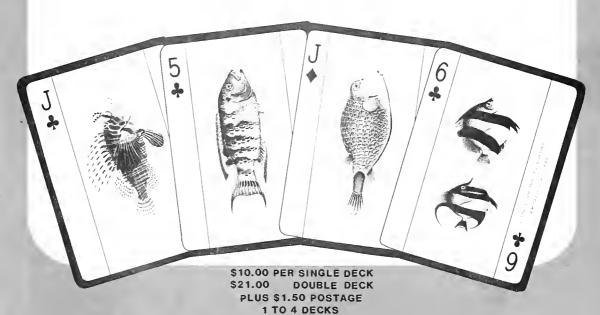
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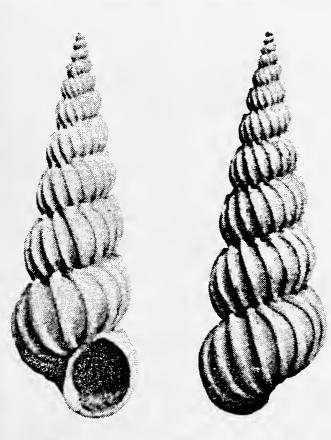
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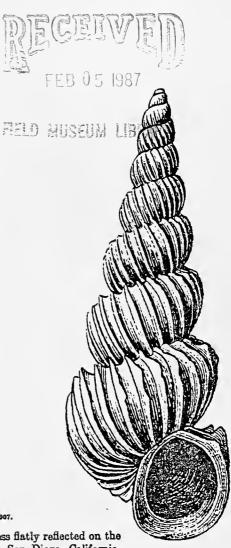
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The December issue should follow closely after this issue. New publications, Truk Lagoon Shelling, the 1986 index and other articles will be included along with regular features.

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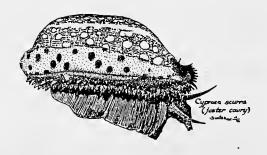
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Naples Shell Show, February 20-22, Naples, Florida. Contact: Terry Fitzgerald, 660 York Terrace, Naples, FL 33942, (813) 598-2579.

Third California Islands Symposlum, March 3-5. Contact: Dr. Eric Hochberg, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, 2559 Puesta Del Sol Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93105, Phone: (805) 682-4711.

Sanibel Shell Fair, March 5-8, Sanibel Island, Florida. Contact: Ralph Moore, 1214 Gulf Dr., Apt. E2, Sanible, FL 33957, (813) 472-4202.

Marco Island Shell Show, March 10-12, Marco Island, Florida. Contact: Evelyn & Malcolm Currier, 809 Dandelion Ct., Marco Island, FL 33937, (813) 394-7898.

Shellarama 87, March 13-15, Sea World, Orlando, Florida. Contact: Dave Green, Central Florida Shell Club, 5883 Pitch Pine Dr., Orlando, FL 32819, (305) 345-0286.

Western Society of Malacologists, June 21-25, 20th Annual Meeting, San Diego State University, San Diego. Call for papers is out. Contact: Carole M. Hertz, San Diego Natural History Museum, PO Box 1390, San Diego, CA 92112, (619) 232-3821 ext. 228.

Western Society of Naturalists, December 27-30, California State University, Long Beach, California. Dr. Don Reish will be the local chairman.

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A diet that stings; sea anemones as food for snails.

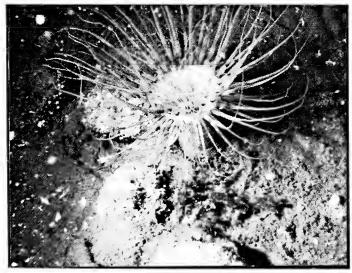
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We are accustomed to thinking of opisthobranchs as predators of cnidarians such as sea anemones, hydroids, and sea pens, and probably most of the molluscan predators of these groups are indeed opisthobranchs. Nonetheless, some prosobranchs are also predators on coelenterate flesh. In temperate waters, perhaps the most notable of these are wentletraps, *Opalia* and *Epitonium*. Subtidally, in the Pacific Northwest, several species of *Epitonium* are found, but seldom are they abundant.



Epitonium indianorum near Pachycerianthus. Waldron Island, Washington, -20m, July 2, 1982. Ronald L. Shimek photo.

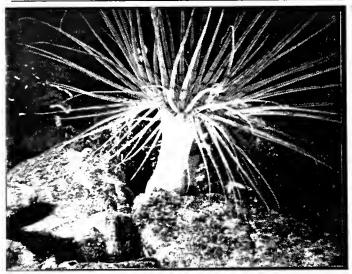
One of the largest of these, Epitonium indianorum, is found in areas that have high concentrations of its prey, the tube dwelling cerianthid sea anemone, Pachycerianthus fimbriatus. In these areas, the snails can be found around the base of the anemone's tube. The cerianthids are very sensitive to disturbance and will withdraw rapidly into their tubes when they are touched. This response appears to help them avoid being eaten by their major predators in this region, the large Dendronotus iris, which can consume entire anemones in rather short order. The wentletraps get by the defenses of the anemone by stealth and sloth... Moving at a snail's pace, they creep under the crown of tentacles, and approach the side of the tube. Apparently they move so slowly, that they just don't disturb the anemone enough to trigger the escape response. Then they insert their proboscis through the tube and into the anemone, which does not seem to respond to the puncture. The snail remains buried next to the column of the anemone eating its flesh, while the anemone seemingly ianores it.



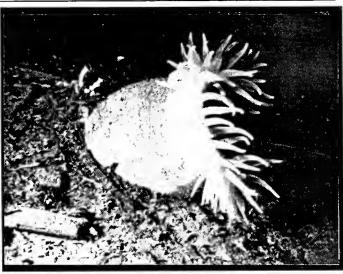
Pachycerianthus fimbriatus. Camano Island, Washington, Camano State Park, -10m, July 4, 1976. Ronald L. Shimek photo.



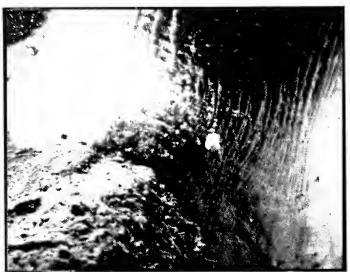
Dendronotus iris and eggs. Wizard Island, B.C., Canada, -17m, June 24, 1983. Ronald L. Shimek photo



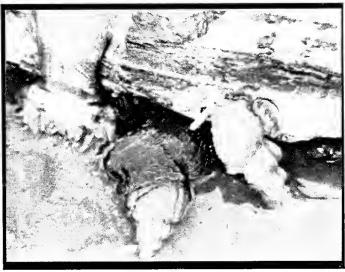
Pachycerianthus fimbriatus. Saanich Inlet, B.C., Canada, -20m, March 30, 1983. Ronald L. Shimek photo.



Stomphia didemon. Lowell Point, Alaska, -25m, November 13, 1977. Ronald L. Shimek photo.



Epitonium sawinae on Stomphia didemon. San Jose Island, B.C., Canada, -20m, July 13, 1984. Ronald L. Shimek photo.



Beringius kennicottii eating Urticina crassicomis. Note proboscis of upper snail, Homer, Alaska, September 7, 1979. Ronald L. Shimek



Stomphia didemon with Epitonium sawinae on the column. British Columbia, Canada, -27m, June 15, 1984. Ronald L. Shimek photo.

A smaller wentletrap, *Epitonium sawin*ae, is found in deeper waters and preys on the swimming anemone, *Stomphia didemon*. When *Stomphia* is approached by any of several species of sea star predators, it will detach from the substrate and swim clumsily away. Sometimes, this same response is elicited by the opisthobranch, *Aeolidia papillosa*. The response is not triggered by the *Epitonium*, this small snail appears to be able to crawl up the column of the anemone without the anemone starting its escape response; when it finds a suitable site, it inserts its proboscis, and starts to feed. I have seen as many as six snails on the sea anemone consuming its tissue.

A similar method of feeding is seen in the much larger buccinid gastropod of the northern seas, *Beringius kennicottii*. Although this species is most commonly found in the shallow subtidal environments of south central Alaska, and the Aleutians, it occasionally ventures into the intertidal in areas where the tidal range is extreme. Around Homer, Alaska, on the southern Kenai Peninsula, *Beringius* can sometimes be found in the low

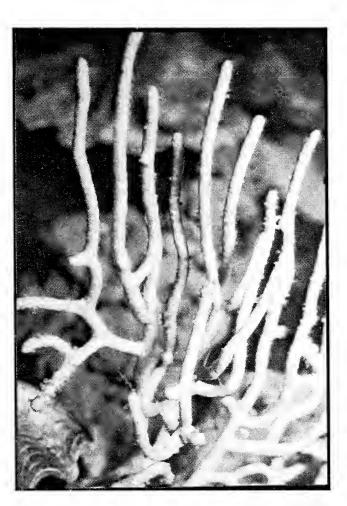
intertidal areas on extreme tidal exchanges. In these areas, *Beringius* eats the relatively large intertidal sea anemone, *Urticina* (*Tealia*) crassicornis. This anemone reaches diameters of 10 centimeters or more in those areas, and it is relatively common. When a hungry *Beringius* encounters a suitable anemone, it extends its proboscis, cuts a hole in the outer epidermis of the anemone and proceeds to eat the inner tissues of the prey, leaving just the outer husk. The meal takes a couple of days, and then the snail crawls away.

Other prosobranchs, particularly in the tropics where *Cyphoma* and *Simnia* specialize on gorgonian soft-corals, eat the flesh of cnidarians. Nonetheless, in the temperate seas, the cnidarians seem to be much more at risk from the depredations of their much more common and voracious opisthobranch predators.

What is it?



Anemonia sulcata, Blue Sea Anemone. Photo by E.R. Degginger



Gorgonian coral, Sri Lanka. Photo by E.R. Degginger

Xenophora (Subgenus Onustus) Swainson 1840 - The Flange Builders

Kate St. Jean, Longview, Washington

Several thousand miles separates the four *Xenophora* that are the flange builders. The *Xenophora* (*Onustus*) *indica* Gmelin, Pliocene, Seria Formation, Sarawak Malasia, and the *Xenophora* (*Onustus*) *exuta* Reeve 1842, Pliocene, Japan; the *Xenophora* (*Onustus*) *caribaea* Petit, 1857; and the *Xenophora* (*Onustus*) *longleyi* Bartsch from the Caribbean, also with no known fossil record, have evolved a new method of protection. Instead of agglutinating shells, rocks and other debris from the ocean floor to the periphery of their shells to form a flange, those four species have produced a wide peripheral flange replacing the agglutinated material.

Two other *Xenophora* have produced a flange of prominent blunt digitations. *Xenophora* (*Stellaria*) solaris Linne, 1764, with no attachments on the digitations, and *Xenophora* (*S.*) *testigera digitata* von Martens, 1878, have agglutinated to each digitation a tiny piece of shell.

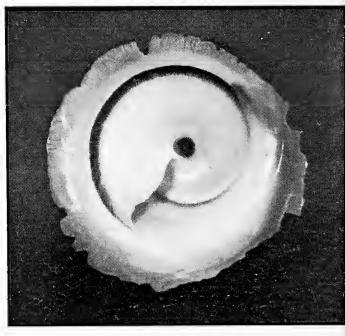
The flange raises the shell about 6 to 29mm above the substrate thus fascilitating the animals movements over the rubble of the ocean floor. It provides a wide base so that the shell with its heavy load of debris will not become top heavy and topple over. The flange provides a canopy under which the animal can graze in safety for longer periods of time. The flange also gives the animal olfactory protection thus making it less susceptible to predation by making it more difficult to smell the animal.

The evolution of the flange began in the Eocene period of England with the fossil Xenophora (Xenophora) extensa Sowerby, 1871. This flange closely resembles those of the four Recent species in the Xenophora (Onustus) group. The extensa has a wide peripheral flange which is porcelaneous beneath with an umbo closed by a callus. The shell is thin and has a few attachment scars. The other Eocene species, Xenophora aegyptica Oppenheim, 1906, from Egypt, and an unnamed species known from a mold in the British Museum, from the Eocene-Oligocene of Jamaica, are taller-spired but otherwise appear to be similar to extensa and species of the Onustus In general.

Xenophora (Onustus) indica (Gmelin, 1791) Johann F. Gmelin, 1791, came from a distinguished German family of scientists, botanists and chemists. He was a professor at Tuebingen University and edited an edition of Linne's System Natura. In 1791 he described and named Trochus indicus Gmelin, which was subsequently renamed Xenophora Onustus indica (Gmelin, 1791).



Xenophora indica (Gmelin, 1791) Dorsal view. Photo by George St. Jean



Xenophora indica (Gmelin, 1791) Ventral view. Photo by George St. Jean

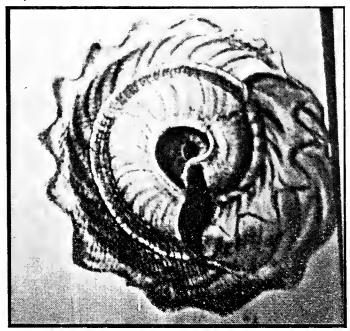
In 1797 George Humphrey, a well known English shell dealer, named the genus *Onustus* which was subsequently described by the Adams brothers in their Genera of Recent Mollusca, vol. 1, 1854. "Shell trochoform... covered with fragments of shells and stones near the suture and apex, periphery surrounded by tubular spines or radiating processes; umbilicus wide and deep; outer lip produced above, receding far beneath.

William Swainson, an important English conchologist and publisher, published (1840) The Treatise on Malacology in which he named and described the subgenus (Onustus) Swainson, the Genus in which the four Xenophora that produced flanges are now placed. Swainson's description of the Onustus indica follows:

The indica has a thin shell, with a wide peripheral flange, simply and weakely digitated. Porcelaneous below. Umbilicus narrow to wide, sometimes plugged with a callus. Foreign objects attached to the apex are small and inconspicuous, leaving most of the shell surface exposed. Onustus means burdened or loaded which is a curious name for a genus that has few if any attachments. Flange measures 70mm.

Lovell Reeve in his Conchologia Systematica (1841-42) describes the *indi*ca. "Shell orbicular, convex, sharp at the apex, very thin, very finely striated, white rose tinted toward the upper part, the periphery of the whorls is dialated, very acute, under the surface deeply umbilicated, and brown banded." I never remember seeing this shell with any shells or pebbles attached to it but the first two or three whorls sufficiently indicate that some have been agglutinated to it at one time or another by the numerous indentations which they exhibit.

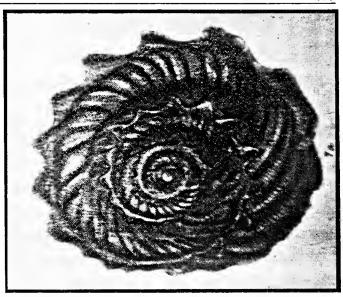
Reeve gives the habitat as Conchin China and Dr. Ponder lists the habitat as the tropical Indian Ocean, excluding the Arabian Sea, Indo-China and western Pacific and tropical eastern Australia.



Xenophora exuta Reeve, 1842, ventral view. Photo by George St. Jean of photo in Reeve, Conchologia Systematica.

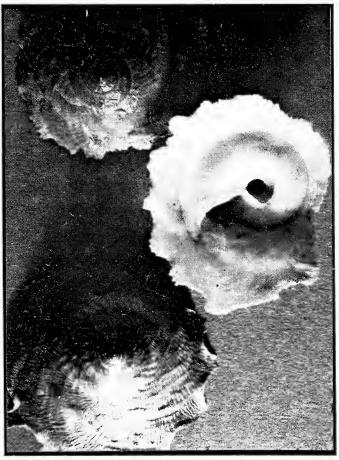
Xenophora (Onustus) exuta Reeve, 1842

This shell is very similar to Xenophora indica and resembles it in general features, but it is flatter, has a stronger and more undulating edge to the peripheral



Xenophora exuta Reeve, 1842, dorsal view. Photo by George St. Jean of photo in Reeve, Conchologia Systematica.

flange which consists of creamy white scallops. The flange measures 65mm in width. The whorls on the shell are visible and are lighter at the apex, growing darker at the periphery where there is no sign of attachments. The umbo is completely open, and is diagonally curved with grooves and striae. The base is a shiny cream color varying from orange to brown or white. A few tiny imprints of attachments are visible on the protoconch.

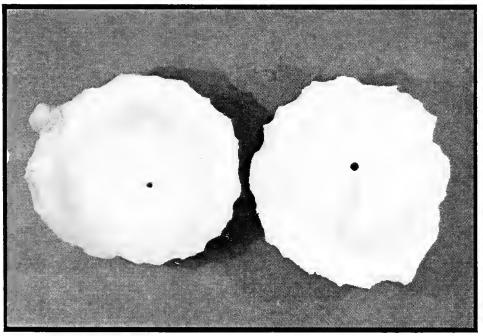


Xenophora exuta, dorsal & ventral view. Photo by George St. Jean

Dr. Ponder lists the distribution and habitat as central Indo-Pacific from southern Japan to southern Indonesia, tropical Western Australia and Papua. The two species are sympatric throughout much of the Indo-Pacific and can be distinguished by scalloped peripheral of the *exut*a and the smooth flange of the *indica*.



Xenophora caribaea dorsal view. Photo by George St. Jean



Xenophora caribaea ventral view. Photo by George St. Jean

Xenophora (Onustus) caribaea Petit de la Saussage, 1857

The shell is about 55mm in width (not including foreign attachments), and is umbilicated and light in structure. There are 8-8.5 whorls regularly increasing in size. The cape extends well below the body whorl and is irregularly scalloped along its margin forming the flange which is 25-35mm in width. The shell is the color of milk or glassy white, while the base is creamy.

The sculpture on the base is made of very fine concentric growth lines which develop into ridges within the umbilicus which is completely open. The attachments are few and placed regularly and neatly on the periphery and include small shells, shell fragments and other small objects.

The shell of this species can be readily distinguished from Xenophora (Onustus) longleyi by its smaller size and the less concave base which has a ridge around its outer edge, just inside the peripheral flange. Xenophora caribaea tends to occupy shallower water than the longleyi, the average depth for the latter species being about 400-30mm, while that of Xenophora caribaea is about 300-33mm. The caribaea ranges from N.E. Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Sea. and Brazil. Flange measures 60mm.

It is probable that the types of the caribaea are in the collection maintained by the **Journal** de Conchyliologie, France. The type locality is the island of Marie Galante near Guadelupe, Lesser Antilles collected in 20-75 fathoms.

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Xenophora longleyi dorsal. Photo by George St. Jean.

Xenophora (Onustus) longleyi Bartsch, 1931

"During the summer of 1931, Dr. William H. Longleyi, Executive Officer of the Marine Biology Laboratory of the Carnegie Institute at Tortugas Florida, made a number of deep sea dredge hauls. In one of the hauls large living Xenophora were obtained in 98-125 fathoms of water, which proved to be an unidentified species of Xenophora, which I take pleasure in naming for Dr. Longley." - Dr. Paul Bartsch, U.S. National Museum, described the shell.

Shell reaches 140-159mm in width not including foreign attachments. It is umbilicated and light in structure. The whorls number 8-8.5 regularly increasing in size. The cape extends well below the body whorl, and is somewhat irregularly scalloped along the margin. The spire is usually extended, forming an angle of about 85 degrees. The sculpture on the base is of fine but very strong concentric growth lines.

Xenophora longleyi has been found at 98-150 fathoms, the 150 fathoms extending deeper than any recorded depth for X. caribaea. It appears to be a much more rare shell than the X. caribaea as it is recorded at far fewer stations than the records of the Atlantic expedition. The range is listed as off Cape Fear, North Carolina, south to Barbados.

The holotype is in the United States National Museum no. 82689 found south of Loggerhead Key, Dry Tortugas, Florida in 98-125 fathoms. W.H. Longley collector, 1931. Paratype from the same locality and station. Common name Longley's collector shell.



Xenophora longleyi ventral view. Photo by George St. Jean.

Comparison of longleyi and caribaea

Xenophora longleyi differs from the X. caribaea in possessing strongly shingled or overlapping whorls, having a wider umbilicus, but lacking the submarginal depression. The basal margin is concave at the aperture and possessing fine bladelike ridges which butress the cape. The two species are similar in their general shape, their light structure, and in possessing fine, irregular ripple-like sculpture.

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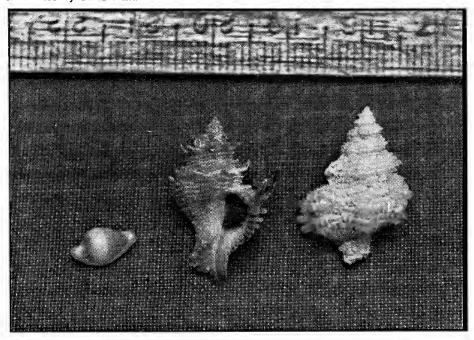


Barbados Shells

David Hunt, Gregg Farm, St. Andrew, Barbados, West Indies



Left to right: Latiaxis dalli (165m depth), with small black coral tree growing on its dorsum; Primovula carnea Poiret, 9mm shell dredged alive at 100m depth; Latiaxis sp. (165m depth) that may be new to science? Photo below has same 3 species with the L. dalli and the Primovula reversed. All three shells from the west coast of Barbados, West Indies. Photos by David Hunt.

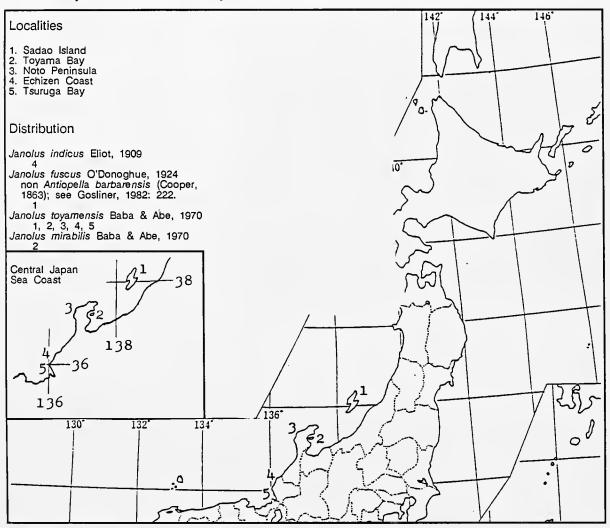


I'd be grateful if any reader that may be a serious student of either *Latiaxis* or *Mitra*, particularly Western Atlantic, would write to me, hopefully with comments, identifications, on some of the shells in the photo.

Janolus in Japan

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Data map of Janolus in Japan.



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Janolus indicus (Eliot, 1909); Antiopella) from Tamagawa, Echizen Coast, Japan.

Janolus indicus (Eliot, 1909; Antiopella).

Tamagawa-koyanagi-umiushi.

Antiopella indica Eliot, 1909: 143-144. - Okhmandal, India

Janolus indicus. Gosliner, 1981: 30, 32-33.

Material: Tamagawa, Echizen Coast, Japan, 1 sp., collected by the Takaoka Biological Club, VIII-13-1966, length 30mm alive. The animal was figured by Izumi by pencil and by Abe in color.

General ground color of body brownish yellow with dark brown (chocolate brown) minute spots scattered on the back, rhinophores, interrhinophoral crest, branchial papillae (cerata) and sides. Orange yellow spots and a fine network of opaque white occur also on the central
region of the back. The sole is brownish yellow with dark brown spots and an opaque white network. Minute conical papillae are visible on the
posterior surface of the rhinophores. The branchial papillae are smooth. The liver diverticulum is branched in these papillae. The jaw plates
are strong, bearing a few (2 or 3) blunt denticles on the edge. Radula much reduced in size. Radular formula 40(?) x 15-20.1.15-20. The
central tooth and all the lateral teeth are smooth. Genitalia not examined.

The present animal agrees with the type of J. indicus in the brown-spotted body-color and in the morphology of the denticulated jaw-plates

and smooth radular teeth.

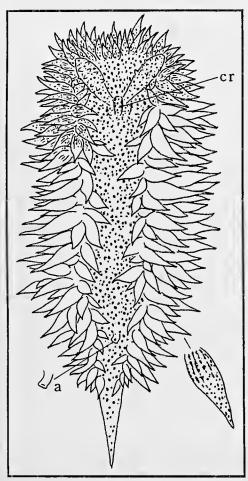


Fig. 1. Janolus Indicus (Ellot, 1909); Antiopelle) from Tamagawa, Echizen Coast, VIII-13-1966, length 30mm alive, figured by Izumi and Abe. a - anus; cr - Inter-thinophoral crest.

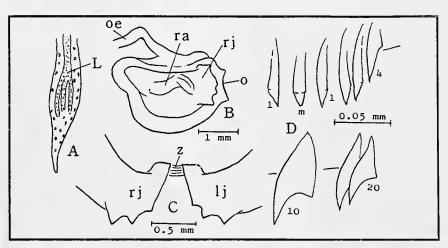
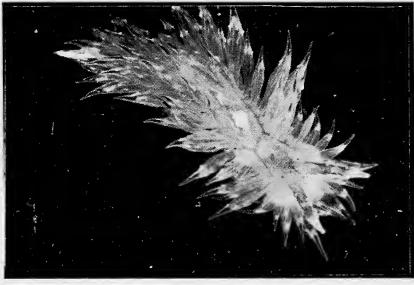


Fig. 2. Janolus Indicus (Ellot, 1909; Antiopella) from Tamagawa, Echizen Coast, VIII-13-1966, length 30mm alive. Anatomy by Baba. A: Branchial papilla; B: Pharynx from the right side; C: Paired jaw-plates in front view; D: A right half-row of radula. L - Liver; I] - left jaw; m - central tooth; o - opening of the pharynx; oe - oesophagus; ra - radula; rj - right jaw; z - ligament.

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Janoius toyamensis Baba & Abe, 1970, Kinoura, Noto, Japan, Takaoka Biological Club collection. August, 11, 1985, length 6mm. Photo by Kikutaro Baba.

Janolus toyamensis Baba & Abe, 1970 from Nuka, Echizen Coast, Japan.

Janolus toyamensis Baba & Abe, 1970. Koyanagi-umiushi.

Janolus toyamensis Baba & Abe, 1970: 63-65, f. 1. - Toyama Bay; Gosliner, 1981: 31, 32-33, f. 26, C; f. 27, E; f. 28; G - Hawaii.

Material: Nuka, Echizen Coast, 3 species, collected by the Takaoka Biological Club, VIII-15, 16-1975, length 8mm alive.

General ingeguement of body pale brownish yellow with opaque white lines on the back, branchial papillae and sides. Opaque white pigment is thick on the pericardium, anal papillae and tail end. Rhinophores slightly corrugated, they are dark brown below but opaque white at the tip. Inter-rhinophoral crest black. Liver system in the body is greenish brown. It passes into the branchial papillae, and forms branches. Externally these papillae are smooth, or sparsely tuberculated. Each branchial papilla has a reddish brown tip and subapical yellow spot.

Foot sole yellowish white with opaque white lines as above. Jaw-edge with a few (2 or 3) blunt denticles. For the radula see Baba & Abe, 1970: 63, f. 1. Penis may be protruded.

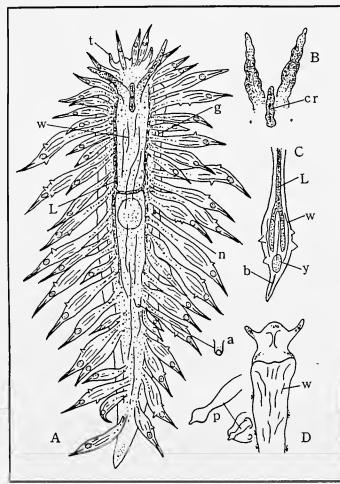


Fig. 1. Janolus toyamensis Baba & Abe, 1970 from Nuka, Echizen Coast, VIII-15,16-1975, length 8mm alive. A: Fully extended animal in dorsal view, B: Rhinophores; C: Branchial papilia; D: Heed end foot from below. e - anus; b - reddish brown; cr - inter-rhinophoral crest; g - genital onfice; L - liver; n - nephroproci; p - penis; t - oral tentacle; w - opaque white lines; y - yellow spot.

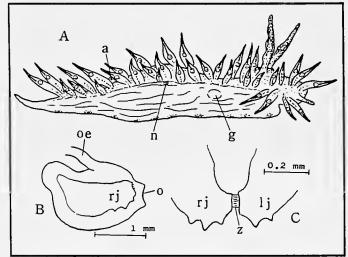
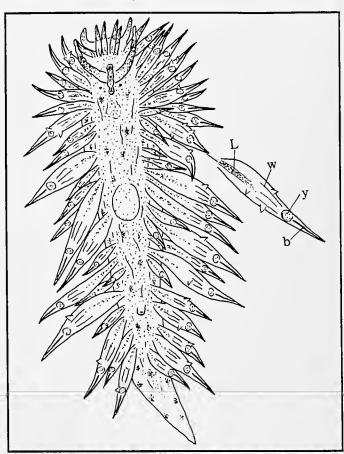


Fig. 2. Janolus toyamensis Beba & Abe, 1970 from Nuka, Echlzen Coast, VIII-15,16-1975, length 8mm elive. A: Animal from the right side; B: Pharynx from the same side; C: Paired jaw-plates in frontal view. e - anus; g - genital orifice; ji - letj jaw, n - nephroproct; o - opening of the pharynx; oe - oesophegus; rj - right jaw; z - ligament.

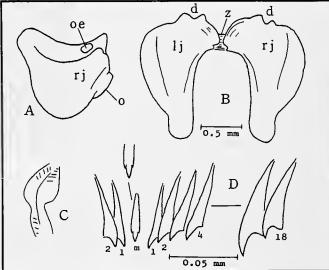
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Janolus toyamensis Baba & Abe, 1970 from Akazumi, Noto Peninsula, Japan.



Janolus toyamensis Baba & Abe, 1970. Koyanagi-umiushi. Azuma, Noto Peninsula, VIII-10-1974, 2 species, Takaoka Biological Club coll., length 7-10mm.
General Integument of body yellowish white with opeque white lines and dark brown flecks on the beck, sldes and sole. Rhinophores dark brown, inter-rhinophoral crest black.
b - reddlsh brown tip; L - liver; w - opaque white lines; y - yellow spot.

Jaws and radula in the type specimen of Janolus toyamensis Baba & Abe, 1970 (revised).



Janolus toyamensis Beba & Abe, 1970 from Nakate near Abugashima, Toyama Bay, Vill-4-1960, length 10mm. A: Pharynx from the right side; B: Paired jew-plates from outside; C: Radula; D: A right helf-row of radula (20 x 10-20,1.10-20). d - denticles; o - oesophagus; lj-left jaw; m - central tooth; rj - right jaw; z - ligament.

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on the DRIFTLINE

From Qatar

The book - well it is on shells of Qatar and though it is at the printers at the moment for an estimation of the costs involved per 500 copies there is still quite a lot of work to do - completing the errors etc. and identifying the few species that could not be found from my library and through friends. The work is based on my own collection - mainly because there is to my knowledge no other collector in Qatar doing any serious work who is willing to come forward and help!

The museum, although an award winning design and a very pleasant building (converted from an old Emir's palace on the seafront) has an aquarium of super dimensions dimensions - occasionally has a shark or two and lots of grouper etc. but no malacology department. I was asked to try and sort one out but frankly I haven't had the time. I took over as chairman of the diving club here (Doha Sub-aqua Club) and enjoy that scene very much. It also greatly helps expand the scope of collecting. Some recent dives over sponges have produced lots of spectacular Nudibranchs. Maybe I will try to include a few photos in the book but at this time it will be difficult especially as identification is really not my forte. Anyway I am getting into the area of micro's so another publication is possible and to beef up that one the Nudibranchs would be a good complement don't you think? [ed. - YESI] It may be that I will have to finance this book myself, I really don't know but it is

also possible that a translated copy into Arabic - the first? - will goad someone into paying for it. The Government are perhaps willing to finance this one but what happens is that their Publications Department then keeps all the copies to give out on an ad hoc basis and that is not what I want - it should be available to collectors as well as interested persons everywhere. - A. WOODWARD, Doha, Quar

From Pennsylvania

Bonnie Cristofel of The Shell Connection is moving to Florida. She will be moving her shell business sometime before the end of February. We will list her new address and telephone number as soon as available.

From Hungary

In the Hungarian Agricultural Museum library we have very bad, old and few seashell journals or compendiums and no seashell books. This year the Society for Popularization of Scientific Knowledge wants to exhibit my shell collection but I

wants to exhibit my shell collection but I don't have very many shells from Central America or the South Pacific. My personal favorites are mostly Volutidae.

I will be happy to exchange Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea, Baltic Sea, Senegal, Madagascar and Asian-Arctic mollusks. All have accurate scientific names with precise locality information. In the case of deep water species, latitude and longitude data will be given along with depth. GAMBOR TOMPAI, Zoology - Invertebrates, Strobl A.u.7., H.ep.II.em.204., H - 1087 Budapest, Hungary

From Australia

I live 40km miles from Townsville on the Highway 78. Have an extensive non-scientific collection of shells and fossils and would welcome one or two visitors if near Townsville. I chanced to meet Clifford & Mabel Koesler of Electric City USA while they were in Queensland around ten years ago. -- ARNOLD E. JOHNSON, (off Fields Road), Woodstock 4816, Northern Queensland, Australia.

From Central California

One of my students Is working with Dr. Richard Willan in New Zealand on global differences in Berthellina citrina (=B. engeli). The student, Paul Dunn, badly needs preserved material for California, Hawaii, and other known localities. Contact me for assistance getting material to Paul. – D.W. BEHRENS, P.G.&E. Bloassay Lab, PO Box 117, Avila Beach, CA 93424

From Romania

All of my serial Gastropoda Romanlae is written in the Romanian language, not "Hungarian" as listed in Shells and Sea Life. Volume 1 has appeared in 1986 and is on the way to you. It includes a General Part (gastropod history, classification problems, general characteristics, ecology, etc.), and the subclasses Prosobranchia and Opisthobranchia from Romania. Volume 2 Is at the printers. [ed. - My apology; I will correct the next listings of these books] - Prof. Dr. ALEXANDRU V. GROSSU, Facultatea de Blologle, Universitatea Bucuresti, Spialui Indepentei, 93, Bucuresti, ROMANIA

From Alaska

There just are not enough days in the week or hours in the day to get every thing done I want to do. Back Friday [26 September] from 2 months in the Western Aleutians on a N.O.A.A., National Marine Fisheries Service chartered vessel doing resource assessment. Now have another year's worth of mollusks and fish to work up in addition to the year's worth I already had. For 1986 I already have 285 stations had. For 1986 I already have 285 stations with about 4,000 lots of mollusks. Got some major range extensions — Washington to the Aleutians for 2 species of nudibranchs among others.

I leave tomorrow [2 October] for a couple of months to the lower Cook Inlet area....

As I read the letters to the editor in Shells & Sea Life from people complaining about the book lists in your paper I think about the book lists in your paper I think they should think about subsidizing your operation if they don't like the way you have to do it in order to survive. I appreciate the book list as a source to improve my library (probably because I do my own collecting and do not collect, through purchase, just the large, fancy, and colorful). - RAE BAXTER, Box 96, Bethel, AK 99559

From The Netherlands

Dr. Backhuys will be travelling in the U.S.A. during December. If he makes it to the West Coast we hope to see him in Bayside.

From New York

We listed Richard Goldberg's phone number incorrectly in his Driftlines ad. Worldwide Specimen Shells correct telephone number is (718) 357-6467. Sorry for the inconvience.

From Denmark

There are no actual malacological journals in Denmark. The Danish Natural History Society has a journal which contains a fair number of marine articles: Videnskabelige Meddelser fra dansk naturhistorisk Forening. The present editor is Dr. Ole S. Tendal, institut for Populationsbiologi, Universitesparken 15, DK-2100 Copenhagen 0, Denmark. Almost all the articles are in English. ...there is a Norwegian marine journal Sarsia, which I believe is published by the marine

laboratory in Bergen.

I just returned [March 86] from a brief vacation in the Canary Islands (Gran Canaria). The beach there was pretty interesting — many different algae that looked like suitable food for ascoglossans, but I only saw one species of *Elysia*. – KATHE JENSEN, Zoologisk Museum, Universitetsparken 15, DK 2100 Kobenhavn, Danmark

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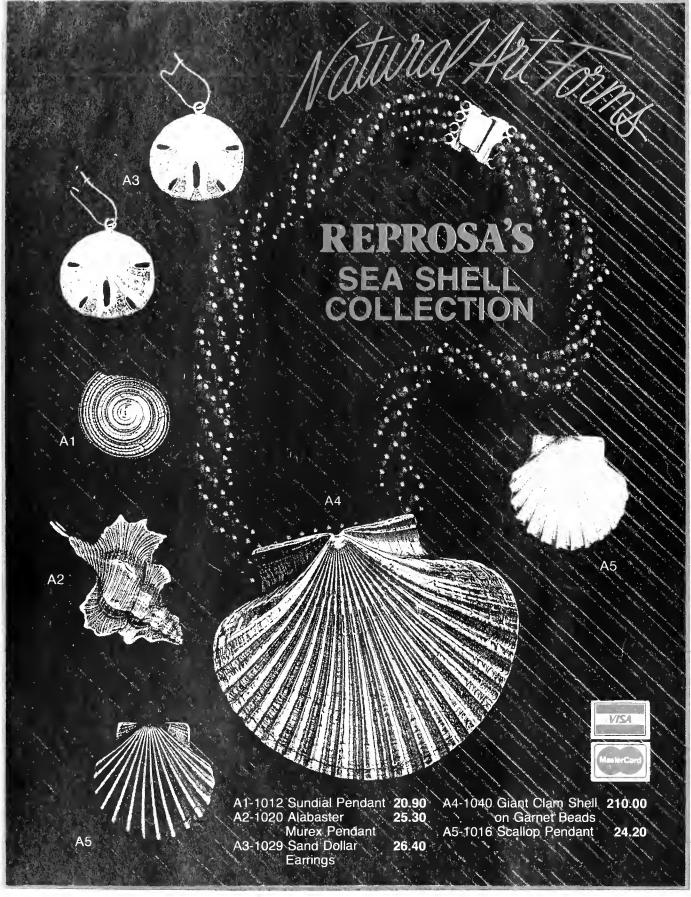
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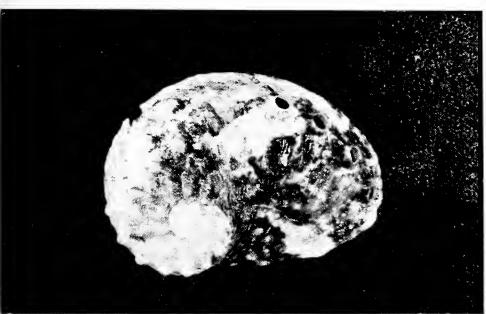
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Shelling in Truk Lagoon.

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Haliotis pustulata Pholo by C.E. Bowen

Six thousand miles southwest of Los Angeles, California, at 7 degrees north latitude, is a 40-mile long atoll called Truk Lagoon. The lagoon and its more than a dozen islands were the site of one of America's greatest naval battles in World War II. More than 40 Japanese ships lie on the bottom of the lagoon. Although it is now illegal to remove anything attached to the ships, including shells, the numerous coral reefs nearby support a variety of mollusks that can be collected by the adventurous sheller.

Diving near the wrecks within Truk Lagoon is vastly different from California kelp bed diving. With water temperatures of 85°F in the lagoon, a full wetsuit is unnecessary. The visibility in some locations exceeds 100 feet with only a slight current. (e.g. I was able to stand upright on a horizontal deck pipe at 35 feet without hand support.)

The fluted oyster, Lopha cristaqualli is a familiar sight on the wrecks. It can support a surprisingly massive coral structure on the moveable valve and when disturbed this bivalve closes and an entire colony of coral polyps is set into motion, quite a sight. Perusal of the wreck's overgrown superstructure reveals a variety of murex, triton and top shells.

On one dive, an abalone shell, *Haliotis* pustulata, was discovered, which could be the most eastern extension of this species' range reported. According to Clark Graham, manager of Micronesia Aquatics at Truk, abalone are relatively scarce in Truk Lagoon.

Scuba divers aren't the only ones in Truk Lagoon to obtain a variety of interesting shells. By walking or snorkeling the reef, cowries, cones, top shells and many other mollusks can be found. Two animals indigenous to the shallow lagoon water are *Conus distans* and the finger shell, *Lambis crocata*.

After a day of shelling, snorkeling and sightseeing, I would return to my room in the late afternoon. In the afternoon, small wooden outriggers carry native snorkelers to the edge of the reef where they were visible from my second floor room. As many as 11 people have been seen to fit in the small, wooden vessels. The Truks are carried between the islands in 18-foot boats with 50-horsepower outboards.



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Lambis crocata Photo by C.E. Bowen

When the shadows of the afternoon lengthen a single large bat begins its evening ritual. This flying mammal of the night freely flitted from tree to tree in search of some unseen object. As the light grew dimmer and the night sounds became more distinct, I could hear the scurrying of the the green lizards in the palm trees, interrupted occasionally by the kissing sounds made by the everpresent geckos. The coconut crabs, whose holes were everywhere, would now commence their nocturnal adventures. During daylight, these crustaceans are seen only briefly since they are very wary.

All too soon it was time to take the shuttle bus to the airport. After a 15 minute ride, we arrived at the single story, white, wooden building that served for check-in, baggage claim, car rental and customs clearance. The town had turned out in large numbers to meet this particular airplane since many on board were students returning to the island's prestigeous Xavier High School, which draws the best minds from all of Micronesia. Next it was our turn to depart, and soon I was watching the waves break on the outer reef from the airplane's window. I remembered the three immortal words made famous by another American of an earlier era, "I shall return."

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We will be doing supplemental publications for longer works. Our first special publication will cover the Alaskan mollusks by Rae Baxter. Rae has spent many years collecting in Alaska and has produced a valuable monograph including land, freshwater, intertidal & benthic mollusks. It will be available in early April,

Several other publications and directories will be published in the months ahead. One of these will be a publication highlighting clubs, conventions and shows as soon as we get enough response from the individual groups. Several clubs have already sent information and we hope that many more will respond. We need to know all events scheduled for 1987 as well as the basic information on meeting dates, club publications and membership require-ments. Other issues under consideration include shell dealers, publications, dive shops and travel resources.

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The Datehaze Goby lives in the sandy burrows made by the pistol or snapping shrimp. In six separate cases, a single, blackish, 1/3inch-long dorid was found firmly attached to the dorsal fin of the 3-inch-long goby. The nudibranch can also survive detached from its

Dorids normally feed on sponges, small crustaceans, or the eggs of other sea creatures. What this strange species eats is still a mystery. Any why should it be attached to this kind of fish? Some related gobies nibble off parasites from other fish. These "cleaner fish" have a black stripe. Our host goby, Amblyeleotris, does not; but the long, black dorid attached to the dorsel fine may be a computational effect. the dorsal fin may give a camouflaged effect similar to that of the "cleaner fish".

Ernest and Lucy Williams made 39 shallowwater scuba dives near the Sesoko Marine Science Center on N.W. Okinawa in 1985. They illustrated their unique finds in the journal Venus, vol. 45, pp. 210-211. Can there be similar cases of such an association in American waters?

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The several stages of deviation observed on this planet have been classified as follows in the chapter "Take Your Hand Off My Shell":

- (1) The <u>purist</u> planatoid type who is only addicted to self-collected, live taken mollusca. Controlled deviant considered dangerous. Believes all other deviant types "unclean", "impure". Rigid personality disorder.
- (2) The <u>impurist</u> self-collected live or dead molluscan forms are acceptable to this disordered personality. Modestly gross aberration. Fairly malleable disorder.
- (3) The <u>selectivist</u> self-collected or purchased mollusca are acceptable to this twisted mind but are restricted to specific families. Occasional "flareups" observed during which the deviant makes a radical shift to another family. A deluded variant to be handled cautiously during the "mood shift" phase.

- (4) The generalist any specimen, live, dead or freak, self-collected, traded or purchased in any family is sought by this aberrant deviant "who cares from whence it cometh?" All molluscan forms sought equally and avidly admired. Full blown freak. Affable aberrant individual. Considered weird but non-dangerous.
- (5) The <u>fossilist</u> a disordered personality focused on "oldies but goldies" in the molluscan world. A mildly deranged condition. Considered harmless but capable of digging up and spreading a lot of dirt. To be observed cautiously.

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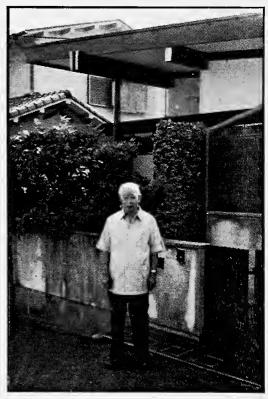
Give 2 Shells And Call In The Morning.

Originally authored by JUNE JONES and appeared in the Shell and Tell News, October 12, 1986

Shellfolk

Dr. Kikutaro Baba has been a long-time supporter of SHELLS and SEA LIFE and the Opisthobranch Newsletter (one of the original group of subscribers). He sent us this picture last year, taken outside his home in Nara-Ken, Japan.

The opisthobranch mollusks are Dr. Baba's specialty and he has published more than 100 articles and notes on the group. He has also published several papers on the solenogasters. We have several of his notes and articles in process for publication in future issues.



on the DRIFTLINE ~~~

Correction

In my article on micro mollusk collecting in the Caribbean Province, S&SL October, 1986, there was an error in the identification of Vitrinella texana Moore, 1965. After an exchange of shells, Dr. Harry G. Lee of Jacksonville, Florida, correctly identified what I had found, as Solariorbis blakei (Rehder, 1944). – JOANNE LIGHTFOOT, PO Box 2295, Sedona, AZ 86338

The Oregon Society of Conchologists

I appreciated receiving a copy of your recent roster of clubs, etc, and looked it over with considerable interest. It will be presented at the next meeting of our Club, which will be in September.

One correction; we have had much trouble in other organizations understanding our correct address. Here is the true address: The Oregon Society of Conchologists, 4324 N.E.

47th Ave., Portland, OR 97218.

We felt it best to use the secretary's address for all communications, as this office seems to have continuity, and the former address is no

longer valid in any way.

Our Society has shown good signs of growth this year. We have had some field trips, to Port Orford, Southern Oregon coast, and to the San Juan Islands with divers, etc. A club library has been organized, under Margaret Teskey. Our annual Shell Show, at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, will be in late October. As usual, many good awards will be made there. Personally, I am still on the prowl for the more rare abalones, and Xenophoridae as well, subject to cost, availability, condition, etc. Really hard to find!

Byron W. Travis, Secretary, Oregon Society of Conchologists, 4324 N.E. 47 Ave., Portland, OR 97218

"Galloping" Snails

We noted Roginskaya's (S&SL 17(4):125) "galloping" movement clearly with our local Helix species on our front walk during May of this year. – STEVE & SALLY LONG

From New Zealand

I have to agree with Ian Loch's remarks in the March issue of S&SL concerning the range of distribution of Vexillum (Costellaria) militaris (Reeve): unless one specializes in a certain group of molluses, the distributional range of a species is a mystery unless one has studied as many collections as one possibly can, and even then there is always someone, somewhere, who has collected the species in an out of the way place. Readers may be interested to know that V. (C.) militaris is known to occur in the Andaman Islands, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Northern Australia, the Solomons, and Fiji Islands. It has also been reported from Aden by Shopland and from Japan by A. Adams, however, these records require confirmation since they could have been based on misidentifications.

By the way, in Queensland V. (C.) militaris has been collected on Lizard Island, also on Moore Reef, east of Cairns, and Broadhurst Reef, east of Townsville. – WALTER O. CERNO-HORSKY, Curator of Malacology, Auckland Institute and Museum, Private Bag, Auckland 1, New Zealand

From Alaska

Collecting of mollusks has slowed down. Was out last night [Nov. 14] but got few mollusks. Winter collecting in Alaska is different. The low tides occur after dark and I used a Coleman gas lantern, both for light and to keep my hands warm. A few species are much more active after dark. These often are species that live deep in the rocks and therefore are much more common in the afterdark collections. The problem is that they stay in the water to keep from freezing so I get ice build-up on my boots wading around collecting. The nice thing is that everything freezes fast, usually expanded, so that I do not have to clean them up right away. Next week or next month is soon enough as long as I leave them outside.

The other thing that makes winter collecting possible is that I have a wood-fired steambath. A big load of wood in the stove makes the bath just right when I get back from collecting half frozen. — RAE BAXTER, PO Box 96, Bethel, AK 99559

Pacific Northwest Shell Club

Yesterday [April 86] 12 of us from the shell club held a chiton study group and potluck lunch at a member's home. Doug Eernessee came down from Friday Harbor to join in. He just finished writing his doctorate on the subject so it was a lively session. Next Sunday for our regular April meeting, Bert Draper is coming up to put on the program. We enjoy sharing all his knowledge on a variety of things. Phil Clover is coming the following month of May and June we are holding the meeting over at Tom Rice's Port Gamble place. The next month of July will be another pot-luck and shell sales of Dorothy Gety's collection from her Port Angeles shop. The proceeds will help benefit Burke Museum at the University of Washington where our member, Elsie Marshall, works so hard with fellow club member Bill Rice's help. August will be our own shell club auction. The main goals of our club are to have fun, share our knowledge in the community and support studies in the field of malacology thru scholarships, museums, Friday Harbor Laboratory etc. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month and would love to have you join us while up here if you can. - LOIS LUCUM, 702 Alder, Edmonds, WA 98020

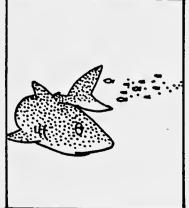
From the West Indies

I have a 19ft fiberglass hull, equipped with a winch, and a davit-pole so I can get dredge-baskets and fish/shell traps in and out of the boat with ease. It's the only boat with dredging capabilities (by virtue of the winch) on the island, so I get to do a little research work for the local Marine Institute run by McGill University when they want deep benthic samples, etc. My interests are Western Atlantic cones, and what murexes I happen to catch locally, but that's about it. I'm into rare shells, since we have several classic spp. here, but that is more because of the business side of my operation. – DAVID HUNT, Gregg Farm, St. Andrew, Barbados, West Indles

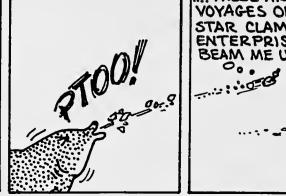
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Clam - by Scooter Beers









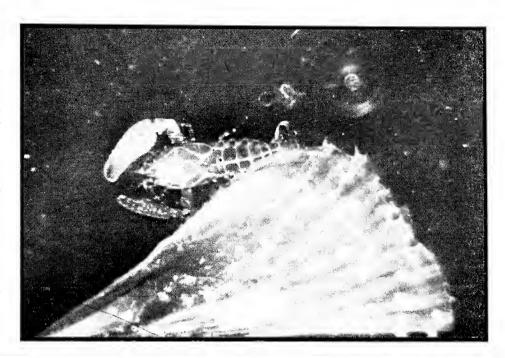
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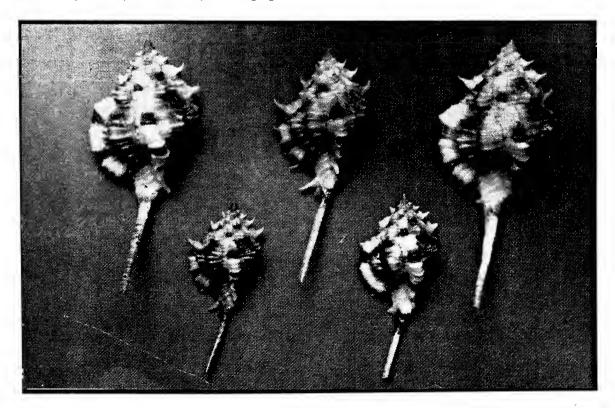
I was surprised to find, in a specimen of *Pinna camea* Gmelin, 1791 that I collected on Providenicales Island in the Turks and Caicos, a pair of commensal shrimp of the group called "snapping shrimp." These animals have one large claw like a tiny lobster and use it to make a loud snapping noise (in an aquarium it seems the glass has cracked!). The ones in the pen shell were nearly transparent and otherwise colored exactly the lovely amber color of the shell itself. Other specimens of the shell had pairs of shrimp as well.



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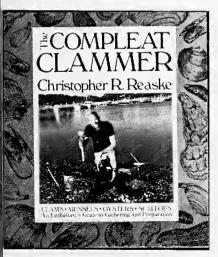
Eisenburg, J.M. 1981. A collector's guide to seashells of the world. [Reprinted 1986]. McGraw-Holl Book Co., New York, 239p., 158 color plates, 145 drawings, Hard cover, dust jacket, ISBN 0-07-019140-9. - \$26.95

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Farley, M.B. & L.K. Farley 1986. Diver's Guide to Underwater Mexico. Marcor Publishing, Port Huenemen, CA, 270p., color & halftone illustrations, soft cover. - \$14.95

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Petuch, E.J. & D.M. Sargent 1986. Atlas of the Living Olive Shells of the World. Coastal Education & Res. Found., Charlottesville, VA, 253p., 39 color plates, figures, tbls. Cloth ISBN 0-938415-00-X - \$68.50



Reaske, C.R. 1986. The Compleat Clammer. Clams Mussels Oysters Scallops. An Enthusiast's Guide to Gathering and Preparation. Nick Lyons Books, New York, 152p., illustrations, Hard cover ISBN 0-941130-15-0 - \$16.95; soft cover ISBN 0-941130-11-8 - \$9.95



Rios, E.C. 1986. Seashells of Brazil. Museu Oceanographico, Rio Grande, Brazil, 328p., 102 pls. (1421 illus.), softcover, 8 x 11" - \$30.00

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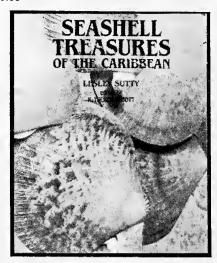
Roberts, M.F. 1984. Pearl Makers. The Tidemarsh Guide to Clams, Oysters, Mussels and Scallops. Saybrook Press, Old Saybrook, CT, 168p., 66 drawings, flexible cover, ISBN 0-917941-00-4 - \$6.95

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Sterrer, W. [ed.] 1986. Marine Fauna and Flora of Bermuda. John Wiley & Sons, New York, N.Y., 742p., color and halftone plates, many hundred line drawings, hard cover, dust jacket. \$99.95



Sutty, L. 1986. Seashell Treasures of the Caribbean. [edited by R. Tucker Abbott] Dutton, New York, 128p., 138 color plates, cloth, dust jacket, ISBN 0525-24411-5 - \$19.95

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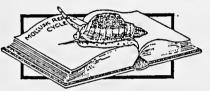
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J.F. Bolten was a German physician who died in 1796, leaving a large shell collection, catalogued in detail according to a system of his own. A catalogue of his collection was published in 1798 by P.F. Röding, who added references in order to make Bolten's names intelligible. Under the rules of nomenclature, these references make the newly introduced names valid. Unfortunately, many of these new names predate names proposed by Lamarck in 1979 (and later) which were commonly used by systematists until this century.

Rőding's new names went virtually unnoticed until 1906 when Dall published a list of Röding's genus-level taxa, showing the Lamarckian equivalents. Incidentally, at that time the new names in the "Museum Boltenianum" were attributed to Bolten, the identity of the real author not having been brought to light. Dall, however, was not the first to use the Röding taxa as some had previously been utilized by Mörch (1852-1853) and by H. & A. Adams (1853-1858).

It was only with the publication of Dall's paper that the Röding genera were, so to speak, forced upon the malacological community. There was considerable objection to the adoption of the Röding names; some authors refusing to use them for many years. Now most of these names are universally accepted and are in common usage. Not all of Röding's species-level taxa have been treated in modern systematio work, and anyone doing monographic work should check the "Museum Boltenianum" carefully.

As the original of the "Museum Boltenianum" is very rare, it was reprinted by the English bibliophile-malacolgists Sherborn and Sykes in 1906 in a limited edition (75 copies) which is now almost as rare as the original. It has now been reprinted again by the American Malacological Union as the first in a planned series of rare malacological works. Copies are available from malacological booksellers or the American Malacological Union.

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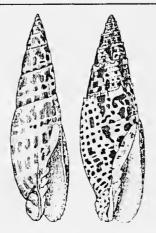
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from Denmark

In September, 1985, I went to Roscoff, France and Plymouth, England with a graduate student from the Zoological Museum to collect marine organisms for the Chemistry Department at the University of Copenhagen. Of course I collected ascoglossans (and a few nudibranchs as well) for myself. I am presently working with the behavioral ecology in connection with diet switching in Danish and Frenct British Elysia viridis. - KATHE JENSEN, Zoologisk Museum, Universitelsparken 15, DK 2100 Kobenhavn, Danmark

from Illinois

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from Washington

Kirk Wright has been collecting *Monadenia* in the cold and wet. As soon as he gets over the flu we expect an article on the critters.

Stephen Welty (Wyoming) is spending some time up in the Puget Sound area.

from Tennessee

The shell dealers of America have a trophy for children of grades 1-8 available for shell shows in the U.S. Any group that has entries for grades 1-8 can get this trophy for their show by writing to John Bernard, c/o Shelloak, Rt. 3, Box 74, Crossville, TN 38555

So far it has only gone to one club, North Carolina, but it will be going to Sarasota, Fort Myers, Merritt Island and Atlanta. Since it is new, not too many people know about it. We believe this is the first trophy specifically for youngsters.

Several dealers have each donated \$30.00 to start the trophy. More donations are welcome and may be sent to John Bernard.

from Indiana

Carl Sahlberg is the new President of the Indianapolis Shell Club, taking over from Ken Knoebel after his four-year stint. - THE SLIT SHELL, January/February 1987

from California

Jeff Hamann recently returned from a weeklong diving trip to the Caribbean. He spent several days diving with Leslie Sutty, Hans Bertsch, and others, and found some very interesting species. Hans has prepared an initial report for The Festivus.

from Florida

I have mostly Florida shells to exchange, and I would like whoever responds to please send me their exchange list and I will send my list when I reply to their letter. CAROL BRUNNER, 160 N.W. 126 St., North Miami, FL 33168

from Australia

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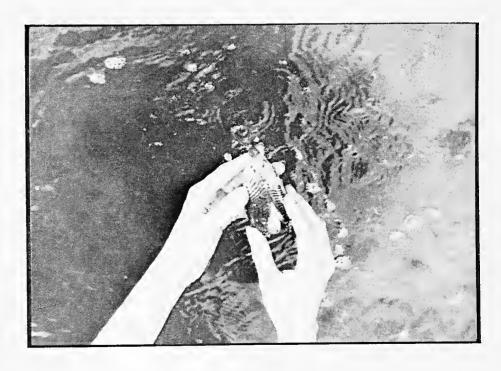
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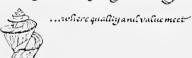
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Rarity: Part !

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The subject of species rarity is an interesting one, and must be considered in light of seven factors which are: 1) a shell's geographic distribution; 2) its ecologic habitat; 3) its availability to the collector; 4) time passed since first discovery or description; 5) its attractiveness (color, pattern, luster, etc); 6) its desirability (a subjective determination based on size, quality, direction of coiling and other factors); and 7) its sale price or value, based on all the previous considerations

These and other variables will be discussed in detail in a series of articles beginning with this one, as all shell collectors and museums are affected by rarity in one way or another.

If a shell has a extensive distribution (the entire Indo-Pacific region, for example), it is likely the species will be "abundant" (perhaps even "commercially abundant" like certain Pectens), or "common."

By way of contrast, we can compare shell rarity to other collectibles which are deemed rare: antiques, coins or stamps. These artifacts are produced by man in limited "editions" (as a painting or etching, for example), and the issue might in fact be numbered, and the number produced known. Their production is a finite quantity which can be deduced or is recorded. Some collectors, like William Fenzan, believe that a rare shell "is one that is currently scarce in collections." Fenzan believes the definition "is transitory, since what is scarce now, may not remain so into the future. Even if a shell has been rare for 100 years, it could still become readily available on the market virtually overnight." Of course he is right, but as we will see, there are many factors which contribute to a shell's being "scarce in collections."

Take Conus pergrandis for example. The first specimen known of this gigantic cone (which can reach 173mm - 7 inches long) was dredged up in 1895. It lay, unidentified and forgotten, in a museum tray until Tom Iredale saw it in 1917. He agreed with Hadley and Sowerby that it represented not only a new species, but a new genus (Embrikena) as well. But today, 92 years later, only a handful of pergrandis are known. Perhaps less than 20. Truly this shell is genuinely rare, and has stood the test of time. But what of the many shells described as "rare" by eager dealers, hungry to make a sale to the unwitting, novice collector? Shells like Cypraea musumea, offered at scandalous prices, when available? It was described by Kuroda and Habe in 1961 -- a mere 26 years ago. Has enough time gone by for us to affix the title of "rare" to this small (25mm -- 1 inch long) shell? Is 26 years enough time? I don't believe so. But if you are a cowrie enthusiast, and want to "get them ail," you are going to have to decide whether or not you want to lay out between \$375 and \$750 for this shell. (note: As this article goes to press, the price has dropped to a low of \$300, as offered by a European dealer.)

Or take *Cypraea midwayensis*, for example. Another so-called "rare" shell. It was discovered and named just 20 years ago, and may be purchased for \$1500 - \$1800. Shouldn't the prudent collector wait and see if bucketsfull of this shell might not be dredged-up by some research vessel or other, or perhaps by one of those Taiwanese trawlers which are bringing back hordes of shells from far-flung places?

One more example, this time a cone: Conus rogmartini daMotta, named in 1982, for Roger Martin. It is a beautiful little cone, reaching around 35mm in length, and taken in 120 fathoms from Balut I., southern Mindanao, Philippines. So far, it is only known from the type locality. It is seldom, if ever offered by dealers. I have not seen it on many lists, but one California dealer offered it at \$125 in December, 1985. Does the cone specialist want to "pay anything" for this shell, no matter how "exquisitely sculptured"s this species might be? How long will it be known "only from the type locality?" Given the tangle-net mania in the Philippines, my guess it won't remain elusive nor "rare" very long. Show a fisherman an example of it, tell him what you'll pay, and I'd be willing to wager he'll come up with dozens of them in as many weeks. So my feeling is: we must let considerable time go by before pronouncing a shell "rare" or not. More about this in a later article.

If a species habitat is very deep water, and must be dredged-up using heavy winches, that species will be more difficult to obtain, and thus be "scarce" or "rare." The PLEUROTOMARI-IDAE immediately come to mind, and some abyssal volutes, such as Tractolira sparta (13,392ft) or Arctomelon benthalis (10,032ft). If a shell occurs in some remote area or island -with rocky, wave-crashing shores, steep cliffs. and few Scuba or active collectors -- this too. influences a species' ability to "get to market." Many cowries off South Africa come to mind. Then too, we have those species which are not only found in remote areas, but may even be found in the stomachs of fish ("ex pisce" they are termed). Three cowries serve here as examples: Cypraea broderipii, fultoni, and surinamensis. Not only must the right fish be caught (not all fish are bottom-feeders) with the correct bait at the correct depth, but that fish must be caught before its stomach acids dissolve the calcium carbonate of the shell!

When "rarity" is discussed or tagged onto a shell by a dealer, a combination of the previously listed 7 factors should be taken into account. Malformation and discoloration (albinism and melanism) are also added into the equation as we shall see.

Shell dealers often call a species "rare" when they really mean "difficult" for them to obtain." At the source, however, the shell may in fact be plentiful, and be collected by all the locals. It may be available in village marketplaces as a food source, or even as a trinket. The rare cone, C. adamsonii Broderip, 1836 occurs in the Central and S.W. Pacific Ocean, and is seldom, if ever offered by dealers live-collected. When it is, this beautiful pink shell called the "Rhododendron Cone", is expensive, and lists will usually quote its price as being "POR" (price on request). When you see that designation, you know it's going to be rare!

But the ecologic habitat of this shell is now known (subtidal, shallow water), and perhaps even its population center (Phoenix Is.), so I predict it will lose its "rare" designation, and in time will find its way to dealer's list and showrooms at prices average collectors of modest means can afford. Since its distribution is becoming better known (Cook (2), Tonga, Gilbert and Society Islands; Solomons and the Great Barrier Reef; extending to the New Hebrides and New Caledonia) it only remains for its exact hiding places to be discerned. In some areas, according to Walls (1), it seems that C. adamsonii is "not uncommon, judging from the number of beach specimens...washed up... after severe storms."

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In the case of another cone, C. pergrandis (Iredale, 1937), Walls (1) says: "It is such a rare and seldom offered species at the time of writing (1977), however, that even bad specimens can be sold(!)"

T.C. Lan (2) comments that "pergrandis is rare, but occasionally available," He considers it rare even though it may be collected dead, or live-taken, and in any condition. He takes into account "worldwide availability" when making his determination of rarity, even though his book focuses on shells of Taiwan. He classes shells into 3 degrees of rarity:

Extremely rare (***) -- e.g.,

Cypraea sakuraii

Rarely available (**) - e.g., C. porteri: "rarely taken alive and even good dead specimens are much sought after."

Rare, but occasionally available (*) -- e.g., Conus pergrandis: "even dead shells are very rare."

A "rare shell" and a "collector's item," are not necessarily the same thing. There are many species which have been described from one specimen and were never found again, yet they have little commercial value. In later articles, we will examine how a shell's value affects rarity, and how this value varies with time.

Some of the rarest shells in the world may be less than 5mm long, without color and be of ordinary shape. Many shells are rare only because no one has happened to sample their "optimum habitat," as Abbott (4) calls it.

One might say that there is no such thing as a rare marine shell, because any species living today must have a large enough population -certainly of several thousands of individuals -- to sustain the species.

To quote Dr. Tucker Abbott: "If a shell is large, handsome, beautiful, known only from a few specimens and sought after by avid, wealthy collectors, it may qualify as a collector's item, or be classed as a so-called rare shell" (4). In a later article, I will attempt to bring up-todate S. Peter Dance's list of 50 rare shells (5) proposing my own candidates. As may be imagined, many of these once-rare shells are now less than rare. The reputation of rare shells dies hard, sometimes almost a generation after the species has proved to be com-

Unlike stamps or coins or books, rare shells generally speaking, do not increase in value. If anything, they most certainly will drop in value as more specimens are found. "Only species rapidly becoming extinct might have an increasing value, but such cases exist among the land and freshwater shells, not among the marine species (4)." Very few shells are greatly localized in distribution, attractive to collectors, and readily available to us. Only when this combination of variables exists, is a shell in "real trouble" (6). Possible species which may face a crisis in the coming years include: Cypraea cervus and teulerei; Conus nobilis; and Oliva porphyria. The more uncommon species, such as Conus gloriamaris and Cypraea aurantium, may be locally over-collected, but both of these have large ranges and are not easily subject to extensive collecting over their entire range.

Marty Beals, writing about his collecting trip to South Australia (8), concluded that "the area was suffering from serious over-collecting." concluded that there has been "some extreme over-collecting of certain species: Cypraea friendii, theristes, venusta, and the Volutes exoptanda, kreuslerae and fulgetrum." He noted that "in some areas, hardly a single specimen could be found now." Divers for years have collected virtually every Zoila they could put their hands on in the very limited populations near Perth. Beals was told by several dealers that in "years past, C. friendii was available by the bucket!" But not so today.

There are a number of shells which live hidden under ledges in such inaccessible shallowto-moderate depths that they are never likely to become common. Many desirable species have defied the best efforts of modern dredgers of Scuba divers. One exotic species is des-tined to be in the "extremely rare" category for decades, I predict, simply because its current known habitat is at 10,000 feet. This is the one existing specimen of the Benthalis Volute of Dall, discovered in 1896 by dredging off Central America. Another shell destined to remain rare is unique blind volute, Guivillea alabastrina, which lives at 9,600 feet in the south Indian Ocean. Benthovoluta gracilior Rehder, found in 1967 in the Philippines, is yet another rare deep-water species (from 3,300 feet) which is destined to stay rare for a long time, as is Surculina cortezi (Dall, 1908) a TURBINELLIDAE dredged off southern California from 6,270 ft. Other deep-water (100-1500 ft) species have recently been recovered by prawn trawlers 200 miles off Western Australia (7): Pleurotomaria (Perotrochus) tangaroana; Teramachia smithi and T. dalli; and the new species Notovoluta rinkensi and Teramachia dupreyae (9). these may currently be considered rare, and will probably continue to stay rare as the shrimpers will ultimately move to other waters. Unless these species can be found in shallower waters. or have a wide range (or if shrimp will perennially continue to be found at the same depths and vicinity) -- these shells' value will be maintained.

As Dr. Gordon Melvin put it, "Rare shells present something of a puzzle. In the first place, it is difficult to obtain a rare shell, and hard to find a person who has discovered one and is willing to part with it. Such shells usually come from relatively inaccessible waters. If no one seeks them, they will not be found (10).

Some mollusks seem to exist in relatively small numbers, as if they were a dying race. Examples of these species might be the STROMBIDAE Tibia crispata; Lambis robusta and violacea; and Tricornis oldi and taurus. Another example, taken from the CYMATIIDAE, is Cymatium ranzanii Bianconi, a magnificent triton which attains 6 to 6.5 inches in length, and which comes from Indian Ocean waters off Mozambique and the northern Arabian Sea. is a relatively shallow water species apparently, and the first ones were collected off the northern end of the Cabeceira Peninsula, in 20 feet of water. The shell was hiding in a narrow channel in a seaweed area which was strewn with coral boulders and teeming with fish. In 1972-73, only 12 specimens were known since its discovery in 1851, and its value in the 1970s hovered around \$800. By 1979-1981, though, it had dropped to \$25 - \$50 as other locations were discovered. Today, its price is slowly rising, to between \$50 - \$85. Currently, this specially the state of cies is being collected offshore of Oman, where oil exploration and development is taking place. Its previous high value was due not so much to appearance, but mostly from its unavailability.

Diamonds are regulated by a central commercial control by the Oppenheimer and deBeers interests. This helps keep the market deBeers interests. This helps keep the market relatively stable. No such control exists for rare shells -- although they are much rarer than diamonds! Diamonds are in continuing supply, but there is no such steady supply of rare shells. They're simply not available on demand from the world's oceans.

When you buy a rare shell (or one purported to be rare), you are taking a gamble. It's unlikely though, that any of the truly rare ones will ever become common, or available in quantity like *Cypraea tigris*. And there's some chance that certain rarities will become scarcer and even rarer than previously, because they're not being found any more. We'll see which shells these are only as time goes by and as prices go up or down. More about this in later articles.

In Part II of this series, we will compare and contrast rarity as judged by several contemporary authors in their various books. We will see what the <u>Guiness Book of Records</u> called "the most valuable" shell in the world. We will compare the rarities of 8 famous cones, and see how their rarity has changed over time.

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Adam Galganski has moved to his family to an apartment. His new address is: Adam Galganski, J. Krasickiego - 37/38, 85-822 Bydgoszcz, Poland

from Guam

On September 26 and 27, 1987 the Guam Shell Club will be holding its 22nd Annual Shell Fair. This year's will be the largest one ever held on Guam, as non-members are being invited to prepare displays. Contact: GUAM SHELL CLUB, P.O. Box 7867, Tamuning, Guam 96911

from California

Matt James is now Matthew Joseph James, PhD and lecturing in geology at Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA 94928

from Switzerland

My copy of "Shells of the Philippines" has a fault in the pagination. After page 20, the 4 double pages, with plates are being replaced by cover page, 1-2, 3-4, map page 13-14 and 15-16. Then we jump to page 29 (plate 3). It is an obvious printing fault... - RAYMOND J. PREUX, 24 Riedgrabenweg, 8050 Zurich-Oerlikon, Switzerland. [ed. - Carlos Leobrera has mentioned a few copies with (?this) fault. He attempted to catch all similar copies as soon as he became aware of the faults. Anyone who has a similar fault in their copy should refer the problem to: Carlos Leobrera, 1786 A. Mabini St., Malate, Manila, Philippines - regarding a replacement.]

from Mexico

Jerry Mitchell is interested in contacting people interested in Baja Del Sur mollusks. Please contact him at: - RICHARD "JERRY" MITCHELL, #13 Heroes Independencia, Loreto, Baja Del Sur, Mexico.

from California

The Western Society of Malacologists, ...will award a grant of \$500 to an undergraduate or graduate student for the academic year 1987-88. The grant is offered to initiate or further research concerned with molluscs, in systematics, biology, ecology, paleontology or related fields.

Applications must be sent by May 1, 1987, to: Dr. Vida C. Kenk, WSM Committee on Student Grants, Dept. Biological Sciences, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 95192

from California

Wes Thorsson and I will be leaving for the Solomon Islands in mid April for two weeks' diving with Brian Bailey. Hope to get some new shells. - BOB PURTYMUN, 1200 Brickyard Way #407, Point Richmond, CA 94801

from Portugal

On your catalog, on p. 21 [Seashell Treasures Books] you list two works by Oliveira (1974 and 1969) who is a Brasilian author and you state that they are written in Spanish language. It happens that Portugal is independent from Spain since early 12th century - Spain as we know it today did not exist by that time). Since then we have been developing a different language called "Portugese"; words of it were incorporated in practically all languages of the world since as you may know, for instance, we arrived at the "South Seas", Australia, etc. some 250 years before Cook did. Portugese is well entrenched in the world as a language. Can you give it some credit? [ed. - Sorry about that! I will change the listing for the next edition.] - ILIDIO AV. FELIX-ALVES, Apartado No. 52, S. Pedro do Estoril, 2765 Estoril, Portugal.

from California

Dr. W. Backhuys (The Netherlands) was in Bayside to visit and purchase books. He also travelled to several parts of the U.S. including Arizona and Florida.

from Illinois

Richard Goldberg, President of the Conchologists of America has announced that Dr. Alan Solem, Curator & Head of the Division of Invertebrates, Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, will be the banquet speaker for the annual C.O.A. Convention. ...The presentation will culminate the St. Louis Convention on Saturday evening, June 27th.

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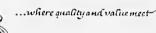
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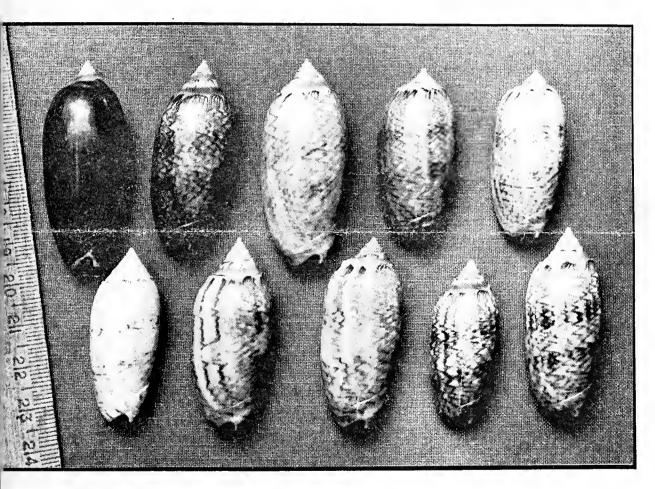
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New olives from Barbados

photo by David Hunt, Gregg Farm, St. Andrews, Barbados, West Indies

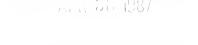


Variation within an insular form of Oliva reticularis, ranging from totally dark mahogany-brown (top left) to quite pale (bottom left). Twin central bands are more pronounced in some shells. Notice the two short-spired specimens at top right.

Edward Petuch recently [1986, "Atlas of the Living Olive Shells of the World"] named this deepwater Barbadian Olive as Oliva reticularis barbádensis. These snails are easily attracted to 400-500ft. traps, set off the west coast of Barbados. [note metric rule left side photo]

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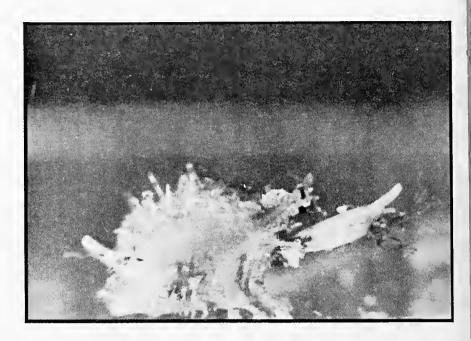
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Tricolia & Pinctada

Peggy Williams, Rt. 3, Box 28, Sarasota, FL 33580

I seldom find good specimen shells on the beach on the East Coast of Florida because of the heavy surf in that area. However, I once found a bottle on shore at West Palm Beach in which were several living specimens of Tricolia species and tiny, juvenile Pinctada imbricata Roeding, 1798 (the Pearl Oyster). I put them all into a small travelling aquarium to photograph the Tricolia in motion and as I set up the camera found a pile of shells beginning to move about very satisfactorily. However, when I focused on the activity I discovered the shells that were moving so rapidly were not the gastropods but the bivalves! The tiny mollusks extended a long foot and fastened it ahead of the shell, then contracted the foot to pull the shell forward. In this manner, they pulled themselves up the aquarium wall again and again.

This species is normally sessile, attaching itself to some immovable base with a sticky byssus. I suppose if it is dislodged it must somehow find a place to reattach itself, but I have not seen an adult move as these juveniles



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APRIL

1987

Seattle Shell Show, April 4-5, Museum of History & Industry, Seattle, Washington. Pacific Northwest Shell Club, Evelyn Adkins, Corresponding Secretary, (206) 362-1634.

Belize: Rain Forest and River, April 4-11, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Pacific Shell Club Auction, April 5, Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, Los Angelas, California.

Cumberland Island Camping, April 19-24, contact Americen Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Cincinnati Shell Show, April 24-26, Cincinnati, Ohlo. Contact: Lois Nizny, 3953 Rose Hill Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229. (513) 861-5875

Dismal Swamp Canoe/Camp, April 29-Mey 3, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

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Cape Cod Whele Watch, May 15-17, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Red Knots/Horshoe Crabs, Delaware Bay, May 17, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

JUNE

Pina Barrens Weekend I, June 5-7, contact Amarican Littoral Society, Highlends, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Malne Coast Weekend, June 11-14, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

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Western Society of Malacotogists, June 21-25, San Diego Stete University, San Diego. Contact: Cerole M. Hertz, San Diego Netural History Museum, PO Box 1390, San Diego, CA 92112, (619) 277-6359 home.

Conchologists of America, June 23-27, Doys Inn at the Arch, St. Louis, Missouri. Contact: Alan Gettleman, 4045 Central Lane, Granite City, IL 62040. (618) 931-7374 weekends.

Third International Symposium on Marine Biology & Evolution In the Pacific, 26 June 3 July, Hong Kong. Convenors - University of Hong Kong & Western Society of Naturalists. Contact: Prof. D.H. Montgomery, Biological Sciences Dept., Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, CA

Gulf Stream Billfish Tagging, Hatteras, June 28, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

JULY
Wreck Diving 1, July 12, contact American Littoral Society,
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Island Ecotogy, Isle of Shoals, July 17-20, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Shark Tagging, July 18, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

American Melacological Union, July 19-23, 53rd Annual Meeting, Casa Marina Resort, Key West, Florida. Contect: William G. Lyons, Florida Dept. Natural Resources, 100 Eighth Ava. S.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33701. (813) 896-8626

Jacksonville Shell Show & Auction, July 30-August 2, Flag Pavilion, Jecksonville Beach, Florida. Contact: Allan Walker, 1036 Montes Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32205. (904) 781-1553

AUGUST

Annual Crab Feast, Oxford, Maryland, August 2, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jarsey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Wreck Diving II, August 9, contect American Littoral Society, Highlends, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Shelltishing and Coastal Management: A Global Perspective, August 19-21, Hofstra University, Long Island, NY. Contact: Terry Baker, Associete Dean, School of Education, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11550.

XVI Pacific Science Congress, August 20-30, Korea. Contact Prof. Choon. Ho. Park, Secretary-General, K.P.O. Box. 1008, Seoul. 110, Korea. Phone: (2)733-4478.

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from U.A.E.

As advised previously my address changed in September 1986 with a move to Dubai. The move is already proving to be a satisfactory one with a very different fauna on the Batina Coast at the Emirates, which is of course outside the Gulf. With the lower salinity life is extremely prolific and many new finds are coming to light. Met with Horst Kauch who is providing most of the specimens from his very extensive collection for a book on Emirates seashells. If the photographs, which he has shown me, are anything to go by then it will be spectacular. I believe Don Bosch and Kathy Smythe are coproducing an Arabian Peninsula book though I have no firm information at that. So there should be a veritable plethora of information available soon.

Some of the 'finds' to date have included a 'golden Cypratea grayana' caused no doubt by oxidation on a sunken wreck — a very large Cypraea lentiginosa plus an albino white form of Chlamys ruschenbergerii. Plenty of cones and a very large Chicoreus ramosus (not very common & once reported extinct in the Gulf although it can be found on Abu Musa Island and Halul Island.) — TONY WOODWOARD, AI Habtoor Michors, P.O. Box 9679, Dubal, U.A.E.

from Florida

Carolyn & Earl Petrikin won the DuPont Award at the Astronaut Trail Shell Show in January.

from Cairns, Australia

The March issue of the Cairns Shell Club publication reports the death of Arthur Boorman of Rockhampton, Australia. They also mention the death of lone Reed's husband in Florida. Lee & Jan Kremer (Chicago, Illinois) were in Cairns during February and R. (Dick) Jones (South Euclid, Ohio) visited during March.

from Hong Kong

The Third International Symposium on Marine Biology & Evolution in the Pacific will be held at the University of Hong Kong, 26 June to 3 July, 1988. Four symposia have been announced: Paleozoogeography of Cenozoic Pacific Marine Invertebrates: An Evolutionary Perspecitve, chaired by Dr. Thomas Cronin; Marine Biology of the Sub-Tropics, chaired by the Marine Biological Association of Hong Kong & The University of Hong Kong; Non-Annelid Worms of the Pacific, chaired by Dr. Mary Rice; and Indo-Pacific Molluscan Biogeography and Evolution, chaired by Dr. Alan Kohn. A fifth symposium on either fish or algae will be scheduled. If you are interested in receiving the second announcement & call for papers write before June 1, 1987, to: Prof. D.H. Montgomery, Biological Sciences Dept., Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 U.S.A.

from Florida

Last year COA awarded two grants totalling \$1500 to further malacological research. Persons interested in applying for research grants this year should apply prior to May 15, 1987. Send proposal to: Richard W. Forbush, Awards Chairman, 1104 Sklar Dr. E., Venice, FL 33595.

from Southern California

The Southern California Association of Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists continues to produce excellent identification guides for marine invertebrates. The majority of their "provisional designations" concern polychetes & small crustaceans — two groups which almost defy identification. Their monthly newsletter is a very real contribution to science. For more information, write to them: SCAMIT, 3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro, CA 90731.

from Arizona

Carol & Paul Skoglund have returned from two months' travels in the Yucatan. They visited many places and enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

from Florida

Albert Bergman (Brandenton, Florida) suffered a stroke recently but is recovering well.

from Canada

The Ross Lemire collection of conchological books listed in our November 1986 issue has sold. Thank you for your interest. Please do mention S&SL when you are contacting our advertisers.

from Ohio

Marginella Marginalia is now being published at the Dayton Museum of Natural History where I'm the Curator of Biology. A Malacological Research Fund has been established at the museum and costs for publishing and mailing this newsletter will be taken from that fund. ... All donations, which are tax deductable, will be added to the Malacological Research Fund and should be so designated. So please write to "me", the "Editor": Gary A. Coovert, Dayton Museum of Natural History, 2629 Ridge Ave., Dayton, OH 45414.

from England

Mr. Chris Garvie is about to move back to the U.S. again. Phone call in March said he would be coming "soon". I believe he will be in Texas again.

from Barbados

Am planning to do you a short "how-to" article on manufacturing of a simple but effective molluscan (and crab, shrimp) TRAP that anyone can make from those indestructible 1 quart plastic pop bottles. Will probably do a photo showing the process at its 5 or 6 different stages from intact bottle to finished product. Can later do another "how-to" article re.

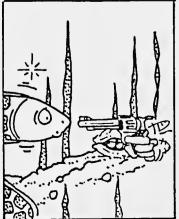
Čan later do another "how-to" article re. construction of simple dredge-baskets and their deployment, using boats from dinghy-size up to cruiser. I imagine such articles would be useful to collectors. – DAVID HUNT, Gregg Farm, St. Andrew, Barbados, West Indies

[ed. - You bet! We also would appreciate short articles on "how to clean" and "how to store" and "how to catalog" your shells.]

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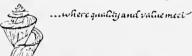
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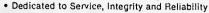
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We do not yet know whether the printing press will be running for this issue. We hope to get the funds together for our additional equipment within the next few weeks. If not, we will probably do a shorter May issue and get it to you on time rather than wait again.

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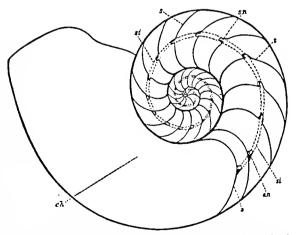
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Basteria Published in 6 Issues per year at \$20 per year. Editor: Dr. H.E. Coomans, Instituut voor Taxonomische Zoologie, Zoologisch Museum, Postbus 20125 - 1000 HC, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

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Iberus, Revista de la Sociedad Espanola de Malacologia. Annual volume published by the Sociedad Espanola de Malacologia, c/o Museo Nacional de Ciencias Naturales, P^o de la Castellana, 80 Madrid 6, Spain. Format: 170 x 242 mm, volume 4 (1984) 136 pages, perfectbound. At last word, the volume was available by airmail for \$20 per year.

Informativo SBM. Published by Ihe Sociedade Brasileira de Malacologia, Departamento de Zoologia, Instituto de Biociencias, U.S.P., C.P. 20.520, CEP 01000, Sao Paulo-SP, Brazil. Published monthly. Editor Kaoru Hiroki x 210 mm, about 20 pages per issue, 1 color plate. No pricing information available.

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The Journal of Molluscan Studies. Published by Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford, U.K. OX2 6DP. Published three times a year. Subscription rates for 1986 -\$70.

The Nautilus, published by the Trophon Corporation, P.O. Box 3430, Silver Spring, MD 20901-0340. Editor: Dr. M.G. "Jerry" Harasewych. Ouanterly publication. Pates: \$15 US; \$18 foxeign; \$20 institutional. Format: 215 x 265 mm, 36-48 pages per issue, Saddle-stitched with heavy cover. Includes halhones and occasionally color.

The Polychaete Research Newsletter, published several times each year by: Chris Mettam, Department of Biology, University College, Cardiff CF1 1XL, Wales, U.K. Informal publication that provides for communication between polychaete workers. Any topic pertinent to polychaetes is of interest to the newsletter. Most of the topics concern work being done in the Northeastern Atlantic associated with Great Britain.

The Shell-O-Gram, published by the Jacksonville Shell Club, Inc., 1010 N. 24th St., Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250. Published bi-monthly, 8.5 x 11* format, corner-stapled, 14 pages in issue seen. Club membership fees: \$10 family; \$8.00 individual, includes the 6 issues each year.

The Slit Shell. Newsletter of the Indianapolis Shell Club, Paula D. Knoebel, Editor, 3846 Woodridge Court, Plainfield, IN 46168. Publication sent lo members of the club.

The Veliger. ISSN 0042-3211, A quarterly published by the California Malacozoological Society, Inc., c/o Department of Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, California Syd720. Format 215 x 280mm. Subscription rates for volume 28 are \$22 for affiliate members and \$44 for institutions and non-members. Overseas postage is \$3 additional.

Tide-ings, The newsletter of the Crown Point Shell Collectors Study Group, Inc. Newsletter edilor, Carol Bodine, Box 462, Crown Point, IN 46307. 712 numbers per year wilh club membership. Format: 215 x 280 mm, 6 pages, corner stapled.

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Underwater, The Diver's Journal. Published by Neville Coleman's Sea Australia Productions Pty. Ltd., P.O. Box 419, Caringbah, NSW 2229, Australia. English language quarterly. Standard journal size, about 84 pages with the finest color I have seen anywhere. Includes a lot of good articles and photos on the marine life of Australian waters. Subscriptions: in Australia AS18; elsewhere AS25 per year.

Underwater Naturalist, Quarterly journal of the American Littoral Society, Highlands, NJ 07732. Approx. 8vo size wilh good photos and articles primarily on East Coast marine life. Available, along with newsletters, with membership in the society at S20 per year.

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American Littoral Society, Highlands, NJ 07732. Phone (201) 291-0055, meets annually

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Association Conchyllologique de Nouvelle Caledonia, J P Aillaud, BP 146 - 18 Rue Henri Bonneeud, Noumea, NEW CALEDONIA. Meets every Tuesday et 7PM. Association Francaise de Conchologie, 50 Rue Richer, Paris, 9 FRANCE

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Astronaut Trail Shell Club, PO Box 515, Melbourne, FL 32935. Meets 4th Wednesday except December, 7:30PM, American Bank Bldg., Babcock & Apollo Sts.

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Broward Shell Club, P O Box 10146, Pompano Beach, FL 33061

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Central Pennsylvania Beachcombers, c/o RD #2, Box 125, Bernville, PA 19506. Meets 2nd Tuesday, Mar., June, Sep., Dec. at Community Center, Elizabethtown, PA.

Centro Italiano di Studi Malacologici - C.I.S.M.A., c/o Museo Civico di Zoologia, Via V. Aldrovandi 16, 00197 Roma, Italy. Meetings monthly.

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Cleveland Shell Club, 30 Park Lane, Chagrin Falls, OH, 44022

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Coastal Bend Shell Club, Meets 4th Tuesday September-May al 7:30PM, Corpus Christi Museum, 1919 N Water St, Corpus Christi, TX 78401. Write c/o 1900 N. Chaparral, Corpus Christi, TX 78401.

Conchological Club of Southern California, Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007. Meets 1sl Monday monthly at 7:30PM.

Conchological Section of the Buffalo Museum of Science, c/o Mrs Diana Wandyez, 8905 Huffbert Ln, Clarence, NY 14031, Meets 2nd Monday at Museum. Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14211

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Greater Tampa Shell Club, c/o 4800 S. Renellie, Tampa, FL 33611. Meeds 3rd Thursdey, Good Shepherd Lutheren Church, 501 S. Dale Mabry, Tampa.

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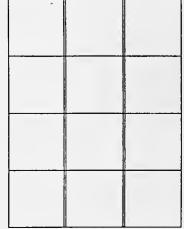
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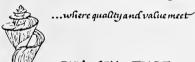
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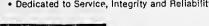
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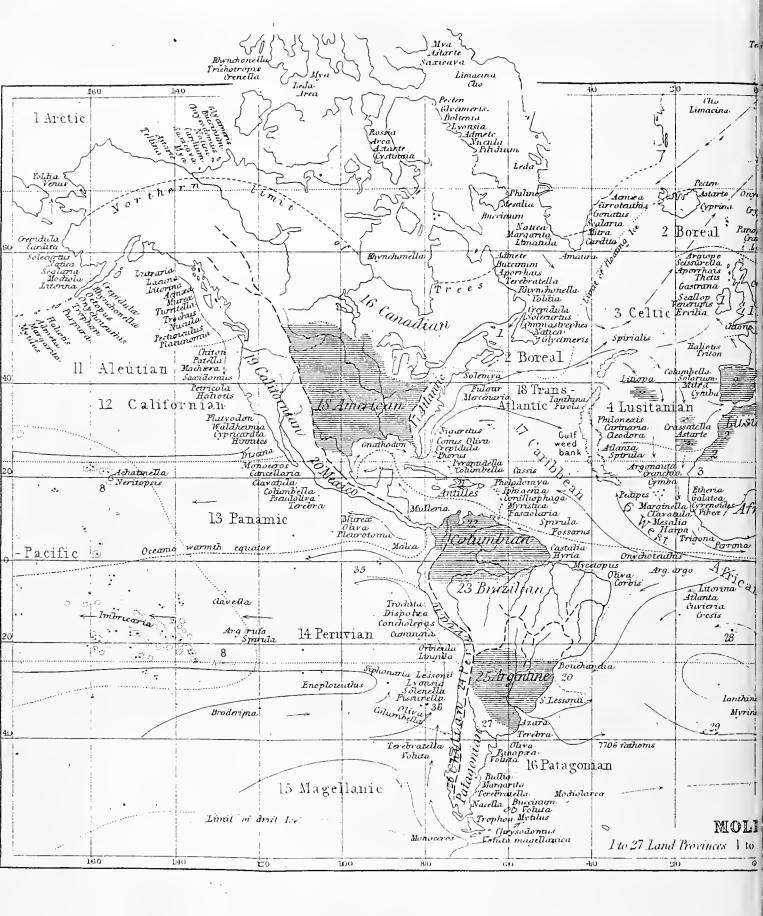


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The excellent memorial to Dr. S. Stillman Berry (Brookshire, 1984) vividly recalled to mind my own short acquaintance with this unusual man. The circumstances may be of interest to those who knew him as a student of the molluscs.

in 1960, when I was a graduate student at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, I was collecting for experimental purposes a number of quite small abalone (H. fulgens), and I kept these in a large seawater tank in Ritter Hall. One day one of the abalone was only a clean empty shell, with no flesh left. Startled, I looked everywhere for a starfish or something, but found nothing. Examining the shell, I held it up to the light; strong sunlight from the window made it possible to see a tiny hole, pinprick size, in the shell within the area of the muscle scar. Further examination of the tank disclosed a small Octopus (O. bimaculatus) hiding in a dark corner behind a brick. (Later I learned the octopus had been placed there by another student needing temporary storage.) Mystified, I asked among the biology professors at Scripps, but none had ever heard of such a thing. I set out to prove that the octopus was doing it, and isolated one octopus with one abalone in a large glass jar with running seawater and a tight lid. Two days later the abalone was only an empty shell, with a tiny hole in it; under a magnifying glass the hole had a characteristic oval shape, unlike that made by any other known predator.

Several days in the library, reading absolutely everything I could find on octopus natural history and feeding behavior, convinced me that this phenomenon was entirely unknown. Several observant authors had indeed noted octopus sitting over shell fish, "patiently tugging." No one knew that they drilled holes with their radula.

Since I thought of this as my first real discovery In natural history, I was especially thorough in the library, and went through every issue of the Zoological Record back to 1900, searching every plausible indexed reference to octopus behavior or feeding.

After more experiments, I, along with my colleague Peter Taylor who was working on fish toxins and undertook to examine the effects of the poison from the salivary glands of the octopus, wrote a paper on the subject and submitted it to Science.

The word about octopus drilling holes passed from person to person up the coast among the active sub-culture of shell enthusiasts in California. One day I received a phone call from Stillman Berry, whom I thought of as a sort of legendary figure. He said that he had been told of my discovery, and, after we talked a while, he said he was going to have some one drive him down to San Diego, and could he visit? Of course, I was thrilled. A few days later he showed up and we spent a happy couple of hours together. He was at that time 73 years old. He wanted to see exactly how the discovery had been made, and details of every experiment (by then I had shown that larger octopus make larger holes and that many other species besides abalone are prey). He told me that he had for many years been an avid collector, and that hundreds of times, upon close examination of shells picked up on the beach, he had seen the characteristic holes, but he had never known what made them. Finally, he asked if he could have the small abalone shell in which I had first observed the hole. He wanted the type specimen. I'm sort of a squirrel myself, and didn't want to give it up, so I offered him two or three syntypes, which I designated on the spot. He took these, but I could see that he was disappointed.

Some days later I received the galley proofs of the paper from Science, and shortly after that a letter from Stillman Berry. He reported that during the drive back to Redlands he began to be nagged by the thought that he had indeed once seen a publication stating that octopus can bore holes in the shells of certain molluscs. It worried and worried him, and he spent several days searching his library. Finally he found it, and he called my attention to Fugita (1916).

In 1916 Stillman Berry had obtained a copy of Fugita's paper. It was printed entirely in Japanese, with no English subtitles nor abstract. Dr. Berry had obtained an English translation which was attached to the original with a rusty straight pin. They had been filed in his library ever since, and he thought he had not looked at the paper between 1916 and 1961. Fugita had investigated a plague of octopus that was alleged to be damaging an oyster fishery in Japan. He had shown by careful experiment that octopus drill characteristic holes in the shells of oysters, that of the two pairs of salivary glands only one pair produced poison, and he ascribed the drilling to the action of the radula. He even mapped the frequency of holes by area on the shell. It was a good piece of work.

Chagrined, I went back to the Zoological Record, and discovered the paper in the serial listings, but not indexed so that I could have found it. Of course, I had to add a note to our paper in proof (PILSON & TAYLOR, 1961), to the effect that I had been scooped, and by 45 years.

This story provides some insight into the workings of the human mind. How remarkable that Stillman Berry should be able to call back from memory such a paper, after so long. Even more extraordinary is the report that he had himself seen those holes hundreds of times, and never made the connection.

While I don't know for sure, it seems likely that Stillman Berry was then the only man alive in the western world who could have found Fugita's paper for me. Whether knowledge of it or of the phenomenon was then current in Japan I don't know, though it could have been through oral tradition alone. Later I learned from Mr. Alfred M. Bailey, then director of the Denver Museum of Natural History, that children in the Galapagos were aware that octopus drilled holes in shells, and I also heard third hand that Conrad Limbaugh may have been aware of it as well, as had a number of shell collectors.

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on the DRIFTLINE

from Texas

Chris Garvie has moved back to Texas, near Houston. His address is: Mr. Christopher L. Garvie, 11800 Grant Road, Apt. 4413, Cypress,

from Alaska

Rae Baxter visited over soveral days this month while he was picking up his son from Humboldt State University. On the 14th of May, they headed back to Alaska and Rae will be out on the boats until sometime in October or early November.

We will be publishing some of his draft keys to fish and mollusks during the coming the photos to complement his large work on

mollusks.

Rae notes Octopus dofleini boring holes in skate egg cases (genus Bathyrafa) In the Aleutian Island area, Gulf of Alaska. Cases maintained in live tanks on the fishing vessel "Let's Go" (September, 1986). Approximately 150 skate egg cases were examined for the presence of Adansonii (limpet-like mollusk) and most of the cases had holes chewed in them. In one case (the skate egg case taken directly from the octopus) the embryonic fluid leaked from the hole. The hole was approximately 4 x 5mm and rough at the edges. -- RAE BAXTER, Red Mountain, Via Homer, AK 99603

from Southern California

The Southern California Academy of Sciences held their 1987 Annual Meeting at Cal State Los Angeles, May 8-9. Friday, May 8, thad sessions all day followed by a wine/-cheese party in the late afternoon and the sannual banquet in the evening. Saturday had sessions all day with concurrent sessions in the

Friday morning sessions: ANTHROPOLOGY ("Animals, Culture, and Society,") chaired by Catherine Read-Martin of CSULA's Anthropology Dept.); VERTEBRATE BIOLOGY & PHYSIOLOGY (chaired by Alan Muchlinski, CSULA Biology Dept.); and the High School Section (with 16 SCAS Research Training students). Afternoon: FCLKLORE & MYTHOLOGY ("Animal, Vegetable, Mineral, and Fieldwork in Folklore," coordinated by Robin Evanchuk of UCLA's Folklore & Mythology Program and Norine Dresser of CSULA's English Dept., who chaired the session): ECOLOGY & ENVIRON-MENTAL SCIENCE (chaired by Carlos Robles, "CSULA Biology Dept.); and the continuing High School Section, with Margaret Jefferson, CSULA Biology Dept., as chair. Friday morning sessions: ANTHROPOLOGY

School Section, with Margaret Jefferson, CSU-LA Biology Dept., as chair.

Saturday, May 9, All day: SCAMIT & Ichthyologist sessions. Afternoon: American Cetacean Society. SCAMIT's all-day section of marine science papers honored Donald J. Reish, in the program coordinated by John Dorsey and Leslie Harris. John Dorsey chaired the morning session; David Mongagne the afternoon. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ICHTHYOLOGISTS: Larry Allen and Dave Stottz OLOGISTS: Larry Allen and Dave Stoltz coordinated the lohthyologists' all-day program, which Larry chaired in the morning; Camm Swift in the afternoon. AMERICAN CETACEAN Swift in the afternoon. AMERICAN CETACEAN SOCIETY: Diana McIntyre and Joanne Smalley coordinated the ACS program, which Donald R. Petten, ACS National President, chaired.

from Arizona

Russell L. Clochon will be moving from Arizona to lowa permanently within the next two or three months.

from Oregon

William J. Ritter will be heading to Alaska for another Salmon purse-sein season in early June and will be gone for about four months.

from Russia

April 7-9, 1987, the 8th All-Union Meeting of the investigation of Molluscs met in Leningrad. months. In addition, we hope to photograph

The meetings were held at the Zoological his study collection of Arctic mollusks and print

Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR. The abstracts will appear in June and include communications from Minichev, Roginskaya and others. - J.S. ROGINSKAYA; Academician, Petrovsky Str. 3, apl. 46, Moscow, 117419, USSR.

from Wirginia

... building a display room (5th cabinet in work now), and trying to keep up with correspondence. New job with the Navy keeps me busy with lots of long hours. No steam left when I come home. Have set up two saltwater tanks -- one for local fish and the other for molluses. One is too crowded and the other has a "hermit crab" which vacated the local moon shell for a damaged South African Trochus, Current Project -- built a dredge to survey the lower Chesapeake Bay for number of species available. Have not had time to drag it!

Tried diving -- the visibility is so poor (inches) that I gave up. Besides, old men don't need to play in all that current anyway. Most of what's available is buried in the sand (bivalves)

so dredge is the way to go.

Sorry to subject you to the chicken scratching but am watching the fish to see who eats "sand fleas". I am looking for a supplier of live Cyps for the one tank. - TOM SHEPHERD, 222 Beech St., Virginia Beach, VA 23451

from North Carolina

Katherine Hill, 443 Lake Shore Drive, Sunset Beach, NC 28459, wants to exchange worldwide EPITONIIDAE.

from the Editor

We are finally getting close to on schedule but several notes are very late to appear this month. The June issue should be mailed on or about June 1.

IN MEMORIAM

Joseph DuShane died earlier this year. Joe was a long-time supporter of the Conchological Club of Southern California and the Western Society of Malacologists.

Russ Pethtel (Tempe, AZ) died this May, while recovering from an automobile accident. He was a member and President-Elect of the Southwestern Malacological Society.

from Canada

The Ross Lemire shell library has been purchased (see S&SL Nov. 1983). Thank you for your interest.

from St. Louis

COA Convention '87: Meet me in St. Louis. "Enjoy the Spirit of St. Louis and the best in shells by attending the 13th Anniversary Conchologists of America Convention in downtown St. Louis, Missouri. The Convention, centered at Days Inn at the Arch, starts at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, and runs through Saturday, June 27. Be there at the start and everyday throughout for the door prizes. And what door prizes! Shells, shell books, related items! And then, on Friday morning, your hosts, the St. Louis Shell Club, will give away a Lambis viclacea. Tuesday evening will bring a

Lambis viciacea. Tuesday evening will bring a party: extensive hors d'oeuvres and wine and soda, hosted by the St. Louis Club.
"Tuesday afternoon, all day Wednesday, and Thursday morning will feature spectacular programs on shells and shelling. How would you like to learn how to collect your very own Glory of the Sea Cone or Golden Cowry in shallow water? Or experience the wonders of shelling Jamaica, Indonesia, the Baja and other exotic shores? If you don't know about the Midwestern shell fauna, we have a program we guarantee you'll enjoy. We're especially pleased that Twila Bratcher, cc-author of the new Terebra book, has agreed to talk on that large and interesting family. A time will also be set aside for club members to buy or exchange your pins, T-shirts and other club items with other COA members.

"Wednesday evening is the AUCTION! Well-known shell dealer Marty Gill will serve as the Auctioneer, offering shells, shell books and related items from inexpensive to rare. There will also be two silent auctions during the convention. All auotion proceeds go directly to COA for their scholarship, publication and award programs. Thursday evening is a pleasant Dinner Cruise aboard the paddle-wheeler Huck Finn. Transportation will be provided to the riverfront under the Gateway Arch for this 2-1/2 hour cruise on the 'Mighty Missients'.

"Thursday afternoon and Saturday afternoon are free times to explore downtown shopping, museums and other attractions. A guided walking tour is available Thursday afternoon, including a ride to the top of the Arch and a tour of the Museum of Wastern Expansion. The Arch is just one long city block from the hotel. Saturday afternoon a bus will be available to show you some of the highlights of St. Louis, with stops at the Missouri Botanical Gardens with its famous Climatron greehouse, extensive rose gardens (in June!) and the largest Japanese garden in North America. You'll also have time to visit Union Station, the largest railroad yard in the world, converted to a dining and shopping experience you should

enjoy.
"Saturday evening is the entertainment highlight of the Convention, with a super highlight of the Convention, with a super highlight of the Convention, with a super highlight of the Convention, and maybe a banquet, a noted guest speaker, and maybe a

surprise or two.
"What? No shells to find? How about one of the largest arrays of shell dealers in the world, all in one room? It's the Bourse, of course! Dealers from across the United States and several foreign nations will be there to show their wares. Friday after the business meeting, Friday evening and Saturday morning are reserved exclusively for the Bourse. You'll find shells from inexpensive to the fabulously rare, AND you'll have a chance to meet the dealers, ask those questions, or just 'talk shells'," SHELLS and SEA LIFE - volume 19, Number 5

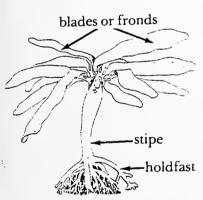
Seafood Sea Vegetables

Lynda Pozel*, Co-op Home Economist, North Coast Cooperative, Eureka, California.

Sea vegetables are becoming a very important feature in natural foods cookery because of their delicious new flavors and incredible amount and variety of nutrients. Words like kombu, wakame (also called alaria), sea palm, nori, arame, hiziki, and agar are now known throughout the country.

Judith Madlener in The Sea Vegetable Book, (the main source for this report) defines sea vegetables as "the edible, wild plants of the oceans ... which form the lush, natural, underwater 'gardens' proliferating along most of our continental shelves". More specifically, sea vegetables are primitive, photosynthesizing plants composed of a blade (like a leaf), a stipe (or stem), and a holdfast (rootlike). The plants take nourishment through the entire surface of the blades directly from seawater.

Sea Palm



Since the beginning of history, sea vegetables (more commonly and unconsciously called seaweed) have been eaten as a year-round source of fresh or dried vegetables. Sea vegetables continue to hold an important place in the daily diet of many of the world's peoples. In China, Japan and Korea cultivation goes on in practically every bay and stretch of usable coast. Russians prepare them with land vegetables and call the dish sea cabbage. In the Siberian northlands they are fermented into alcoholic beverages. In the British Isles they are made into a breakfast treat and in Canada sea vegetables are nibbled with beer in pubs. Eskimos get up to half their Vitamin C from seaweed. In this country, sea vegetable gatherers are found on both coasts, harvesting as the Native Americans have always done.

Sea vegetables possess the full range of vitamins and are rich in vitamins A, E, niacin, C, B1, B12, and panthothenic and folic acids. They contain highly digestible proteins, up to 25% by weight. Sea vegetables, however, are best known for their high concentrations of minerals including phosphorous, calcium, io-dine and iron. One tablespoon of cooked hiziki seaweed is equivalent to one glass of milk in its calcium content.

You may be surprized to find that seaweeds don't taste salty, containing only 2.8% salt, some of which can be leached out if the soaking water is discarded.

To prepare sea vegetables, soak in water for 10-20 minutes until fully softened and expanded; cut into smaller pieces for cooking. These steps are not required when using them in soups or beans where you may simply add them dry to the pot. For ages in the Orient, sea vegetables have been cooked with beans to enhance their digestibility, as bay leaves have been used in Europe. When the beans are cooked the sea vegetables completely dissolve with a stir. All the minerals are cooked into the

Other culinary uses for seaweeds are in salads, casseroles, trail mixes, as a seasoning for the table, or wrapped around rice in sushi or rice balls.

Glossarv

Agar-Agar (Kanten): This useful sea gelatin comes in easy-to-use bars or flakes which dissolve in liquid and set up without refrigeration. Agar-agar is odorless, tasteless, and colorless, yet being high in certain carbohydrates is popular with weight watchers looking for quality complex polysaccharides (filling yet not fattening). Used as a jello substitute or for puddings, pie fillings and even dairy-free homemade ice cream.

Dulse: Often eaten fresh, this dried leafy sea vegetable is used as a condiment when ground up or it may be mixed with grains or vegetables and in soups or salads - very high in easily digestible proteins.

Hiziki: A stringy grass type of sea vegetable, hiziki is generally boiled with a little soy sauce added to the water for a tasty broth and can be mixed with other cooked vegetables or used cold in salads.

Arame: Another stringy type of sea vegetable, arame has a milder flavor than hiziki. It reconstitutes quickly, and may be used as is without further cooking in salads, or cooked briefly with other vegetables.

Kelp: This finely ground powder can be added easily to all cooking recipes and is particularly nice in breads, waffles and other grain or bean dishes.

Kombu: A delightful soup stock made from soaking or boiling these broad flat sections of kombu helps to cleanse fat and cholesterol from the blood and prevents constipation and hardening of the arteries. The kombu may be reused by cutting and placing it on the bottom of the pot when cooking other vegetables. Kombu is the sea vegetable most often used in cooking beans, a 6-inch piece per 2 cups of dry

Wakame: This thin leafy vegetable is easily digested after soaking, and makes into delicious soups or salads.

Nori: Distributed in thin sheets of ten to a package, nori is easily roasted on one side only, and used to wrap rice in balls or rolls of as a garnish chopped in small pieces.

Cabbage Salad with Ginger Dressing

1 cup cooked shredded kombu

2 cups shredded red cabbage

4 cups shredded cabbage cup sliced radish

Cook kombu in boiling water for 1 minute, drain & rinse in cold water. Toss kombu with cabbage & radish.

Dressing:

1 teaspoon fresh grated ginger

2 cloves garlic, minced

tablespoons tamari tablespoons honey

tablespoons toasted sesame oil

tablespoon sesame tahini

cup rice vinegar

1/2 cup water
Combine ingredients & blend until smooth. Pour over salad, toss to combine.

Sauteed Dulse and Vegetables 1 cup dulse, washed, soaked & sliced

1/2 cup carrots, sliced

1/2 cup daikon, sliced

sésame oil

small amount of tamari

Lightly oil skillet with sesame oil, saute carrots & daikon 5-7 minutes over medium, stir to keep from burning. Add dulse and several drops tamari. Cover, simmer over low 10 minutes. Remove cover and cook off excess liquid.

Kombu, Shiitake, & Bonita Flake Stock 1 3-inch strip kombu

5-6 cups water

4-5 shiitake

2 tablespoons bonita flakes Place kombu and shiitake in water, bring to a boil. Boil 1-2 minutes, remove kombu, dry & save to use again. Reduce heat and simmer shiitake another 3-4 minutes, remove, dry & save. Add bonita, simmer 3-4 minutes, turn off When bonita settles to bottom, pour off clear broth. Save bonita to use again. Next time you use the ingredients, boil a bit longer

for good flavor.

Blueberry Kanten 1 pint blueberries, washed

2 cups water

2 cups apple juice

pinch of salt

tablespoons agar agar flakes

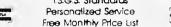
Put all ingredients in pot, mix well. Bring to a boil; reduce flame to low and simmer 2-3 minutes. Place in a shallow bowl, chill until hardened. Serve.

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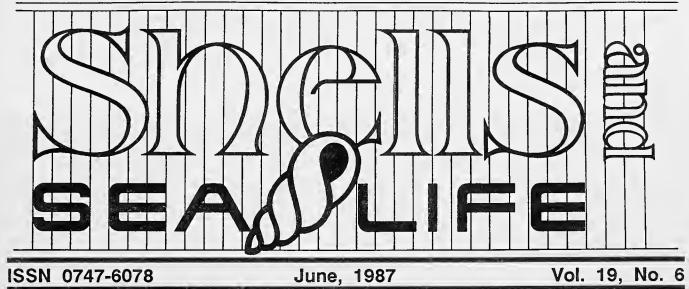
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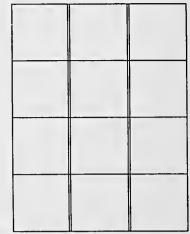
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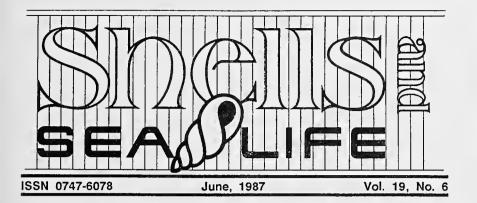
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Editor's Notes

The summer meetings are here -- with the Conchologists of America in Missouri and the Western Society of Malacologists in San Diego this month. Other meetings are going on around the world. We are unable to attend the major summer meetings this year but hope that by next year the printing and mailing will be smooth enough to allow us some time off.

If you are travelling in the western U.S. please try to stop by and see us. We are in the heart of the beautiful California Redwood country and right on the ocean. Air connections are reasonable with both United Airlines and American Airlines coming into Arcata Airport about 15 minutes from our house. Driving from San Francisco we are about 6 hours north. Los Angeles is about 750 miles north of Bayside and Seattle is about 12 hours by car.

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This issue of SHELLS and SEA LIFE is the first one printed entirely on our own equipment. The vertical camera and the platemaker are now installed and operational, along with the printing press. We have already printed more than 20,000 pages and are beginning to figure out how to run the equipment -- but it will be a while before we learn how to use the darkroom equipment to make our photographs.

We want to purchase the necessary equipment to make and print color photographs in SHELLS and SEA LIFE. We require color separation equipment, densitometer, temperature control unit, water heater and other items to control the printing. Even before that we need special attachments to the printing press to handle the coated stock paper.

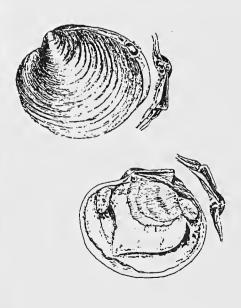
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The Chlamys illustration was done directly from Elsie Marshall's small display case to paper using our new camera. We have been pushed back almost to the end of June awaiting equipment, building a darkroom and learning how to use the camera and supplies. During the next few issues we will be trying out a few different paper weights and types along with various inks and photo production methods to find out what looks the best. If you see something you like, please let us know. If you see something you don't like -- we probably won't like it either and will probably change it with the next issue.

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Florida Scallop Dumps.

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We debarked from a dredging trip on the R/V Eastward at Morehead City, North Carolina. We came upon a scallop dragger unloading a boat load of Argopecten gibbus (L.). We were allowed to help ourselves. I grabbed a few orange ones that stood out in that great mass of pink and red scallops being wheel-barrowed into the shucking shed. This incident was in August 1966 while attending an American Malacological Union conference at Chapel Hill.

During an A.M.U. seminar at Cocoa Beach, Florida, in July of 1971, a dump pile of Argopecten gibbus and other marine shells was discovered. Numerous conventioneers, in small secretive groups poked through, feverishly raked over or dug deep into that dump. Shouts went back and forth as various species of shells were discovered among the thousands of barnacle-encrusted Calico Scallop valves. Many miniature and choice shells were picked out of the finer debris at the bottom of the pile. Large shells such as Murex fulvescens, Fasciolaria hunteri and very red Fasciolario tulipo, Laevicordium laevigotum, Pleuraploca giganteo, Distorsio clothrata, Architectonica nobilis with its interesting operculum, and more were fairly common. The first trip I made to this scallop dump revealed many sections of egg case masses. The next day Dr. Donald Moore told me that they were from Tonna golea. Badly broken Tun shells were common on the dump. I wanted some egg cases to preserve, but it was too late, rats or other night creatures had probably fed on them. Many a room in the A.M.U. convention motel had a little pile of tiny, rosy red, delicate Argopecten gibbus pairs, smaller than a dime. A few lucky diggers had quarter-size Lyropecten nodasus (Linne), the Lion's Paw, to show off to envious friends or to sell for a high price. One day, even as we scratched around this smelly, unhealthy, scallop dump, it was being trucked away. The Health Department had stepped in to end this dumping - or so we thought.

In October, 1971, I was staying with Vera Roberts of the Central Florida Shell Club. This was my annual week of Shell & Sea Life programs at the Science Museum in Orlando. One day Vera's married daughter brought in a washtub filled with scallop dump debris. There had been more dumping over at Cape Canaveral. After my day's work I found many lovely little Calliastoma sp., Turbo castoneus, Prunum roscidum, Heliacus, Chione grus, Lyonsio beana and others. I just had to see that new dump for myself. One afternoon a trip was made to Cape Canaveral, fifty miles away. We were prepared with gloves, rakes, buckets, cold drinks and stout shoes. We worked into the dry and brittle debris. Among other species of shells, I, too, found a few pairs of the much-sought-after Lion's Paw. They were no bigger than a quarter and brilliant red. Weariness, from constant raking over of the mature Calico Scallop valves, finally sent us back home. We worked into the night, cleaning our "take". Dreams of more Lyropecten nadosus sent us back those fifty miles the very next afternoon. Guess what? Screams went up as we turned south after crossing Merrit Island. There was a new, high, untouched dump pile of scallop shells. We jumped into our protective gear and went at it. We pocketed Lion's Paws and other treasure shells, complete with bodies, some still alive. I salvaged giant but badly mutilated Octopus vulgaris for their horny beaks. An Octopus is a mollusk and the black beak represents it in a dry collection. Spider, Flame, Lady and other crabs, Bat Fish, Rock Shrimp and other specimens of sea life were gathered to be preserved for my school programs. We regretted any time lost from frantic digging and searching for Llon's Paws. We found many perfect pairs - such beautiful, colorful, knobby, juvenile shells. We finally had to quit. Our hands had blisters, broken and bloodied. It was getting too dark to see. Another night of cleaning Lyrapecten nadasus and other choice Pectinidae species. There were Aequipecten muscosus, Pecten roveneli, Chlamys benedicti as well as our Calico Scallops and Llon's Paws. There were Busycon carico, Phalium gronulotum, Dinocardium robustum, Conus deleserti, Cymatium porthenopium, Chione lotilulata and Xenophora conchyliophoro. I had Distorsio clothrata with tiny black opercula. I had Sinum maculatum and preserved one complete with blg, fat, red body.

Two days later, blisters partially healed, we returned. The smell (you know the kind) was terrific. That dump was right out in the hot sun. We donned gloves over our bandaged hands and excitedly almost reraked that whole dump. Maggots were underneath everything and big buzzing flies were everywhere. We picked out more shells, small and large, and now and then, still another red or orange Lion's Paw. Vera worked each night cleaning my pairs of Lyrapecten nodasus. I worked over my other species of univalves and bivalves. She left her own buckets of smelly, barnacle-encrusted shells and her choice Lion's Paws to work on after I headed back to Coconut Grove. From up there, I later got word that they never found another fresh dump and only a few Lion's Paws. The Health Department actually forced the scallopers to dump elsewhere.

I had four cases of "Scallop Dump Shells" In the South FlorIda Shell Club's January 1973 shell show. I won a blue, first-place ribbon. One "Oh, My!" case was made up of those forty matched pairs of tiny Lion's Paws. There was a four foot case of 36 blvalve specles and another four foot case of 36 unlvalve specles both of just specles from the scallop dump. Many of the specles shown were in long growth series rows and in wide ranges of color variations. I really have a great liking for any common shell that comes in quantity without taking live mollusks. In my exhibit there was a one species case of all aspects of Argapecten gibbus (Linne)

Came the A.M.U. seminar at the University of Delaware in Newark in June 1973. On the way home, Florence and Sophie Kuczynski and I purposely found ourselves working over Argapectem gibbus scallop dumps at Morehead City, North Carolina. No Lion's Paws, but we salvaged a representative collection of 19 species of shells. We had Helmets, Knobby and Channeled Whelks, Tuns, Shark Eyes, Northern Quahogs, Distorsio, Scotch Bonnets and Murex. We searched out many pairs of mature Calico Scallops, but did not notice any immature ones. Back in St. Petersburg, Florida, we wished we had taken more of those colorful upper valves – no wonder they call them Calico Scallops.

October 1973 and I was again doing a week of Shell & Sea Life programs. It was my seventh year up at the Orlando Museum of Science. After a busy six-day week, we drove out towards the beach. Vera knew of an old scallop dump deep in a field far from the road. It had been worked over and flattened by unknown numbers of shell collectors. However, we dug among the dry and clattering scallop shells and again I took a representative collection of shell species: Distarsia, Architectanica, Giant Egg Cockles and Arks. Murex, Horse Conchs, Crepidula, Chione latilurata palrs, Natica, Palinices, Tuns, Cones, Glycymeris, Gibbus clam valves and more. I remembered Sophie Kuczynski saying, "We should have taken more scallop shells while at More-head City." I gathered many many small scallops, still in pairs, and two big buckets full of the more-colorful, but more-encrusted upper valves. As I write this, my fingers are sore from knocking and chipping off great pink barnacles and tougher small white worm tubes from over 500 red-blotched valves. I've soaked them in bleach, scrubbed and oiled them. These will go for table decorations, shell packs and ash trays for a Shell & Sea Life program for conventioneers out on Key Biscayne next

Later, on that same trip to the beach, we drove over to the docks at Cape Canaveral. They told us that the scallops had mysteriously disappeared. Machinery lay idle and rusty. We did not think it a mystery. We remembered those extremely plentiful and tiny dime-sized scallops in the dump in July 1971. We recalled the thousands of quarter-sized pairs in the scallop dumps in October 1971. Had they killed the goose that laid the golden eggs? Had they dragged up not only all the big 2½ by 2½ Inch mature scallops, but maybe many thousands of the little ones, too, leaving not enough to grow up to maturity for future scallop dragging?

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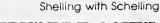
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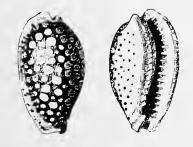
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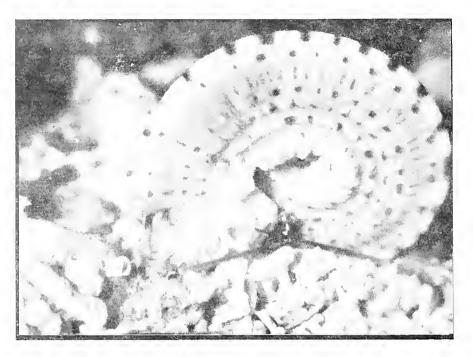
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Sundial Shells

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Sundial Shells: The scallop fishermen of the East Coast of Florida drag nets to collect the scallops and, along with the intended product, bring up many other molluscan species as well as bottom-feeding fish, crabs echinoderms. Among the mollusks commonly found at the area where the fishermen dump their refuse is Architectonica nobilis Roeding, 1798, and I have several times found such fresh specimens that I was able to bring them home alive to my aquarium.

I expected these "Sundial Shells" to carry the shell with the umbilical opening against the sand, but I found, as the photo shows, that they upend the shell when moving. I also discovered that, each morning after a night of activity, the shell was buried in sand with the spire downward and the flat ventral side upward and flush with the sand surface.





Barbados Murex. David Hunt

Gregg Farm St. Andrews, Barbados, West Indies

Murex hidalgoi (Crosse, 1869). More common in the Gulf of Mexico regions, this beautiful species is extremely rare in Barbados waters, and is found only in depths exceeding 200m it seems.

Puffer, Blowfish, Porcupinefish, Globefish, Swellfish or Fugu.

Tom Rice, Port Gamble, WA 98364

There are some one hundred species of fish, mostly occuring in semi-tropical or tropical waters, that are called by the common names noted in the title of this short article. Most of us have been introduced to these strange fish by seeing them used as decorative pieces such as lamps found in esoteric shops.

Most of the time the living specimens of these fish appear in a normal fish-like shape, but when frightened, annoyed or excited they have the ability to intake air or water into a sac in their belly and thus take upon themselves the balloon-like shape we see in the curio store. This, with the addition in some species of spines, tends to discourage predators or cause a rival specimen to back off a bit.

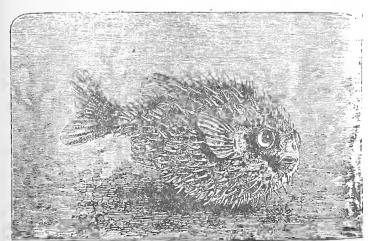
The teeth of the fish in the Diodontidae are strange too. They have the appearance of a parrot's beak and are used to tear apart sea stars, crabs, clams, corals and sea urchins which make up the fish's diet.

While one species of puffer was a popular food fish along the eastern coast of the United States some years ago, called at that time "sea squab", most species contain a poison, tetrodotoxin, which is 35 times more powerful than curare. This poison has caused many deaths throughout the years, including many each year in Japan where the fish is a prized gourmet treat.

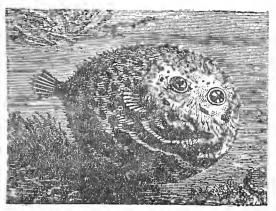
Called fugu in Japan - the genus of the two species occuring in Japanese waters is Fugu, the species are F. rubripes and F. xonthopterus - only specially trained chefs are allowed to prepare the fish for consumption. The poison is concentrated in the intestines, liver, ovaries, kidneys, eyes and skin and should a tiny portion of any of these end up on the dinner plate the diner's death might follow with extreme haste. Nearly 60% of all puffer poisonings prove fatal! The poison first numbs the arms and legs, then speach, movement and finally breathing are affected.

There are thirty steps prescribed by law in preparing puffer fish for consumption in Japan and once cut into paper-thin fillets and arranged artistically on a serving dish, the meal is ready for the discriminating diner. He must also be a rather well-to-do diner, since each serving can cost up to \$200! More than \$40 million worth of fugu (at the wholesale price) is consumed each year in Japan.

Puffer fish have drawn interest over the years. Tombs in Egypt contain depictions of the fish. The ancient Egyptians used one species as a ball in a popular game. Hawaiian natives used the fish's poison to annoint their spears. In Japan, however, the fish acheives its apex of adoration with a



-Diodon pilosus.



The Globe-fish (Tetraodon).

statue in one Tokyo park and a memorial tombstone in a temple near Osaka. $\ensuremath{\sigma}$

There are six species of puffer in Florida waters, several in the Gulf of California and species in the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean and the South Pacific. All are toxic. The Red Sea species is thought to be the reason for the biblical injunction: "These ye shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat: And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it is unclean unto you" [Deuteronomy 14: 9-10]

The puffer has even appeared in fictional literature. In lan Fleming's From Russio, With Lave, the indomitable hero 007 is left hanging at the conclusion of the novel: "The boot, with its tiny steel tongue, flashed out. Bond felt a sharp pain in his right calf. ... Numbness was creeping up Bond's body. ... Breathing became difficult.... Bond pivoted slowly on his heel and crashed headlong to the wine-red floow." He recovers, obviously, and reappears in Dr. No where it is explained that he had received a nearly fatal dose of fugu poison.

And in Japan, of course, the fugu is the subject of poetry. A traditional senryu verse is

Last night he and I ate fugu; Today, I help carry his caffin.

And a haiku poem by Buson ...

I cannot see her tonight, I have to give her up Sa I will eat fugu.

So enjoy looking at the puffer fish in the water where he lives as he drifts along in the current (the fish can barely swim, but sculls along using dorsal and anal fins). Note his scaly body which has few bones - no ribs or pelvic bones. Admire his ability to "puff up". But for heaven's sake - DON'T EAT HIM!

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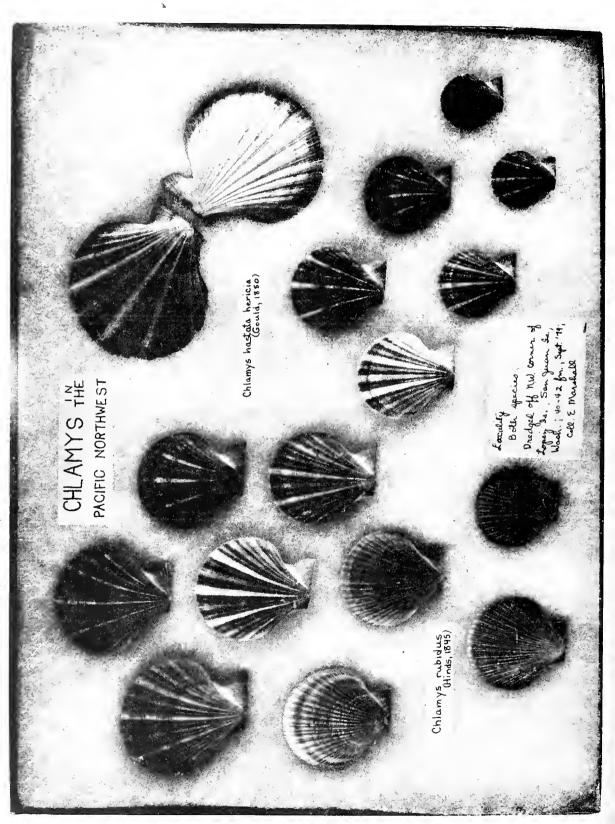
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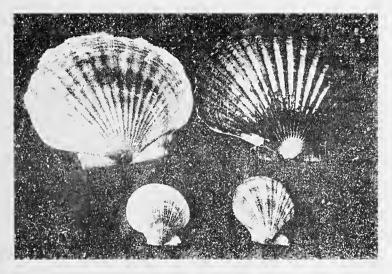
Scallops Pectinidae

For centuries the fan-shaped shell of the scallop or pectin (Chlamys) has inspired artists. In the Middle Ages it was used as the Crusader's badge and today is the symbol of a major oil company.

The scallop, a bivalve mollusk, is easily recognized by its shape. Existing in many colors, the shell is collected worldwide. Although all the animal is edible, just the single round muscle is usually used for fried scallops.

HABITAT

Most scallops are free-swimming by opening and shutting its shell. The juvenile Rock Scallop is free-swimming, however, the adult is attached to rocks by the right valve of its thick shell. The presence of the boring sponge is evidenced on the exterior of the animal by a honeycomb appearance. This species is not known for being as flavorful as the free-swimming ones, but it can be found intertidally. The Rock Scallop is mainly prized for its shell. Most types are found in shallow water, preferring sheltered bays and eel grass. Skin diving with a snorkel or scuba gear is a good way to locate scallops. Take along a net and your goody bag. There are laws regulating size and limits so check each state's regulations.



PICKLED SCALLOPS

½ cup olive oil2 small chili peppers2 onions, medium size1 lb. raw scallops½ cup vinegar1 tsp. salt

½ tsp. pepper ¼ tsp. dry mustard

Wash scallops and slice ½ inch thick if large ones. Drain, pat dry. In 2 the coll, saute raw scallops for about 5 minutes. Cool 15 minutes. Combine remaining oil and the rest of ingredients. Add to scallops and marinate in the refrigerator 24 hours. Ready to eat.

Note: I lb. raw or cooked shrimp may be substituted for scallops. Omit sauteing if cooked shrimp are used.

SCALLOP CASSEROLE

I cup mushrooms, sauteed in butter. Add:

1 cup chopped green pepper or ½ green, ½ red. When soft add: 3 cups scallops, quarter if large ones,

Cover and simmer for 6 to 8 minutes. Meanwhile make 2 cups white sauce. In a small bowl mix 1 egg yolk, 1 ounce vermouth, dash Worcestershire sauce. Add to white sauce and stir into scallops. Put in casserole, cover with Parmesan cheese. Place under broiler until brown and bubbly. Add chopped parsley and serve.

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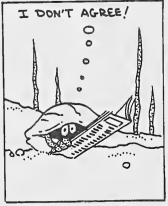
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Journal of the Malacological Society of Australia. 1986. Vol. 7(3-4): 95-180. [A. Solem - Pupilloid land snalls; M.A. Snyder - Fusinus anni; R.A. Rose - Rostange arbutus; M.G. Harasewych - Columbariinae; R. Houart - Dermomurex; F.E. Wells - Aplysie gigantee)

Las Conchas, March 1987.

Articles and notes on whate watching; seafood, art & shells, "Pearl of Allah" and Education Corner on Strombina.

New York Shell Club Notes December 1986. No. 301:1-18.

Corbicule; Mussels; Barnacles; Sea Whip; Sponges; Long Island Scallop industry; Wake Island Shelling; Save this snail)

Shell and Tell, Gulf Coast Shell Club, issued bimonthly. Editors: Jim & Linda Brunner, P.O. Box 8188, Southport, FL 32409, (904) 265-5557.

Anderson, R. 1985. Guide to Florida Seashells. Winner Enterprises, FL, 56 pages, illustrated, soft cover, ISBN 0-912569-12-3. - \$3.95

Onslaught Against Education — a Book Review. This booklet should get first prize for being the worst guide to Florida shells published in the present century. Superficially looking respectable, this pocket-size guide contains 68 common Florida shells. Twelve species are gossly common Florida shells. Twelve species are gossly misidentified—the Calico Scallop is called *Pecten ziczac*, and, on the cover, the Apple Murex is identified as the Florida Rock on the cover, the Apple Murex is identified as the Florida Rock Shell, Thais heemastoma, and the well-known Alphabet Cone labelled Conus delessertii. Ten old scientific names, not used by experts In 50 years, are employed and sometimes misspelled. Three kinds have wrong illustrations; and 23 of the species that are inadequately described in the text have no accompanying illustrations. All told, there are over 56 misspellings and erroneous facts — an average of one per page. In essence, the buyer receives a book that has only 16 species properly named, described and illustrated.

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All books, including those of this reviewer, have some inadvertent errors and typographical aberrations, but this one has misinformation in addition. Where the author states on page 48 that "the egg masses (of the moon snail) are laid on the underside of a glutinous collar-shaped egg case" he is quoling a longtime error that refers to the extraneous egg capsules of the Nassa. Mud Snails sometimes attached to this sandy collar. New to scientisis is his statement on page 48 sandy collar. New to scientists is his statement on page 48 that the heavy, plodding Murex spinicostate [sic] (i.e. Phyllonotus fulvescens, the Giant Eastern Murex) "is also a capable swimmer."!

Sometimes a good little beginner's guide can serve as memory-jogger of names for the advanced shell collector Not In this case because author names and dates, so essentie to serving amateur conchologists, are omitted. To furthe confuse the beginning conchologists, the common Kitten' Paw is referred to as Plicatula mantelli [sic], an Eocene tossi on one page, as ramosa on page 23, and correctly on page 3 as gibbosa. The common edible Quahog C'am of Florida i not, as implied, found throughout the world, and is no mercenaria but campechiensis.

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In this case Winner Enterprises has produced, in addition other (also accurate?) guides to Florida natural history, a lose to education and the hobby of conchology. Unfortunately this attractive little guide is being widely distributed to the Florida public despite its many major errors. The moral for small press publishers is to produce books written in good English by knowledgeable people or face the consequences of free enterprise and honest reviews. -- R. TUCKEF ABBOTT

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Salmon fishing is frequently good this time of year in the ocean waters nearby. Summer Steelhcad are in the rivers. The blackberries, Salmon berries, Thimble berries, Huck eberries and other bernes are all over the oace. We spend a good part of our spring and early summer trying to keep blackbeiries from taking over our property. Cherries, plums, raspberries and apricots are just about finished but the pears and apples are just starting to ripen.

We have been working to learn how to run our new printing equipment and organizing our library for the past few months. We order a paper type, run test printings on it, and order a different paper type. It gets a bit easier as we go along and we hope that only a few more tests will be required.

Now that we have the equipment we can start to expand a bit at a time. We need good articles on nature in various parts of the world. We would especially like articles covering a specific place, listing the found there and including animals photographs and notes on the area and the animals. The preferable length for the article would be four pages including photographs.

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More on Rarity Part II.

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The subject of species rarity is a very subjective one. For example, I find it interesting that S. Peter Dance omitted mention of Conus pergrandis (1) in his classic book, Rare Shells (2).

However, he did list 8 other cones of the 50 species he chose as being "rare." Of course I agree with Dance, who wrote: "A book like this is necessarily a very personal subjective affair.... I hope that much of what appealed to me appeals to others, too." Dance included the following 8 cones in his list of rarities:

TABLE 1: RARE CONES (FROM RARE SHELLS, 1969)

Conus thomae Gmelin, 1791 Conus cervus Lamarck, 1822 Conus crocatus Lamarck, 1810 Conus gloriamaris Chemnitz, 1777 Conus milneedwardsi Jousseaume, 1894 Conus excelsus Sowerby, 1908 Conus adamsoni Broderip, 1836 Conus dusaveli (H. Adams, 1872)

Here's how Jerry Walls rated these same shells 8 years later in his book (3):

TABLE 2: RARE CONES (FROM CONE SHELLS, 1977)

C. thomae "Very Rare; known from only a handful of good specimens; almost never present in private collections.

C. cervus "A freshly collected specimen... would certainly be one of the great discoveries in cones ... a classic rarity.

C. crocatus (= colubrinus) "Rare, or at least uncommon; rare everywhere except

New Caledonia, where it is uncommon"

C. gloriamaris "Moderately rare, but widely distributed; populations ... appear to be local and of limited size; a rare and famous shell; much more common than usually suggested; very local distribution.

C. milneedwardsi "Usually very rare, it may be locally uncommon; of course a rare and desirable species, but it has recently come onto the market in some numbers

The source of supply is uncertain...."

C. excelsus "A rare species in collections; probably widely distributed ... but seldom collected. An extremely rare shell in collections First discovered in 1873."

C. adamsoni "Very rare species seldom seen in good condition Live-taken specimens are quite rare.... In some areas not uncommon judging from the number of beach specimens.

¹The 1982 Guinees Book of Records (4) called Conus servus (slc) one of the two rarest shells in the world. It was reported that "\$10,000 offered for a specimen had been refused in 1978." Later editions balleyhooed C. "servus" as the "most valuable ehell." (More about this

C. dusaveli "Only rediscovered within the last few years ... apparently taken with some regularity ... from the Ryukyus; in all likelihood the distribution ... is wide and the species will prove to be merely uncommon once its ecology is better understood; not as rare as the extremly high prices ... would indicate."2

Two years later, E.G. Leehman, popular columnist writing in the Hawaiian Shell News (Oct. 1979) offered his opinion as to the "status change" of the 3 rare cones listed in Peter Dance's book, as follows:

TABLE 3: RARE CONES ("STATUS CHANGE", 1979)

- C. thomae was rare; now "scarce"
- C. cervus no change; still "rare"
- C. crocatus was rare; now "scarce"
- C. gloriamaris was rare; now "scarce" C. milneedwardsi no change; still "rare"
- C. excelsus no change; still "rare"
- C. adamsoni no change; still "rare"
- C. dusaveli no change; still "rare"

He based his revisions chiefly on the startling developments and gathering techniques (use of deep-set "gill-nets" lowered to the bottom in deep water) in the southern Philippine Islands. For several species, their ecologic habitat had been discovered, and novel collecting techniques were devised to meet the continuing demand.

²Described in 1872 from a unique specimen found in the stomach of a fish supposedly taken off the island of Mauritius, it was not seen egain until the middle 1970s. A limited number began to turn up around Okinawa and from langle-nets in the Philippines, but so far no specimens from Mauritius or elsewhere in the Indian Ocean. Walls (6) says that il is available now (1981) "in numbers but still sells in the \$1000 range." By 1985, however, its price had dropped to \$150-\$375, and a deadcollected one could be had for as little as \$45-\$50.

Where only a few fishermen had been involved previously, now hundreds of men were out daily or nightly, lowering not a dozen nets, but thousands of them (!) to greater depths than ever before, with dealers looking over their shoulders and big money in their hands. Scuba divers were diving deeper, taking bigger risks in far off places like Thailand and the Ryukyus.

Here's how Jerome Eisenberg rated Peter Dance's rare cones 12 years later (5):

TABLE 4: RARE CONES (FROM SEASHELLS OF THE WORLD, 1981)

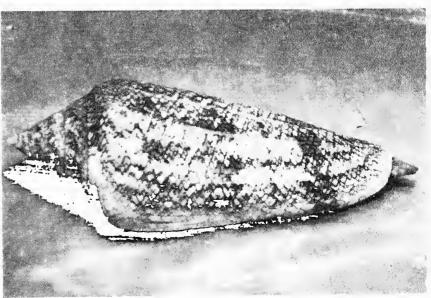
- C. thomae Not illustrated³
 C. cervus Not illustrated
 C. crocatus (form thailandus daMotta) "Extremely Rare"
- C. gloriamaris "Very Rare; a famous and classic rarity
- C. milneedwardsi "Extremely Rare; a classic rarity"
- C. excelsus Not illustrated C. adamsoni "Extremely Rare; a classic rarity'
 - C. dusaveli Not illustrated

3Indicating not present in this prominent dealer's personal collection et that time.

In the next issue, we'll look at Abbott and Dance's Compendium, and see how two experts rank these same cones. We'll talk about the types of a shell's "availability". and see how three authors use adjectives and nouns to characterize the degrees of availability.

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Conus gloriamaris Photo of live specimen by David K. Mulliner.

Calendar 1987

SEPTEMBER

Grenada Night, September 5, San Diego, Ramada Inn Old Town 7-9:30pm. Contact: Foundation for Field Research, 787 South Grade Road, Alpine, CA 92001-0380. (619) 445-9264.

Pine Barrens Weekend II, September 11-13, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Grenada Night, September 13, Palo Alto, Garden Court Hotel 7-9:30pm. Contact: Foundation for Field Research, 787 South Grade Road, Alpine, CA 92001-0380. (619) 445-9264.

The Speil of the Sheil, September 18-20, Southlake Mall, at I-65 and U.S. Route 30, Merrillville, Indiana. Hosted by the Crown Point Shell Collectors Study Group and the Southlake Merchant's Association. Judges will be Russell Jensen and Gary & Holly Coovert. Contact: Crown Point Shell Collectors Study Group, P.O. Box 462, Crown Point, IN 46307.

Wreck Diving III, September 20, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

American Littoral Society, 26th Annual Meeting and Cape May Birding Weekend I, September 25-27, Friday noon through Sunday afternoon. Shepherd's Neck Inn, Montauk, New York. Contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Guam Shell Fair, September 26-27, 22nd Annual Shell Fair of the Guam Shell Club, Agana, Guam. Contact: Capt. Alex Roth, Jr., Guam Shell Club, P.O. Box 7867, Tamuning, GU 96911.

OCTOBER

Western Society of Naturalists, 15 October, Deadline for submission of abstracts for the Annual Meeting. See WSN December listing.

Cape May Birding Weekend II, October 16-18, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

American Academy of Underwater Sciences, Annual Meeting, October 29-November 1, University Plaza Hotel, Seattle, Washington. Contact: Mike Lang, Biology, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182. (619) 265-5387.

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DECEMBER

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Western Soclety of Naturallsts, Annual Meeting, Joint Meeting with International Soclety for Invertebrate Reproduction, December 26-30, California State University, Long Beach, California. Dr. Don Reish will be the local chairman. Contact: David H. Montgomery, Secretary W.S.N., Department of Biological Sciences, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407. (805) 546-2446.

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JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

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St. Petersburg Shell Show, February 26-

MARCH

Sanibel Shell Fair, March 3-6.

Treasure Coast Shell Show, March 19-20.

NOVEMBER

Hawalian Malacological Society, Tentatively early November for combined Shell Show and Auction.

1989

AUGUST

International Society for Invertebrate Reproduction, Meeting, August, Nagoya, Japan.

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from R. Tucker Abbott

You should have qualified your statement in your January 1986 "Editor's Notes" in which you profess that you are "not aware of any malacological publication in the world which has continued longer with the same editor" (than Steve Long for Shells and Sea Life).

Among the editors still actively editing current mollusk publications for longer periods than "seventeen plus years" are Dorothy Raeihle (New York Shell Club Notes for 227 issues and 25 years), Glenn R. Webb (Gastropodia for 24 years), Tadashiga Habe (Japanese Journal of Malacology for 22 years), Kety Nicolay (La Conchiglia of Italy for 19 years), and myself as co-editor for 28 years (acting or main editor for 20 years) of America's oldest continuing mollusk journal, The Nautilus.

Henry A. Pilsbry served the longest (for 68 years for The Nautilus). J.R. Tomlin served 37 years as editor of the still continuing British Journal of Conchology; W.J. Clench edited Johnsonia for 25 years, as did R. Stohler for The Veliger. The oldest extant mollusk journal is the German Archiv fur Molluskenkunde, begun in 1868, which has had several editors who served more than 30 years each. - Dr. R. Tucker Abbott, P.O. Box 2255, Melbourne, FL 32902-2255

[ed. -- You are right again, Tucker! All of those editors, and yourself, deserve a lot of credit for their work. At the time, I was writing of current editors, not current publications. Kety and I started publishing very close to the same time (1969), I don't even know who was first. Dorothy has not been editor for over a year. I haven't heard from Glenn Webb in many years. Jerry Harasewych is now editing The Nautilus. And, I just plain forgot Tadashiga Habe.

There are several others who have been working editors for years, including Carole Hertz, <u>The Festivus</u>. We all take our lumps and keep plugging along. Thanks for the reminder and the history lesson.]

from Harry G. Lee

I should like to offer a brief word on the article ("Shelling in Truk Lagoon"):

- Illustration of Haliotis pustulata appears to not be H. pustulata (Reeve, 1846) (see enclosed photocopy from <u>Conchologica Iconica</u>, original description). I like H. ovina Linnaeus, 1758, but my shells show a slightly greater spire on dorsal view.

Illustration of Conus distans is not C. distans Hwass in Burguiere, 1792. It is C. vexillum Gemlin. 1791. a different species.

vexillum Gemlin, 1791, a different species.

- Illustration of Lambis crocata is not L. crocata Lamarck, 1807. It is L. lambis (Linneaus, 1750), a different species.

You've always used (or had your contributors use) authors (usually with dates) for scientific taxa. I suggest Bowen do so. That way such egregious errors in identification might be less likely -- or at least easier to rectify. -- Harry G. Lee, M.D., 709 Lomax St., Jecksonville, FL 32204.

Cape Arago **Opisthobranchs**

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- 1. Acanthodoris hudsoni
- 2. Acanthodoris nanaimoensis
- 3.*Acanthodoris rhodoceras
- 4. Adalaria sp.
- 5. Aeolidia papillosa
- 6. Aldisa cooperi
- 7. Aldisa sanguinea
- 8. Ancula pacifica
- 9. Ancula nobilis
- 10. Anisodoris nobilis
- 11. Aplysiopsis smithi
- 12. Archidoris montereyensis
- 13. Archidoris odhneri
- 14. Berthella californica
- 15. Cadlina luteomarginata
- 16. Cadlina modesta
- 17. Catriona columbiana
- 18. Crimora coneja
- 19. Cuthona abronia
- 20. Cuthona albocrusta
- 21. Cuthona cocoachroma
- 22. Cuthona flavovulta
- 23. Cuthona fulgens 24. Cylichnella harpa
- 25. Dendronotus albus
- 26. Dendronotus frondosus
- 27. Dendronotus subramosus
- 28. Diaphana californica
- 29 Diaphorodoris lirulatocauda (formerly Onchidoris hystricina)
- 30. Diaulula sandiegensis
- 31. Dirona albolineata
- 32. Dirona picta
- 33. Discodoris heathi
- 34. Doto amyra
- 35. Doto kya
- 36. Eubranchus olivaceus
- 37. Eubranchus rustyus
- 38. Flabellina trilineata
- 39. Hallaxa chani
- 40. Hermaea vancouverensis
- 41. Hermissenda crassicomis
- 42. Janolus fuscus
- 43. Laila cockerelli
- 44. Onchidoris muricata
- 45. Placida dendritica
- 46. Polycera atra
- 47. Precuthona divae
- 48. Rostanga pulchra
- 49. Trìopha catalinae
- 50 Triopha maculata
- 51. Tritonia festiva

Additional Species (other Coos Bay locations)

On drift material from offshore: Fiona pinnata

South Jetty:

Doto sp. (on Aglaophenia) Charleston boat basin:

Cumanotus beaumonti *Dendronotus albopunctatus (subtidal only)

Onchidoris bilamellata

Polycera zosterae

South slough: Alderia modesta

Elysia hedgpethi (exact collecting locality unknown) Melanochlamys diomedea

Upper Coos Bay: *Tenellia pallida

* Range extensions.

The preceeding list of opisthobranchs observed by Jeff Goddard as of June, 1987, in the Cape Arago, Oregon region.

Coryphella & Chlamylla

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I am sending you pictures of spermatozoa (in hermaphroditic ducts) of 2 species of Coryphella: 1) of one specimen of Coryphella trophina (so-called C. fusca of Roginskaya, 1969), and 2) of one specimen of Coryphella verrucosa. Both specimens are from the Sea of Okhotsk (The sections were routinely stained by Feulgen + Blauschwarz). Scale: 15mm \approx 10um. From the pictures enclosed you can clearly see that in these Coryphella species the typical short-headed, cone-headed spermatozoa are situated side by side with longheaded, spring- (or long-corkscrews-) headed atypical ones.



Spermatozoa of Coryphella verrucosa (M. Sars). Sea of Okhotsk, in the harmaphrotitic duct.



Spermatozoa of *Coryphella trophin*a (Bergh). Sea of Okhotsk, In tha hermaphroditic duct,

I must add that in one species of Chlamylla - Ch. atypica (see picture no. 3 enclosed), that doesn't demonstrate any sperm-dimorphism, the uniform sperm-heads are not so long, as the atypical spermatozoa of Coryphella, but also of corkscrew shape. Demonstrating, perhaps, some intermediate link between typical and appropriate of the specific of the service of the ser atypical spermatozoa and Coryphella?



Spermatozoa of Chlamylla atypica (Bergh). White Sea rom hermaphroditic duct.

Trivia

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The molluscan organ that builds the animal's shell is called the "mantle." Though most species' mantles are generally confined inside the shell, some mollusks' mantles are extended to cover the shell when the animal is moving about. These mantles are often colorful and covered with papillae that may provide effective camouflage in the animal's environment. These mollusk's shells are usually extremely smooth and shiny to allow a minimum of friction and discomfort to the living tissue.



One genus whose mantle covers the shell is *Trivi*a, and, as the photo shows, the mantle of *Trivi*a quadripunctata (Gray, 1827) provides good camouflage in its environment among algae. A surprise, however, is that the mantle of some specimens is coal black, whereas others, even from the same area, are bright pink.

Clam by Scooter Beers

Caecum

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The tiny 2-4mm shells of the genus Caecum are found in rubble and sand, and when I look through fresh "grunge" (shelly sand brought up from dives or snorkelling), washed in sea water and kept alive, I sometimes find the mollusks still living. I discovered by accident how quickly and effectively the animal can move as I was photographing a specimen of Caecum pulchellum Stimpson, 1851. The animal's body protrudes from the open end of the shell (the other end is closed by a shelly plug) and the opening can be closed for protection by the operculum when the animal pulls inside.

I set up my camera with the lens combination that would give the greatest magnification: a reversed 28mm lens on a bellows. This setup allows very little depth of field and has a very small picture area. I set the camera up on a copy stand and found the shell in the view finder. I got it focused, but as I was about to trip the shutter, the animal extended, pushed with its foot, and flipped the whole shell over and out of my field of view! By the time I found the shell again, the next flip put it out of sight once more. It took quite a time to finally photograph the shell.



on the

DRIFTLINE ~~~

from California

Jeff Goddard visited on July 11. He collected near the Oregon/California border and after leaving Bayside went south to collect Point Mendocino and will return through here on July 13th. He will be working at O.I.M.B. for the next few months.

from Oregon

Jim Carlton is back east at Woods Hole and other locations. Don't know when he will return.

from California

Jim Lance has been in Europe and in Costa Rica for much of the past year. He just returned from Costa Rica.

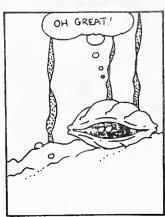
from California

Sally's father, Gilbert Davis, has been here for a month, helping out with the folding and mailings. Daughters Kristin and Roxanne are sharing an apartment in Eureka and working. Son, Jonathan is working and travelling this summer. He will be in central California for a few days and then leaves for 3 weeks in England.

from Cuba

Thank you for sending SHELLS and SEA LIFE 18(10). It has been very useful to me. Thanks to the article about *Truncadaphne chrysoleuca* (Melvill, 1923) I was able to determine two small specimens which had, for years, been unknown to me. If you are interested I can send you a photo of starfish of the genus *Linckia* with some specimens in different stages of regeneration of their arms. I have another photo of a large mass of eggs of *Murex pomum.* -- H. SARASUA, Calle 25 #510, apto. 1, c/o Hel, Vedado, La Habana 4, CUBA.









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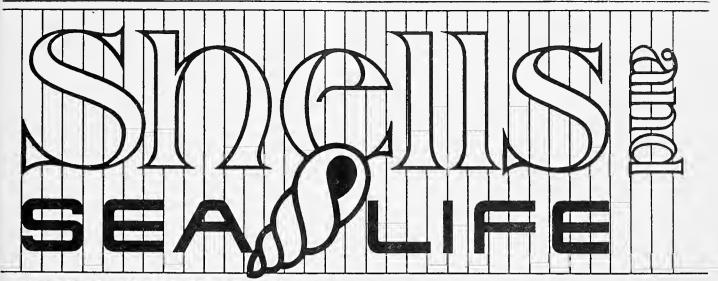
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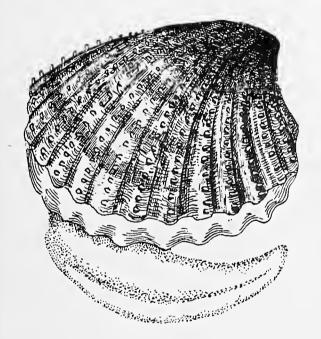
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It has been a real struggle for us getting through the past two spring & summer slumps. We have considered several options from quitting entirely through starting two or three other publications and going bimonthly or quarterly — or even annually. I still feel that you want a monthly publication and am committed to producing **SHELLS and SEA LIFE** monthly although I may combine issues from time to time to include larger works or simply to have a vacation. Sally is now working full time with Seashell Treasures Books and I will continue to edit SHELLS and SEA LIFE. I want to concentrate more on general natural history literature and current events. We receive many publications daily from around the world and I enjoy bringing you the information.

We hope to get things going soon with the photos. Right now they are still tricky for me. I want even better quality paper but that requires different inks, power spray and other things that I cannot afford.

Best regards,

Steven J. Long

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Return to the Kingdom of Tonga **Bob Purtymun**

I first saw Tonga from the deck of "The Crescent City," a troop transport that was part of a naval task force, and a train of destrovers and transports carrying some 19,000 Marines of the 1st Marine Division. We were to invade the Solomon Islands, and destroy the airfield that the Japanese were building. This was in July of 1942. We spent several days anchored in the roadstead off Nuku'alofa, the capital city, located on the main island of Tongatapu. All I remember is white coral paths wandering among the numerous thatched fales, a very happy lot of people, and sun filled days before we were off to war. "The Crescent City" is now "The Golden Bear." It is the Flag Ship of the Maritime Training Academy at Vallejo, and is usually tied up at the pier just west of Carquinez Bridge. During the war the ship was known by the code name of APA-21. We on board called her the Creeping Coffin. We landed troops on most of the islands of the South Pacific.

Tonga is changed now. The coral paths are paved streets with names and the thatched fales are modern frame homes. There is a modern hotel with a swimming pool, bar, and restaurant. Many shops, markets, and all that it takes to make up a modern town. We had arrived on one of Hawaiian Air Lines DC8-62 planes that now makes the trip from Honolulu to Pago Pago to Nuku'alofa in about 7 hours. It's an afternoon and evening flight arriving after midnight. There was time for several hours sleep before our morning flight.

Our destination was the little village of Neiafu on the Island of Vava'u in the northern group of islands. Tonga consists of three main island groups: Tongatapu/Eua, Ha'apai and Vava'u. There are 170 islands in the Tonga chain. Many of which we were to fly over the next day on our way to Neiafu. Transportation was via "misquito plane", a little 10 seater that flew at about nine thousand feet. It was an hour and three quarter flight, and I was enthralled with watching the little islands, reefs and atolls floating on a brilliant blue sea beneath me. Boy what marvelous places to shell!!! We arrived in a blinding rain storm but it didn't seem to faze our New Zealand pilot. He sat the plane down on a packed coral runway without the slightest bump. The town was small as was expected, but there was the proverbial Burns-Philp and Morris Hedstrom -- the two stores that you will find on almost every south Pacific Island. Although not much stock in either we got "makings" for our luncheon sandwiches in the days ahead.

Thirty-six of the 170 islands in the Tongan group are inhabited with a total population of approximately 96,000. Population of the Vava'u Group is about 13.000. It is 272km north of Tongatapu. There are rolling hills, high cliffs and a native forest alive with a variety of tropical birds. The Tongans are Polynesians and best known for their tapa, mat weaving and basket work. As is true in most other South Pacific Islands tiping is not encouraged. Of special note is that Tongan law prohibits any person from appearing in a public place without a shirt. This is strictly enforced. Bathing attire is fine for the beach or pool-side,

The Hotel was very nice, modern, and very clean with a fine restaurant. Wes Thorsson of Honolulu and I shared a room. It had a small frig where we could keep our shells frozen so there was no need to clean shells while there. Mine came home frozen and were in the freezer for many months. A small table in the center of the room where we could sort our daily catch and wrap and pack for the trip home. The beds were made up daily and there was a pot to make coffee or tea. All in all, very comfortable!

We were fortunate to find good dive boats and plenty of air for scuba diving. There was an experienced shell collector on the Island who had been there for a number of years. He was generous with information on where to shell. With good contacts like this how can you lose.

On the Tongan Reefs Vava'u 020786 Neiafu, Island. Kingdom of Tonga.

Dive #1; Snorkel 0 to 10 feet. 90 minutes. South eastward along the shore from the dock at the International Dateline Hotel.

After checking in at the hotel the next thing to check was the ocean. Wes and I dumped our bags and diving gear in our room and hurried down to the water. We found that a small barge had been pulled up close to shore and sunk to make a dock. It was decked over with a concrete slab. All in all a very nice setup for small boats. I stuck my hand in the water and found that it was nice and warm. What could be better than a little snorkeling before dinner? So, back to the room for mask and fins.

On the way back we met Frank Miller on his way to check the water. He decided to join us for a little snorkeling.

I hadn't been in the water 2 minutes when I turned over a coral slab and found a big Cypraea mappa (Linnaeus, 1758) underneath. Alas, it had green algae spots on the dorsum, so I carefully replaced it under the slab.

The bottom was silty coral sand with dead coralslabs and blocks, tree branches and a few tin cans. The further we went toward the cul-de-sac end of the bay the more pollution we found. However, we did find quite a few shells. Of special note is the six Pusia luculentum (Reeve, 1845) which I found on a hard coral substrate in a thin layer of fine silty sand. In all my diving I have only found several of these shells, (in Samoa), so for me it was a rare shell.

020786 Dive #1

Snorkel 90 minutes 0 to 10 feet. Neiafu, Vava'u Island, Kingdom of Tonga. South east side of the dock at the International Dateline Hotel.

The bottom is sand and coral rubble with a light covering of silt. There is only one rather narrow entrance to the long sock-like harbour. The low exchange of water with the open ocean does not cleanse the harbor of pollution, sot, the water was more polluted the farther south eastward that we snorkeled. Many of the larger cowries were covered with green algae spots.

GASTROPOD

- Conus marmoreus
- Cypraea vitellus #2394 & #2395, 2 returned
 - C. mappa, #2502, 4 returned
- C. moneta #7015
- C. annulus #7015
- Strombus rugosus #12352
 - S. erythrinus 2 #7108, #12349, , #12351, #4524 juv. & 2 dead.
- Pusia luculentum #12892
- Astraea rhodostoma nn
- Nassarius glans #17126
- Littorina scabra #17125 6.
- Pyrene scripta #12535 Cronia triangulata #17123
- ?Cellana sp.
- Euchelus atratus #4574
- 10. Peristernia ustulata nn

BIVALVE

- Lioconcha castrensis
- Spondylus ducalis (top valves only)
- Comptopallium radula 1 #4449, 6 not #ed. Many others returned.
- Anadara antiquata
- Limea fragilis #4573
- Bivalve sp. #17122 Bivalve sp. #17121

[Editor - we will try to put a large group of photos together in one series as soon as we get them. Anyone having good black and white 3" x 5" prints of the shells listed here is encouraged to send them to us before the end of September. If you have photos and are lacking time, please call or write and tell us what you have.]

020886 Neiafu, Vava'u Island. Kingdom of Tonga

Dive #1; 18.42.8S x 174.02.7W Scuba 0-50 feet. 90 minutes. Over the fringing reef south of Nuku Island.

The fjord-like approach leading to the harbor at Neifau is one of the most picturesque in the Pacific. It is aptly called the Harbor of Refuge and carves a c-shaped circle into the heart of the main island of Vava'u. The hills on this island rear abruptly out of the ocean and provide ample shelter from any hurricane. In the days that followed we would enjoy the scenery of these vivid green-clad hills as we sailed the crescent-shaped channel out to our daily dive site and returned in the evening.

There are 25 to 30 small, medium and large islands to the south of the main island, with many reefs and sand spits. We picked up a chart of the area in Honolulu before we left, so we had a good idea of the terrain that we were planning to dive. (British Admiralty Chart No. 3098)

Our dive boat was a 40' long sail boat which towed a wooden skiff with a 25 horse outboard motor and a small rowboat. This proved to be an excellent way to dive. We kept the tanks and gear in the skiff where we suited-up. This made for easy entry and exit from the water. Then we would eat lunch, decompress, and rest up on the big boat. The rowboat was used to pick up divers and to ferry snorkelers to the many sandy beaches off our anchorages. There were nine people in our party. Three avid snorkelers and six rabid divers.

Our first anchorage was the shallow channel between the small island of Nuku and the large island of Kapa. They are about 250m apart. Both have beautiful sandy beaches that front on the channel. Here was the idyllic tropical paradise. Warm blue water, white sand beaches. and palm trees swaying in the gentle trade winds.

Wes and I decided to go over the fringing reef on the south side of Nuku and off into the deeper channel just west of the islands. Popiano the deck hand took us over in the skiff and dropped us off outside the reef. It was a very pretty dive with lots of live coral on the upper slope. At about 15m the bottom flattened out with brilliant white sand pockets and scattered coral heads of every color.

We fanned Terebra and Mitra out of the sand, and several nice bivalves. Up on the coral slope we found Cypraea -carneola, helvola, isabella, mappa. labrolineata, and erosa. Some large Lambis lambis, and up near the surf line some Bursa. Both Wes and I have been collecting long enough that we are quite selective about what we take. Neither of us have the desire to clean Lambis or common cowries, or other shells that we already have in our collection. Not much came back in our goody bags from this dive

020886 Dive #1 18.42.8S x 174.02.7W

Nuku Island, south side outside the fringing reef. The upper area is hard coral bottom with sparse live coral, a few loose coral slabs, and a few shallow sand pockets. The deeper area is a mixture of coarse and silty sand with live and dead coral heads.

GASTROPOD

- Conus legatus #7495
- C. vexillum #7137 31x21mm C. frigidus #7496 1.
- C. rattus #7143 C. flavidus #715
- Cypraea carneola #7037
- C. erosa nn C. isabella nn
- C. mappa #2501
- Mitra luculentum #12255
- M. aurora floridula #12407
- Lophiotoma albina #12808 Haliotis crebrisculpta #7640
- Latirus smaragdulus #16020
- L. turritus #16013 Peristernia ustulata #12751
- P. incarnata 12752
- Stomatella auricula #12492
- Pseudostomatella papyracea #12493
- Turbo chrysostomus #4066
- Euchelus atratus nn Nassarius glans #12466
- Drupella ochrostoma #4104
- Pyrene truturina #12536
- Diodora mus #12500
- Engina alveolata #12272
- ?Cantharus sp. #12279
- 1. Sp. #4576
- Sp. #4577 1.
- 1. Mastonia triticea #12479
- Cerithium asper #15062
- C. fasciatus #15063

BIVALVES

- ?Pecten sp. #12648
- Gloripallium pallium nn
- Chlamys squamosa #4575
- Bivalve sp. #17127
- Misc. single valves #17128

020886 Neiaf, Vava'u Island Kingdom of Tonga

Dive #2; 18.42.8S x 174.02.5W Scuba 9-30 feet. 95 minutes, In the channel between Nuku and Kapa Islands. Kapa Island west side near Nuku Island. The bottom is sand with scattered coral slabs and coral heads. There are some patches of antler coral and in the shallower areas large patches of weedy sand.

After a rest and some lunch we worked the sand channel between the islands. This was about 4 to 9m deep, with somewhat silty sand, and scattered weedy patches. There were a few scattered coral heads in the deeper water and a few patches of antler coral. Here we found Terebra, Mitra, a few turrids, bivalves, olives. and Nassarius. Some of the shells were new like the large Turris spectabilis (Reeve. 1843) that Wes fanned out of the sand. Others were somewhat of a nuisance, such as the Terebra maculata (Linnaeus, 1758) at the end of many of the trails. There were three to four inches long. I waited to find the really big one and never did keep one for my collection. They're hard to clean anyway.

The antler coral patches were 3 to 10m across, very open, and sheltered a wide assortment of fish. In one clump I watched a large pair of French Angels threading their way through the branches. Always keeping a few branches between us for protection. I was only looking but they still didn't trust me.

By the end of the dive we were quite a distance away from the boat and the current was running in the opposite direction. It was going to be a long swim back so I waved my arm and in a few minutes the rowboat came out to pick us up. It had been a long but very satisfying day!

GASTROPOD

- 1. Conus frigidus nn
- C. arenatus nn
 - C. pulicarius nn (many not collected) C. virgo nn 97 x 48mm
- 1.
- C. marmoreus nn 68 x 50mm 1.
- 1. Fusinus colus #13194 by David McLean
- Latirus turritus #16022
- Imbricaria olivaeformis #4428
- 1. I. punctata #12877
- Cancilla verrucosa #12641 1.
- Vexillum coronatum #12878 1.
- V. exasperatum #4432 5.
- V. sanguisugum #4433 5.
- Mitra imperialis #4434 1
- 1. Neocancilla papilio nn 1. Atys naucum #4424
- Otopleura nodicincta #4425 1
- 1.
- Strombus gibberulus nn Cerithium columna #15013 1.
- 1. C. nesioticum #15014
- C. asper #15015 ?Cerithium sp. #15014
- Terebra nebulosa #14063
- 3. T. affinis #4719
- 1. T. babylonia #4720
- Oliva annulata #4427
- Turris spectabilis nn
- ?Turris sp. #12187 T. acuta #4436 1.
- Clavus unizonalis #4437 1.
- Nassarius graniferus #4438
- ?Pupa sp. #4439
- Cantharus iostomus #4440 1. Engina concinna #4441 1.
- Cymatium muricinum #4442 1.

BIVALVE

- ?Pecten sp. #4426
- ?Glycymeris sp. 2 #4436, 1 #7585

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SEPTEMBER

Pine Barrens Weekend II, September 11-13, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Grenada Night, September 13, Palo Alto, Garden Court Hotel 7-9:30pm. Contact: Foundation for Field Research, 787 South Grade Road, Alpine, CA 92001-0380. (619) 445-9264.

The Spell of the Shell, September 18-20, Southlake Mall, at I-65 and U.S. Route 30, Merrillville, Indiana. Hosted by the Crown Point Shell Collectors Study Group and the Southlake Merchant's Association. Judges will be Russell Jensen and Gary & Holly Coovert. Contact: Crown Point Shell Collectors Study Group, P.O. Box 462, Crown Point, IN 46307.

Wreck Diving III, September 20, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

American Littoral Society, 26th Annual Meeting and Cape May Birding Weekend I, September 25-27, Friday noon through Sunday afternoon. Shepherd's Neck Inn, Montauk, New York. Contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Guam Shell Fair, September 26-27, 22nd Annual Shell Fair of the Guam Shell Club, Agana, Guam. Contact: Capt. Alex Roth, Jr., Guam Shell Club, P.O. Box 7867, Tamuning, GU 96911.

OCTOBER

Western Society of Naturalists, 15 October, Deadline for submission of abstracts for the Annual Meeting. See WSN December listing.

Cape May Birding Weekend II, October 16-18, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, 47th Annual Meeting, October 22-24, Tucson, Arizona. Includes a benefit auction of books, field gear, laboratory supplies, artwork, casts, toys, teaching aids, t-shirts, filmstrips, models and other suitable material dealing with paleontology, evolution, geology, or biology. For information contact: Brent H. Breihaupt, Museum Curator, The Geological Museum, The University of Wyoming, P.O. Box 3006, Laramie, WY 82071. (307) 766-3386.

American Academy of Underwater Sciences, Annual Meeting, October 29-November 1, University Plaza Hotel, Seattle, Washington. Contact: Mike Lang, Biology, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182. (619) 265-5387.

NOVEMBER

Suwannee River Canoe/Camp, November 4-8, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Assateague Fall Weekend, November 19-22, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Bonaire Dive/Study, November 20-27, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Oyster Dive II, Chesapeake Bay, November 21, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

DECEMBER

Diver's Environmental Institute, December 6, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Sanibel/Captiva Week, Florida, December 12-19, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Western Society of Naturalists, Annual Meeting, Joint Meeting with International Society for Invertebrate Reproduction, December 26-30, California State University, Long Beach, California. Dr. Don Reish will be the local chairman. Contact: David H. Montgomery, Secretary W.S.N., Department of Biological Sciences, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407. (805) 546-2446.

Association Systematic Zoologists, A.M.A., A.B.S., T.C.S., I.A.A. & S.S.Z. Joint Annual Meetings, December 27-30, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Contact: Mary Adams-Wiley, ASZ, Box 2739, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. (805) 492-3585.

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FEBRUARY

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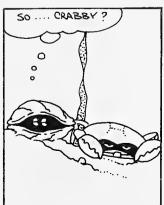
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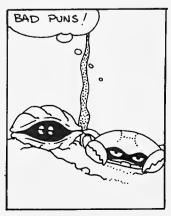
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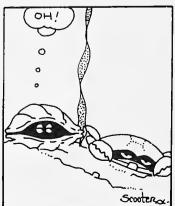
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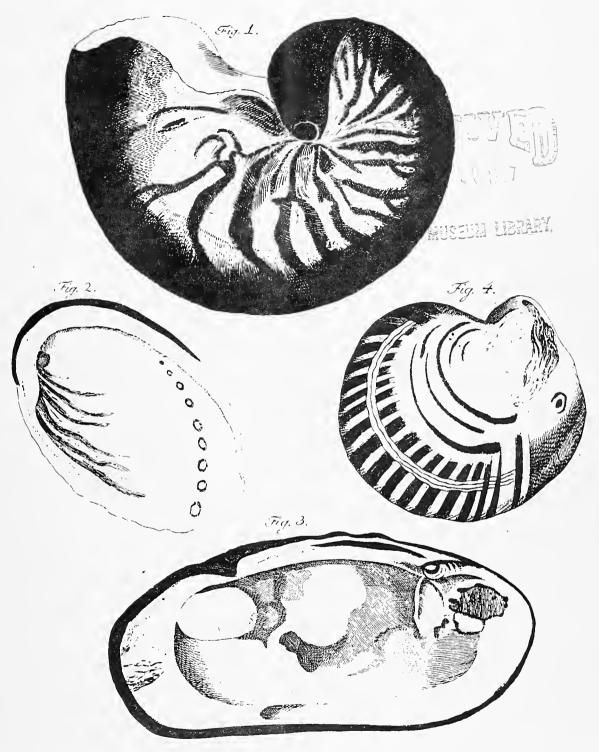
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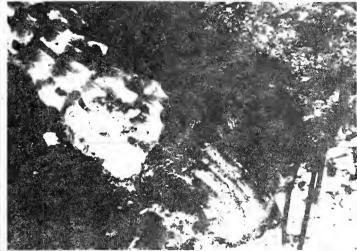
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On the Rak

A.J. Woodward

Ras al Khaimah is one of the 7 States that make up the United Arab Emirates and is known to expatriates and I suspect locals too as R.A.K.

After arriving in Dubai last September it was one of the first places that I decided was well worth a little exploration. The reward has been one of constantly unfolding surprises, as the yield of marine treasures and experiences continues to grow at a tremendous rate.



Muricanthus kusterianus (Tapparone-Canefri, 1875). Up to 20 examples of this locally common species have been recorded breeding together during March and April.

Two weeks ago for example, I was cruising over the extensive eel grass beds in one of the shallow protected bays just south of the town, when I noticed that *Muricanthus kusterianus* had started to breed. I was busily photographing the action when my attention was distracted by a tiny sea horse, swimming gently between the blades of grass. An example of *Bulla ampula* was moving around in the daytime, which is unususal for this normally nocturnal animal but to add to the scenario, an unknown (to me) sea hare came into view. Moving in to investigate, I noticed a second species of sea hare, *Aplysia comigera*, which is known to me, browsing through the grass.

Sea hare time it must be because as I drifted onto a patch of thicker grass there were literally dozens of the latter species crawling around. This was the first time that I had witnessed the breeding of these graceful creatures, which are seemingly a common feature of the marine fauna in the southern Gulf, though much less so further north. [Aplysia is hermaphroditic. Any individual can act as male or female for others. Animals cannot copulate with or fertilize themselves, although a pair of animals can inseminate each other simultaneously. If more than two animals are available, a coupling chain is formed. - KANDEL 1979. Behavioral Biology of Aphysia. p.321]



Aplysia comigera Sowerby, 1869. One of two species of sea hare to be found at Ras al Khaima.

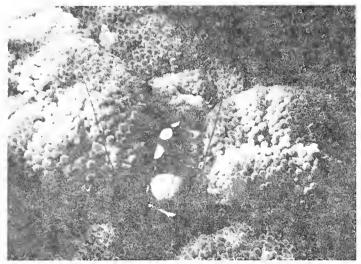
The mad March hares were by no means the only species frollicking in the grass and as I moved a small block of sandstone -- probably an anchoring point for the small fishing boats used for close inshore work -- I found Cypraea lentiginosa laying eggs. Normally this rather shy cowry prefers coral and rubble areas, so quite how it chose this isolated spot is a mystery. The tiny orange egg cases were layed in a mass and though I searched around I could not find the male. Cypraea turdus was also breeding nearby on a broken piece of *Pinna muricata*, vying for space with *Cronia* konkanensis. The water has just begun to warm up after a rather wet and cold spell, that we choose to call winter, stimulating the life cycle of many resident species. Perhaps the most impressive find that day was Epitonium irregulare, which I had recorded previously in the Gulf with only a single example. That was in Qatar and on that occasion it was found on a carpet anemone (Stoichactis sp.). A pair of these uncommon wentletraps were busily laying a string of dull grey coloured egg cases, joined together with the characteristic elastic thread. They were just at the edge of the anemone and the female was larger than the male, though I am uncertain if this is a common feature because again this was the first time that I had observed the breeding habits.



Cypraea lentiginosa Gray, 1824. Photographed -- isolated spot in middle of shallow bay on a block of sandstone with its bright orange egg mass.



Epitonium irregulare (Sowerby, 1844). This was the first time I had wilnessed this uncommon wentletrap breeding.



Periclimenes brevicarpalis This one, a female which is much larger and more colourful than the male, lives on the Stoichactis anemone.

Decidedly elated by the day's events, I turned to head for the shore with all the activity duly recorded on film, when I froze at the sight of a huge black tip reef shark that became rather interested in me. Sharks are not normally aggressive and though I am wary of them they have never yet posed a problem on any of the dives when they have been encountered. However in shallow water I was concerned as to how it would react. It must have come from the deep water channel which runs into the nearby port and I was hoping it would not get confused about which direction to take. Finally it moved away and allowed me to reach shore safely. I was well satisfied with the day.

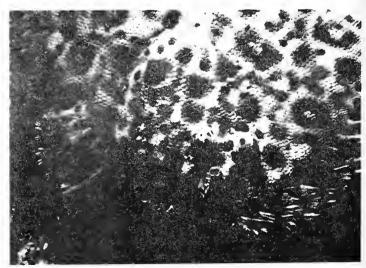
I set off over the colourful sponges that grow amongst the grass, noting that as many as 20 examples of *Muricanthus kusterianus* were now breeding together on just about every available space that they could find, when I was suddenly surrounded by a shoal of barred halfbeaks (*Hemiramphus marginatus*). They were flashing their silver bodies in the shallow water, digging into the sandy mud to extract their food, when in another flash were gone but approaching head on was a large remora or pilot fish. With the experience of

the shark still fresh in my mind, I knew that something must be close by and that something would be big! As usual I was using extension tubes on the Nikonos camera so there was no hope of getting any of this on film but that's the luck of the draw. Sixth sense made me turn my attention to the right and sure enough there was Mr. Big. No, not a shark this time but the biggest turtle I have seen for a long time. It looked like a Volskwagen beetle with legs but was infinitely more graceful. Sure enough the remora quickly returned to its host and the turtle defied its bulk by deftly evading this human intruder.

Though cursing my luck in choosing the close-up kit for the days photography, I was nevertheless elated at the sight as turtles seem to be getting more scarce these days. A ray moved gracefully underneath me and a somewhat uncooperative *Bothus pantherinus* or Leopard Flounder all but completed a fishy day. I say all but because I was finally able to get a close-up of a blenny (*Chirolophis* sp.) which had made itself a home in a dead *Pinna nurcata* shell -- how these shells do get into the picture!

The matacofauna was not to be completely outdone that day and I managed at long last to photograph a cuttlefish changing colour. I don't believe the species has been satisfactorily identified yet despite being very common all through the Gulf. Usually too timid for close-up photography, when one needs to get to within 6 inches of the subject, this one was very slow to react and allowed a sequence of shots to be taken before it shot away into the distance.

I have developed the habit of saving one shot until I am on the beach at the end of a dive and I would advise anyone to try and do the same. Though this day it was to prove unnecessry, I have been caught out before. I regretted not doing so on one dive along the Batina coast at Khor Fakkan, Sharjah, when following a wiggly track in the sand and wondering what mollusk could have made such an unusual pattern, when I disturbed a slender Yellow Fin Snake Eel (Brachyosomophis cirrhocheilus). That is all part of another story and another completely different aspect of the marine fauna of the United Arab Emirates.



Bothus pantherinus (Ruppell). The shy nature of the Leopard Flounder make photography a frustrating task.

on the DRIFTLINE ~~~

from Dubai, U.A.E.

I had a very interesting dive on 24 April on a large wreck near the coast of Umm al Quwain. Though I am not much into wrecks as such, they do provide for some suprising finds and this one proved to be no exception. The "Dara" was a 5038 ton passenger liner which was sunk when a time bomb went off causing a fire which sank the vessel in April, 1961, resulting in the loss of 238 lives. The sheer size of the ship meant that we could only cover the mid section which is now encrusted with Honeycomb Oysters (Hyotissa hyotis) and sponges as well as a stunning soft white octocoral. The most significant find as far as I was concerned though was C. arabica/C. grayana which due to oxidisation had formed a golden coloured dorsum. They are really quite

Once again many thanks for your prompt attention and good luck with the magazine which seems to have a bright future now that you have sorted all the printing problems out. Are we really going to see a return of a colour section? I think it is justified even if you have to increase the prices a little because there is so much more scope for including some of those much talked about opisthobranchs as well as the inclusion of some of the more varied forms of marine life worldwide, as it does not have justice done to it when reproduced in black and white. It may be of interest that when I suggested to Hawaiian Shell News that they should try to print more colour supplements, they in turn suggested that I should consider paying \$500.00 to help offset the costs! If that is a reflection of the costs involved then an increase of 50 cents per copy would be a small price to pay.

Just to update you on the progress so far regarding the book which I have written to you about on several occasions. It is currently at the publishers in Qatar to see if they will be willing to undertake the printing. If not I will have to start taking it around to other sources. About 350 species are described in some detail with sizes and habitat as well as field observations noted.

I decided at long last to get down and write a few articles that have been promised to you on several occasions and I have enclosed the first of them in this letter. I hope you will find it useful and a little indication of the life one finds in the Gulf. Of course the Gulf itself is a pale shadow when compared to the life found along the Batina coast of the Emirates (this is the narrow peninsula that juts out to the Straits of Hormuz), more of which I hope to describe in the fullness of time. -- A.J. Woodward, P.O. Box 9879, Dubai, U.A.E.

from Mexico

We are a group of students and teachers working in a field museum of natural history, even though the physical size is small compared with many museums. Two sections of the project have already been opened -- the Herpetarium and the Aquarium. The staff are all volunteers; it represents something extremely important for us.

We are all biologists. The project has four main purposes: education, research, cultural and recreation. It is extremely important to educate our people on the nature of our country's natural resources and the necessity of conserving and preserving our wild life. Our public is mostly uneducated in this area. The museum's goal is to teach the importance of the coexistence of man and other species.

To do our work we need up-to-date information in the fields related to our work. The devaluation of the Mexican Peso has made literature inaccessible for a normal salary teacher or student volunteer. Donations of biological publications or subscriptions will be greatly appreciated. --Martin Villa I. & David Lazcano, Jr, Museo de Historia Natural, Facultad de Ciencias Biologicas, Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon, Apartado Postal - 513, San Nicolas de Los Garza, N.L., MEXICO.

[ed. - We are sending along SHELLS and SEA LIFE and suggest that some of your club publications would be of interest and use. Extra copies of scientific reprints would also be well used.]

from New York

I've subscribed to Of Sea and Shore when Mr. Tom Rice had the company. Later I was wondering what had happened to it and found out that a new owner had taken over, and that was Shells and Sea Life.

I still receive sea shells from all over the world, especially the Philippines and Australia since 1975 and have not been able to do any work on them, nor quite a few from when I was in the Navy from 1942-1946 Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans. I need help and lots & lots of it. Without which I can't trade a single one. Even with all the books on them which number close to if not over 100. The photos are way different from the shells and this throws me off. I just can't get it through my head how to go about identifying them. I belong to the N.Y.S. Club, Hawaiian Malacological Society, Conchologists of America.

I will be going to Australia on December 26th of this year as I have done so twice before. In 1975 for 5.5 years and only came back because of a death in the family. I spent another six months there and I will be gone for six months this time if I can be arranged.

I am interested in worldwide shells in all groups but primarily with the marine cones, cowries, volutes, muricids, miters, olives and pectens, etc.--Vincent Cusumano, 309 Court St., Brooklyn, NY 11231.

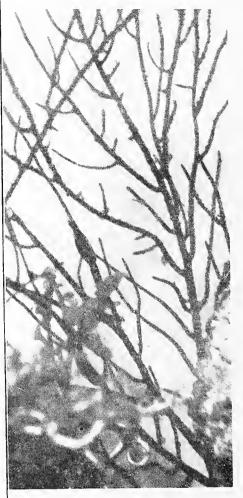
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from Georgia

Doug & Louise Compton won the DuPont Trophy at the Eighth Annual Shell Show of the Georgia Shell Club.

Caribbean Simnia

Peggy Williams
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There is a often a reason why shells are brilliantly colored. Some of the greatest challenges in shell collecting can be finding live shells that blend so well with their environment as to be almost invisible. Such is the case with Simnia uniplicata (Sowerby, 1848), the Single-toothed Simnia. Though the shells are nearly an inch long (thus clearly visible) and brilliant magenta or lavender in color, they are seldom collected live because of the remarkable camouflage the brilliant color provides.

They live on soft corals, called "sea fans" and "sea whips," which are colored exactly the same as the shells. Moreover, the soft coral polyps are seen as small, feathery, white protrusions on the "stalk" of the sea whips, and the mantle of the Simnia has white papillae exactly copying the coral polyps. Therefore, the only way to find the shell in its habitat is to look for "bumps" on the stalk of the coral -- and then the bump is sometimes something else! However, I often find three or four shells on one coral -- it's a matter of looking until you see and recognize the shape.

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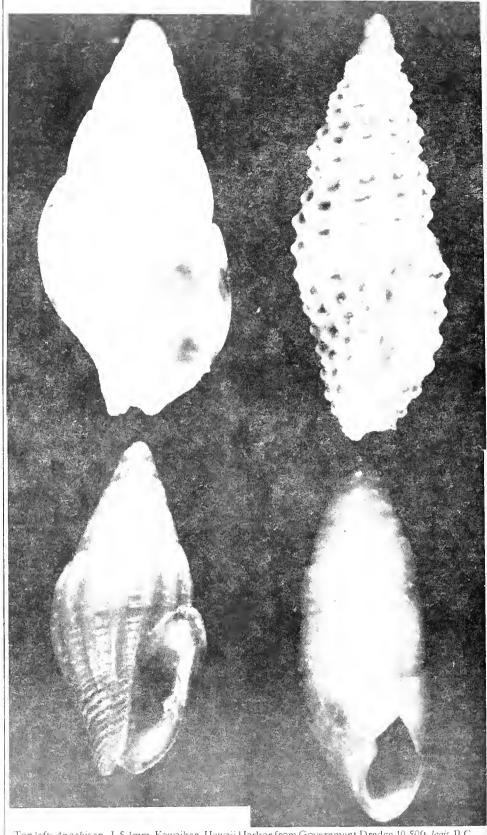
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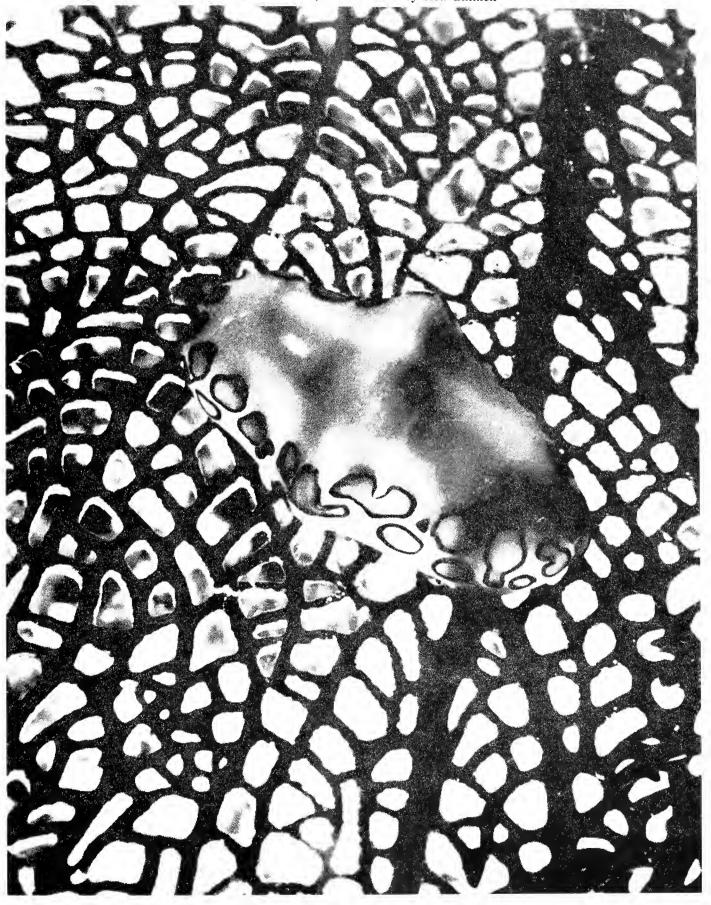
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American Littoral Society, 26th Annual Meeting and Cape May Birding Weekend I, September 25-27, Friday noon through Sunday afternoon. Shepherd's Neck Inn, Montauk, New York. Contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Guam Shell Fair, September 26-27, 22nd Annual Shell Fair of the Guam Shell Club, Agana, Guam. Contact: Capt. Alex Roth, Jr., Guam Shell Club, P.O. Box 7867, Tamuning, GLI 96911.

OCTOBER

Broward Shell Club Auction, October 14. Ben & Josy Wiener have volunteered to do the auction and Gary Magnotte will be the auctioneer. Proceeds going to the scholarship fund of a deserving marine biology student and to help defray club expenses. Donations of shells or shell-related items are requested. Please include all pertinent data, approximate value and your business card so you may be acknowledged in print. Contact: Ben & Josy Wiener, 1165 N.E. 105th St., Miaml Shores, FL 33138.

Western Society of Naturalists, 15 October, Deadline for submission of abstracts for the Annual Meeting. See WSN December listing.

Cape May Birding Weekend II, October 16-18, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, 47th Annual Meeting, October 22-24, Tucson, Arizona. Includes a benefit auction of books, field gear, laboratory supplies, artwork, casts, toys, teaching aids, t-shirts, filmstrips, models and other suitable material dealing with paleontology, evolution, geology, or biology. For information contact: Brent H. Breihaupt, Museum Curator, The Geological Museum, The University of Wyoming, P.O. Box 3006, Laramie, WY 82071. (307) 766-3386.

American Academy of Underwater Sciences, Annual Meeting, October 29-November 1, University Plaza Hotel, Seattle, Washington, Contact: Mike Lang, Biology, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182. (619) 265-5387.

NOVEMBER

Suwannee River Canoe/Camp, November 4-8, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Octopus and other odd invertebrates, November 4, 7-9pm. Shedd Aquarium, 1200 S. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, IL 60605. (312) 939-2426. Contact them for listing of fall classes.

Assateague Fall Weekend, November 19-22, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Bonaire Dive/Study, November 20-27, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Oyster Dive II, Chesapeake Bay, November 21, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

DECEMBER

Diver's Environmental Institute, December 6, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Sanibel/Captiva Week, Florida, December 12-19, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201), 291-0555

Western Society of Naturalists, Annual Meeting, Joint Meeting with International Society for Invertebrate Reproduction, December 26-30, California State University, Long Beach, California. Dr. Don Reish will be the local chairman. Contact: David H. Montgomery, Secretary W.S.N., Department of Biological Sciences, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407. (805) 756-2446.

Association Systematic Zoologists, A.M.A., A.B.S., T.C.S., I.A.A. & S.S.Z. Joint Annual Meetings, December 27-30, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Contact: Mary Adams-Wiley, ASZ, Box 2739, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. (805) 492-3585.

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JANUARY

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Greater Miami Shell Show, January 29-31.

FEBRUARY

Broward Shell Show, February 5-7.

Ft. Myers Shell Show, February 12-14.

Sarasota Shell Show, February 19-21.

St. Petersburg Shell Show, February 26-28, 41st Annual Shell Show. Community Center, 1 Park Place & 106th Ave., Treasure Island, Florida. Donation of \$1.50 per person (Children under 15 free with adult). Shell dealer sales during event. Show put on by members of the St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc. Contact: Betty Lipe, 440 75th Ave., St. Petersburg Beach, FL 33706. (813) 360-0586.

MARCH

Sanibel Shell Fair, March 3-6.

Treasure Coast Shell Show, March 19-20.

JULY

Conchologists of America, July 11-15. Hosted by the Southwest Florida Conchological Society at the Sheraton Harbor Place, Fort Myers, Florida.

NOVEMBER

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International Society for Invertebrate Reproduction, Meeting, August, Nagoya, Japan.

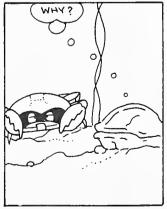
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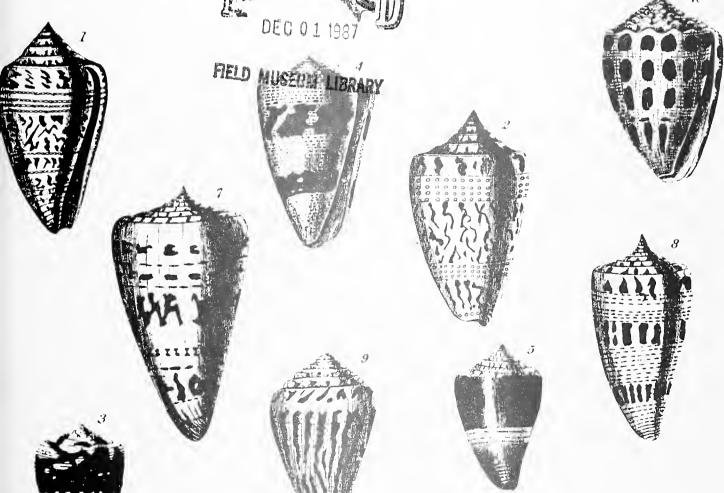












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Editor's Notes

We have printed many thousand pages since the September issue of Shells and Sea Life and we are beginning to get the hang of things a bit. We ordered some new screens for the photos, some new ink, and a better grade of paper to try out for this issue. No telling what the result will be until after we put the photos under the screens and see if the ink will stick to the paper. You will see the results shortly after we do.

Shells and Sea Life continues to evolve in new and exciting ways. Kurt Waldo is helping out with the printing for this issue. Sally hopes he will have time to help with the layout of issues soon.

The front and back covers come from old conchological books as do the center pages. We plan to use more of these wonderful illustrations from the older works in coming issues along with modern photographs. These should help with species identifications. The center pages are copies of actual plates, but the shells on the cover were rearranged and the smaller shells enlarged to fit the space available.

The various shell clubs and publications around the world seem to have one thing in common -- all need more subscribers. Printing, postal and other costs keep on rising and we all have a difficult time continuing publication. Please support shell publications.

We have reprinted several articles this month from various shell publications. This should give you some idea of what other publications are doing and also bring you some information you might otherwise have missed. Please send us articles you feel need wider distribution. If possible, send two original copies so we can reproduce with the best possible quality.

Thanks to all of our subscribers and supporters. We really appreciate your support and encouragement. We hope we are on the right track and that we will continue to learn and grow. Please continue to write, we love to hear from you.

Steves & Sally Long.



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The illustrations come from a folio-size loose color plate. We are unable to identify the source but it was drawn by Captain Brown and engraved by S. Milne. A few of the smaller cones have been enlarged. Identifications on the plate are as follows: 1. & 2. Matchless Cone - C. Cedonulli; 3. Tait's - Taitensis; 4. Diviner's - Angur, 5. & 6. Fumigated - Fumigatus; 7. & 8. Ornamented - Monile; 9. & 10. Hebraeus: 11. Tesselated - Tesselatus; 12. Marbled - Marmoreus; 13. Jasper - Betulinus; 14. General - Generalis; 15. Fleaspot - Pulicarius; 16. Franciscan - Fraciscanus; 17. & 18. Stone-cutter - Lithoglyphus; 19. Music - Musicus; 20. Ceylon - Ceylonensis; 21. Plated - Lamellosus; 22. Bridal - Sponsalis; 23. Punctured - Puncturatus; 24. Geographic - Geographicus; 25. Striated - Striaus.

The American Association for Zoological Nomenclature

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In response to an appeal by the International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature for financial support of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, a group of American systematists formed the American Association for Zoological Nomenclature (AAZN) late in 1983. The founders and initial members of the AAZN's governing Council, all employees of various agencies of the United States Government, included Richard C. Banks, Bird and Mammal Laboratories, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior; Bruce B. Collette, Systematics Laboratory, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Department of Commerce; J. Ralph Lichtenfels, Animal Parasitology Institute, U.S. Department of Agriculture; Raymond B. Manning, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution; S. Dillon Ripley, Smithsonian Institution; F. Christian Thompson, Systematic Entomology Laboratory, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Ellis Yochelson, U.S. Geological Survey.

From its inception, the offices of the AAZN have been at the National Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution, which houses more than 100 professional zoological systematists, the largest concentration of systematists in the United States. The Museum has provided office space and rooms for meetings as well as support for duplicating and mailing. For the Smithsonian to be an integral part of this new organisation is most fitting, for the Smithsonian also had housed the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, and its first Secretary, C.W. Stiles, from 1895 to 1936; many of the early Opinions of the Commission were published in the Smithsonian Miscellaneous Collections.

The activities of the AAZN since 1984 have been largely been concerned with organizational matters and the development of rudiments of a support base in the United States from individuals and institutions. This was made possible by a start-up grant of \$1500 provided by S. Dillon Ripley, then Secretary of the Smithsonian, who recognized the importance of the work of the AAZN. Organizational activities included incorporation in the District of Columbia, a prerequisite to seeking tax-exempt status from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and recognition of the AAZN as a tax-exempt organization. Thus, from the beginning, memberships and contributions to the AAZN have been fully tax deductible for American supporters.

The AAZN has two primary purposes, (a) to raise money in the United States to provide direct financial support from American systematists for the work of the International Commissionon Zoological Nomenclature through tax-deductible memberships and donations, and (b) to provide a liasion between the American systematic community and the Commission. Any new organization must develop some recognition, and AAZN activities since 1984 reflected this. Individuals, scientific societies, and other institutions were contacted to publicize the existence and the activities of the

AAZN. These activities helped the AAZN to achieve its primary purpose, and the establishment of a newsletter in 1985 contributed towards both objectives.

The present goal of the AAZN is to raise at least \$10,000 a year in support of the activities of the Commission. American systematists generate almost 25% of the workload of the Commission, so they should be willing to provide a reasonable amount of the funds required to keep the Commission operating.

In 1984 the AAZN contributed \$500 to the International Trust in support of the Commission's work. This was the first major financial contribution to the Commission from the United States. The 1985 contribution to the Trust from the AAZN was \$2000. The eontribution for 1986 from the AAZN has not been determined by the AAZN's Council, but the amount should be substantially higher.

Membership in the AAZN totalled 110 individuals and 10 institutions in December 1985, and rose to 250 individuals and 15 institutions by the end of 1986. The following American organizations have provided support for the AAZN since 1984:

American Entomological Society American Museum of Natural History American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists American Society of Mammalogists American Society of Parasitologists American Type Culture Collection Biological Society of Washington Biosciences Information Service The Cleveland Shell Club The Crustacean Society Field Museum of Natural History Helminthological Society of Washington Harold W. Manter Laboratory, University of Nebraska National Museum of Natural History Point Loma Biology Laboratory Brayton H. Ransom Memorial Trust Fund Smithsonian Institution Society of Systematic Zoology Southern California Association of Marine Invertebrate Taxonomists

In 1987 the AAZN plans to continue to build a support base from individuals and organizations, working towards its present goal of 500 American members. In addition, its activities will include publicizing, in North America, the redesigned Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature and publicizing and marketing the 1987 edition of the Official Lists and Indexes of Names and Works in Zoology in North America.

Interested persons are invited to write to Dr Raymond B. Manning at the address given above.

The preceeding article reprinted from Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature 44(1):5-6. March 1987.

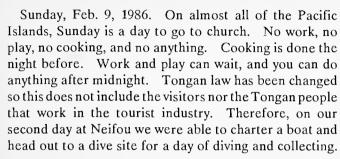
On the Tongan Reefs

Bob Purtymun 1200 Brickyard Way #407, Point Richmond, CA 94801

020986 Neiafu, Vava'u Island, Kingdom of Tonga.

Dive #1; 18.42.1S 174.00.6W Scuba 20-40 feet. 86 minutes. Maungaui Point, Pangaimotu.

C. lithoglyphus



Not one of the South Pacific Natives understand shell collectors. They expect all divers to dive the drop-offs and look at the magnificent coral and colorful fish. This is not the best place to look for shells, however there are a few shells that inhabit this type of area, so we always make a dive on at least one drop-off. We decided to try Maungaui Point on the southern end of Pangaimotu. This was about a two hour boat ride from the Hotel. The base of the drop-off was in about 50 feet of water according to our chart.

The boat ride out to the dive site was pleasant. One of our party caught a nice skipjack that weighted about 6 pounds. That night the cook at the hotel made it into pupus (marinaded raw with onions and herbs) for us to eat as hors d'oeuvres.

Onto the dive site where we found the water fairly calm. Just a slight surge. The big boat stayed with 3 of our party who dove the deep side of the point. The snorkelers. Wes and I took the skiff and went to the other side of the point where Wes and I were dropped off in about 50 feet of water. The boatman said that he would be back for us in about an hour. Then he took the snorkelers on to a shallow area.

The coral was indeed beautiful and there was an abundance of colorful tropical fish. We drifted on down to the base of the coral wall where there were piles of broken coral and a few sand channels. My first find was a Nassa serta (Bruguiere, 1789) under a coral slab. This is a Cypraea fiend. Ninety percent of this mollusc's diet is Cypraea. For many years I kept a close relative Nassa situla (Reeve, 1846) in my aquarium in Honolulu just to clean Cypraea. It did a great job!

This is not the best place to find bivalves, however it is the home of two species. In the sand channels under the coral rubble I found Venus toreuma Gould, 1850 and Trachycardium orbita (Sowerby, 1850). Also in this same habitat I found a Trapeziidae that defies identification. On the bottom of a large coral slab I found a Pecten attached by its byssus. No ID on this shell either. This completes the bivalves for this dive.

My best Conus find was a little Conus magnificus Reeve, 1843 about an inch long. It was under a coral slab in fine silty sand. On the hard coral substrate in cracks and crevices were a few C. sponsalis Hwass, 1792. In the coral rubble there were a nice C. terebra Born, 1778 and a heavily encrusted C. lithoglyphus Hwass, 1792. Both cleaned up beautifully.

Just before I ran out of air, in a pile of dead antler coral I found a gem Cypraea carneola (Linnaeus, 1758). It was my only Cyp of the dive. Also in this antler coral I found a Turbo petholatus Linnaeus, 1758. Here was the old jewlery maker himself with his bright shining green operculum.

Next month it's on to Mala Island.

Maungaui Point, Pangaimotu. This dive was made on the face of a 40 foot high live coral clift with valleys and sparse sand channels covered with dead coral rubble at the base.

GASTROPOD

- 1 Conus sponsalis #4452
- 1 C. magnificus #7488
- 1 C. terebra nn 1 C. lithoglyplus #7489
- 1 Cypraea carneola #7058
- 1 C. margarita #4451
- 2 Stomatella auricula #12491
- 1 Nassa serta nn
- 1 ?Bursa sp. #4450
- 1 Turbo petholatus #4453
- 4 Pyrene turturina #4454
- 1 P. turturina with a Hipponix conicus on dorsum #4455

BIVALVE

- 1 ?Pecten sp. #12566
- 1 Trachycardium orbita nn (see K-556)
- 1 Venus toreuma #7560 (see K-570)
- 1 ?Trapeziidae sp. #12555

Fighting Byne's Disease

by Ted Davies

In the Junc, 1986 AMERICAN CONCHOLOGIST, 1 offered my views on the cause of shell deterioration in areas with a seasonal hot-humid climate. Even before the issue hit the streets, a few of my friends asked where I dredged up my "Dew Theory." In a word, the source was my observation of rusty car bodies!

This calls for some elaboration. The major cause of car body rust is not winter ice and salt, but oxidative corrosion from the inside out. This applies especially to doors and other hollow body panels which have not been anti-rust treated by the manufacturer. It results when the heated car body cools rapidly after the engine is turned off. Even on a hot, dry day, the air immediately around the car contains a great deal of water vapor, a major product of the car exhaust, and this air is sucked into the cooling panels through drain holes. This situation is aggravated by many misguided drivers who "gun" the motor just before switching it off. Thus cars corrode from oxygenated dew, shells from carbonated dew.

The object of this paper is to present methods of improving the immediate environment of shell collections. I hope readers will offer other ideas and perhaps better ways to reduce the problem.

The identified sources of shell deterioration and my proposals for reduction of risk are:

1. Woods of the Quercus (oak) genus, and no doubt others as yet not specifically identified. It is ironical that the fathers of modern shell collecting, most of them resident in Western Europe, who established the restrictive and sometimes arbitrary rules for the organization and storage of shell collections, should have sowed the seeds of destruction of their own shells! They were of an elite class, well educated and wealthy. Oak was the wood of prestige, the symbol of accomplishment, thus most Victorian mansions amuseums have oak-panelled walls and oak furnishings. If you're thinking that the specimens brought back to New England by ordinary sailors would have escaped this fate, bear in mind that most of these objects were exposed to the acid fumes of woodburning heaters and open fireplaces typical of the period.

Wood etches! Metal rusts! What to do? I favor the use of the many available systems of linking, acrylic-base, plastic drawers, sold under trade names like Lucite, Plexiglass and Perspex. These variable cabinet components are available worldwide. In any specific system, the drawer units have a constant depth, but vary greatly in width and height, based on multiples of a specific factor. Thin separators are available to compartmentalize each drawer, as are nameplates for the front face. They will not solve the long-term "dew" problem, but neither will they contribute any destructive factors to the atmosphere.

2. All climates in which the hot and wet seasons coincide. This type of shell errosion prompted the previous paper on the subject. The obvious answer is to avoid the nightly deposit of carbonic-acid-containing dew, by use of a dehumidifier. These devices are usually quite reasonable in cost and available in the areas where this dew effect exists. The only problem is that the built-in switch turns the device on when the air temperature starts to rise, and off before it drops to the minimum, so the cycle will operate several hours earlier than is optimum for our purpose. To overcome this, you may have to bypass this switch and use an ordinary external timer, set to start about 1600 and to run for three or four hours.

Of course there are other ways to protect your shells. These all involve coating the shells with a transparent, inactive substance. If this suggestion raises your hackles, please consider your personal reason for spending money and time on your shells. Is it for research purposes, where the shell may suffer some kind of physical of chemical damage? If so, you will surely choose the least perfect and least valuable specimen. If you collect for any other purpose, including study, display and simple pleasure, this is certainly the most direct way to preserve your shells. Actually, the coating of shells was permitted by the nabobs who drew up the original code

for collectors; they promoted "a light coating of mineral oil." Percy Morris writes that "some workers (mcaning professionals) use olive oil" which "becomes rancid — and attracts insects. Never coat your shells with lacquer, varnish or shellac." This latter advice is certainly valid, since these substances tend to chip and darken, and some of the driers used in their preparation would probably attack the shell surface.

Of course you can ensure the highest level of permanency and artistic display for a few special prizes in your collection by embedding the entire shell in plastic. If you only have a few specimens to embed, it is best to have this done by someone with experience. Of course you must realize that this embedding treatment permanently converts your specimen to an ornament.

3. Storage conditions favorable to the growth of molds and fungi, and exposure to harmful, volatile substances. As suggested in the previous article, these sources of erosion can easily be eliminated by locating the shell collection as far as possible from the kitchen and laundry areas, and on the shady side of the house where temperature variations are minimal.

Above all, it is important that you keep everything in a reasonable perspective: ninety-five percent of the material in most collections is very common and easily replaceable, and the value of your precious collection in fifty years will rest mainly in the fact that "this was Grandma's favorite shell." So take it easy and remember that a hobby is for relaxation and pleasure.

4. Natural fossilization. The mollusk shell consists of microscopic hard crystals of calcium carbonate embedded in a matrix of organic tissue deposited in ultra-thin layers by the mantle. Over varying time spans, ranging from decades to millenniums, the hard crystals convert to much softer limestone and the animal material disappears. The process of fossilization is complete. We have learned to delay it, but the end is inevitable. With sadness I think of this relentless deterioration whenever 1 listen to my best-loved music, Franz Liszt's "Les Preludes." At the top of the original score, he wrote, "Life is but a prelude to death."

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What is it?
46. Tube Worm. Spirobranchus sp. Photo by E.R. Degginger.

Reader Forum

from "The Festivus"

(Vol. XIX(8):74.) CHANGES AT THE SAN DIEGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

The San Diego Natural History Museum has announced the hiring of Dr. Richard C. Brusca, of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, who will take the newly created Joshua L. Baily Chair as Curator of Marine Invertebrates. The announcement indicated that this has been made possible by the Joshua L. Baily estate. In addition, the Museum has agreed, at Dr. Brusca's request, to provide a full-time permanent salaried collections manager for the Marine Invertebrates Department. These events have resulted in the phasing out of all part-time paid employees in Marine Invertebrates. The initial phase was the termination of Caratorial Assistants Carole M. Hertz and Barbara W. Myers and Secretary Theo H. Fusby as part-time paid employees effective July 1, 1987. The second step is the elimination of Anthony D'Attilio's part-time position at the Museum effective October 1, 1987. Anthony D'Attilio joined the Museum as a part-time employee in 1969 during the tenure of Dr. George E. Radwin and has been Acting Curator of the Department for a number of years. Mr. D'Attilio and his associates have been encouraged to continue to utilize the Museum's facilities in an informal and purely research capacity

Dr. Brusca, who has written extensively on the invertebrate faunas of the eastern Pacific and whose primary area of expertise is in marine isopods, assumes official responsibility for the Department on September 1, 1987. Since more than 99 percent of the Department's current collection is molluscan, it is hoped that the Museum and Dr. Brusca will see fit to hire a malacologist as the collection manager.

The changes at the SDNHM are of great concern to all U.S. malacologists and have prompted resolutions from the major malacological organizations in this country -- the American Malacological Union and the Western Society of Malacologists. Copies of these resolutions with the letters sent were received by The Festivus. They are printed below with the resolutions enclosed in quotation marks.

NEWS RELEASE FROM R. TUCKER ABBOTT

Outraged and dismayed at the emasculation of mollusks facilities belonging to the San Diego Natural History Museum, despite recent large benevolent gifts, the members of the American Malacological Union voted at their July annual meeting in Key West to send the following petition to the San Diego Museum's Board of Trustees:

Whereas the American Malacological Union, a 56-year old society of over 600 professional and private malacologists, is concerned about the welfare of its science and the centers of

malacolgy research in the Americas, and

Whereas the San Diego Socity of Natural History and its Museum of Natural History have been a major center for mollusk

whose this of natural History have been a major center of Hollusk collections and malacology research for the last 75 years, and Whereas major contributions in collections and funds by Herbert N. Lowe, E.P. Chace, A.M. Strong, Joshua L. Baily Jr., and others have made possible San Diego's continuing leadership in this major taxonomic field, particularly vital to the development of Pacific Coast science,

We, the members of the American Malacological Union respectfully request that the Board of Trustees continue to support malacology by staffing their museum with a professional Ph.D. malacologist well versed in the modern methods of taxonomy, systematics, biology and collection curation of mollusks.

FROM KIRSTIE KAISER, SECRETARY OF THE WESTERN SOCIETY OF MALACOLOGISTS

"The Western Society of Malacologists regrets the decision of the San Diego Natural History Museum to terminate their longstanding program of molluscan research by allocating the Joshua L. Baily Fund revenue to support non-molluscan research in the Department of Marine Invertebrates."

It is our sincere hope that in the coming weeks you will consider a malacologist for Collections Manager

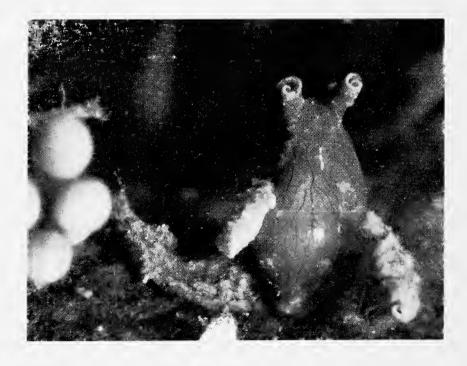
in the Marine Invertebrate Department,

Caulerpa & Berthelinia

Peggy Williams

Pt. 3, Box 28, Sarasota, FL 33580

While snorkelling near shore in Honduras, I recognized a clump of algae as a species of Caulerpa, which I have read, hosts the bivalved gastropod, Berthelinia caribbea Edmunds, 1963. According to the instructions on collecting this species, one should put the algae into a bag and shake it out into a container to loosen the mollusks from it. This I did, and I was successful in dislodging a couple of green fishes and crabs as well as the mollusk in the picture. The species, however, was not the one I was seeking, but Lobiger souverbii Fischer, 1857, with a thin, bubble-like shell far too small to contain the animal. The shell is nearly transparent, whereas the animal was bright green, matching its algal host.



on the DRIFTLINE ~ ~ ~

from Seattle, WA

Ron Shimek, 11248 Military Road South, Scattle, WA 98168, (206) 243-8354. Just a short note saying I appreciated getting a copy of the Opisthobranch the other day. I suppose scaphopods, my major interest of late, don't qualify for newsy items in a newsletter of such title, but they really don't fit elsewhere either. Anyway, my first article on scaphs will be out in the January Veliger. Will send you a reprint whenever they arrive, hope that qualifies me for continued mailings.

I am editor of the Scaphopod chapter in the upcoming multivolume treatise, "Microscopic Anatomy of the Invertebrates," and this along with the rest of my work on scaphs from Bamfield is keeping me pretty busy.

[Cyphoma (S&SL September, 1987) printed upside down. Probably doesn't make much difference to either the Cyphoma or the gorgonian but our apologies to Ron.]

Have been unable to do as much as rapidly as I want on either my science or my photography, but such is life I guess.

from AAZN Newsletter

As of July 30, 1987, our membership comprised 237 individuals and 20 institutions. This is still well short of our goal of 500 members, the number we will need to be able to provide an annual contribution of \$10,000 to the International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature. We need some help in signing up new members.

Support of the American Association for Zoological Nomenclature by the National Museum of Natural History. Through the generosity of its Director, Dr. Robert S. Hoffmann, the National Musuem of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, has agreed to provide support for operations of the business office of the AAZN, which have been housed in the museum since its inception. This means that every cent raised by the AAZN can go to support the work of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

As a result of several inquiries about student memberships in the AAZN, at its annual meeting in January, the members of the AAZN present voted to establish a student membership, with an annual fee of \$10.00.

Please remember that the Annual Meeting of the AAZN will be scheduled each year during the last week of January.

So far as we can determine, using the advice of a licensed CPA, AAZN dues can be considered tax-deductible in the United States. The determining factor, apparently, is in the nature of what members receive for their dues, basically a newsletter. As that newsletter also is available free to non-members, members of (or contributors to) the AAZN receive no special benefit, like a journal, so all dues can be considered a contribution.

[Individual member: \$20, patron: \$100; Society or Institution member: \$50-\$150, patron: \$1000.]

from San Diego, CA

Ron Velarde is still with the Point Loma Biology Lab, 4077 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101.

from Sarasota, FL

I collect extensively, especially in my home of West Florida, also in southeast Florida & the Caribbean. I would be pleased to provide preserved specimens (if I can find them) to researchers who need animal tissue for dissection. I also have species/locality lists for many areas of Florida and the Caribbean. -- PEGGY WILLIAMS, c/o 7201 Brandenton Rd., Sarasota, FL 34243.

from Humboldt Co., CA

ACTIVITY AMONG SHELL COLLECTORS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. It all started when Mr. Garcia donated the contents of a shell shop to the Nature Discovery Volunteers for use in the Humboldt County Schools. This group which has been taking nature programs to schools sorted and identified the shells and distributed collections to schools for use in the classroom. The publicity from this activity prompted gifts of shell collections from China by the Ely family and from the Philippines by Diann Bruhn. After 3 years of work a reference collection of over a thousand species was assembled, a group of shells was set aside for volunteers to take to schools, and in June 1987 a shell show was offered for all interested to view. Dr. Doris Niles, a leader in NDV and a teacher of various topics about nature, assembled a collection of local shells which contributed to the enthusiastic response of those who attended the show. Many collectors who were previously unknown arrived at the show and started some talk about forming a group. When a suitable location for display can be found the reference collection will be available for the schools and for anyone interested. - Louise Watson, Arcata, California

from West Newton, MA

My husband's name is A.G. Melvin not O.G. Melvin. I didn't notice this error in your publication earlier. Due to a fall I have been in the hospital for 6 months and unable to write for a long time as a dealer or with other correspondence.

I think your publication Shells and Sea Life covering as I have found it in its June supplement 4 points: Publications, Clubs, Books in Print and Dealer Directory, as an excellent tool for collectors.—L.S. Melvin, 863 Watertown St., West Newton, MA 02165. [ed. My apology. The wonderful thing about computers is that they allow you to repeat an error consistently—you don't have to repeat the error manually.]

from Santa Ana, CA

Hans Bertsch is working in Southern California. His current address is: P.O. Box 25797, Santa Ana, CA 92799.

from Jacksonville, FL

In S&SL 19(7):4, several typographical errors slipped in. <u>Conchologia</u> NOT <u>Conchologia</u>; Bruguiere NOT Burguiere; Gmelin NOT Gemlin; (Linnaeus, 1758) NOT (Linneaus, 1750); Link, 1807 NOT Lamarck, 1807. Our apologies

from San Diego, CA

We have been on the go this year. First one month in the Philippines, then to Okinawa for two weeks, then to Hawaii for two weeks. We arrived home the middle of March and two days later 1 was in Imperial Valley working.

We have been on two trips, collecting, photographing and diving in Baja, Mexico. Then the middle of July Ron McPeak, Ken Lindahl and I went to Mazatlan, San Blas and the mountains between Mazatlan and Durango. We were beetle hunting, sightseeing and diving. Beautiful country. Now I have just come back from Imperial Valley again. Peg had an operation on one eye to transplant a cornea and replace the lens. She is doing fine and sees much better although its still too early to tell how good it is going to be. It will be 6 months to a year before they do the other eye. -- Dave & Peg Mulliner, 5283 Vickie Dr., San Diego, CA 92109

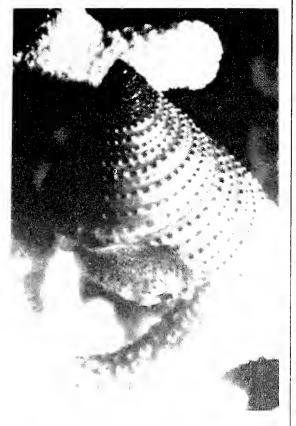
from Hasselt, Belgium

Still making a lot of publicity for you. Half the people from the Netherlands and Belgium have my recommendation for your magazine. I'm busy on a beautiful stand for the big auction next month [October] at Antwerp. Shall send a picture. Had a lot of luck on my shelling trip in the North of Italy (Adriatic Sea). As well on my own as in trading with Italian collectors. A treasure of ten thousands became mine. Been with fishermen in the wide open sea. Amazing.—Gerard Venken, Schoolstraat 21, B-3500 Hasselt, Belgium.

from Miami, FL

Bob Wagner is busy keeping the Standard Catalog of Shells size records up to date. Write him about shells you think might be the biggest of their species. He is eager to receive your size listings, so long as the data is complete. When you write, be sure to include the full proper name of the shell, the exact size, measured with calipers, the owner's name, the date collected or acquired, the locality of collection and who verified the measurement. —Bob Wagner, 19751 S.W. 79th Court, Miami, FL 33189.

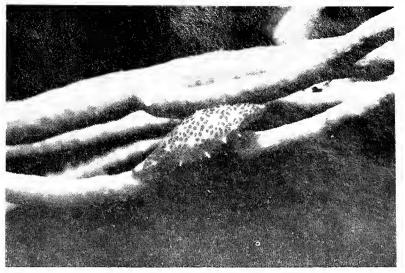




Calliostoma annulatum Lightfoot, 1786, Purple Top Snail, Pt. Lobos, Monterey, CA, January, 1984.



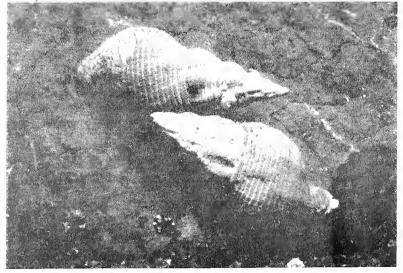
Bulla gouldiana Pilsbry, 1893, California Bubble Snail, Anacapa Island, CA, June, 1985.



Simnia vidleri Sowerby, 1881, Vidlers Simnia, Platt Harbor, Santa Cruz Island, CA, September, 1984.



Cillamys hastata (Sowerby, 1842), Spear Scallop, Campbell River, Vancouver Island. January, 1983.



Ceratostoma foliata (Gmelin, 1791), Leafy Hornmouth, Campbell River, Vancouver Island, January, 1983.

Photos by Marc Chamberlain

FROM BISHOP MUSEUM

GRANTS TO AID COLLECTION, PROMOTE ACTIVE ROLE

Thanks to recent grants from Hawaii's Cooke Foundation and a federal agency, the Bishop Museum Department of Zoology is more than \$31,000 closer to providing improved care for its malacological (mollusk) collections and planning for active research on them.

The Cooke Foundation, Ltd. has provided \$20,000, and an additional \$11,550 was received from the Institute of Museum Services' Conservation Support Program.

The grants will be used to temporarily hire a conservator to study a shell deterioration condition known as "Byne's disease" and to install air conditioning in the collection area to help reduce its effects. The conservator also is expected to recommend a new permanent storage system that will eliminate this problem.

Dr. Allen Allison, chairman of the Department of Zoology, said considerable progress has been made during the past year toward his department's goal of again becoming a major, active malacological research centre.

"A significant number of donations have been received, and we are presently using these funds to employ a collections technician and to purchase needed equipment," Allison said. He credited this progress to the combined efforts of a number of individuals and organizations, including the Hawaii Malacological Society.

To realize the goal of increased research activity, Allison said, "We currently are raising funds to endow a chair in malacology; that person will initiate an active research program bringing additional use and support to the collection."

Starting with material collected in 1837 and now including more than six million specimens, Bishop Museum's mollusk collection is the eighth largest in the United States. The terrestrial mollusk (land snail) collection, which is two-thirds of the total, is the third largest in the country and also is the world's largest and most complete collection of Pacific Island land snails.

Assembled largely through the efforts of the late Charles Montague Cooke Jr., who was a Bishop Museum malacologist from 1902 to 1948, Bishop Museum's collection represents marine and land mollusks from Polynesia, Micronesia and parts of Melanesia. A prominent American malacologist calls the collection "without equal".

Bishop Museum's malacology collection represents a very valuable resource for scientific research, notes University of Hawaii genetics professor Dr. Hampton Carson, who recently was a

Bishop Museum trustee. It is a record of now-extinct species that were once known to have existed in Hawaii, he said.

The land snail collection is particularly outstanding in illustrating the story of "speciation" — how shells with just a few common ancestors evolved in isolated valleys and ridges of the Hawaiian Islands into distinct species.

Land snails, along with insects and birds, were among the few animals that originally arrived on Pacific islands without human aid. They may have come on the feet or wings of birds or drifted across the sea in floating vegetation.

Today there are approximately 1,000 species of native land snails in Hawaii; of those, 99.7 per cent are endemic (found no place else in the world). Hawaii provided a very good snail habitat, and because there were only a few original colonizers they rapidly evolved into many different species.

For 46 years Dr. Cooke dedicated his career to assembling within Bishop Museum as complete a collection as possible of Pacific land snails from Polynesia, Micronesia and parts of Melanesia. He envisioned the museum as "Mecca" to which specialists might turn for study material and find practically all of the species assembled and the preliminary segregation work completed.

While Cooke used the best technology available in his time, he could not have anticipated the long-term effect upon the shells of acids in the cardboard storage boxes and wooden storage cabinets, Allison added. This has brought about Byne's disease.

The disease is a persistent problem in malacology collections in which acids released from such containers cause chemical decomposition of the shells. Adding to this serious problem in Bishop Museum's shell collection is exposed to high temperature and humidity, which promote the chemical reaction.

Although air conditioning, when installed, will reduce the effects of Byne's disease on the collection, the problem will not be eliminated completely until all shells are transferred to a better storage system. Installation of the new system, once selected and obtained, and transfer and labeling of the shells will take several years.

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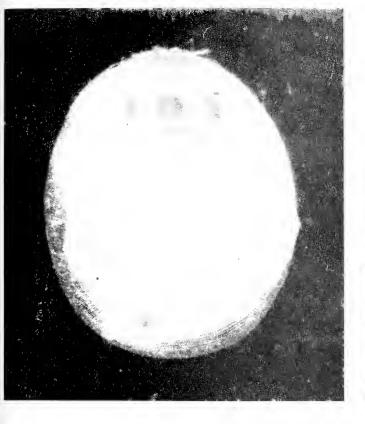
USE OF THE SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE (SEM) IN MALACOLOGICAL RESEARCH

n 1979 a remarkable mollusk, a species of the "living fossil" group of monoplacophorans, Vema hyalina, was described by Dr. McLean in the museum's Contributions in Science series (number 307). The species lives at the edge of the continental shelf in southern California. Other members of this group had been known only from abyssal depths. Vema hvalina is also a true micromollusk, for the maximum length was only 2.3 mm. The SEM played an important part in revealing the fine structure of this microscopic species, enabling a close look at the soft body of the animal, the texture of the shell, and the radula ribbon, or teeth, of the mollusk.

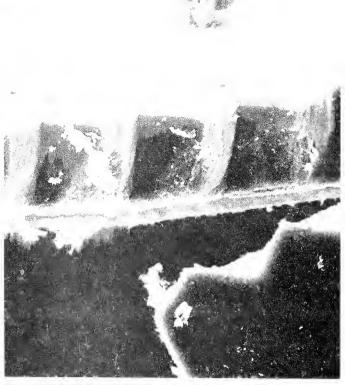


Outline view of lateral profile of the shell of Vema hyalina, anterior end at right, compared to the actual size (2.3 mm in length) of the specimen (the small figure in the center).

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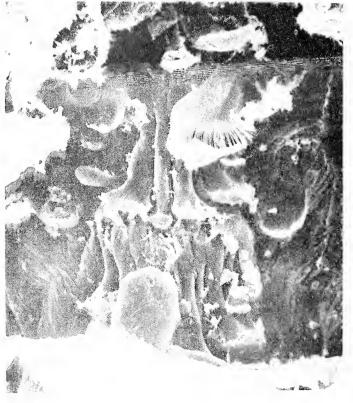
Macrophotograph of preserved specimen attached to shell; the head is toward the top; the foot in the center is surrounded by six pairs of forked gills.



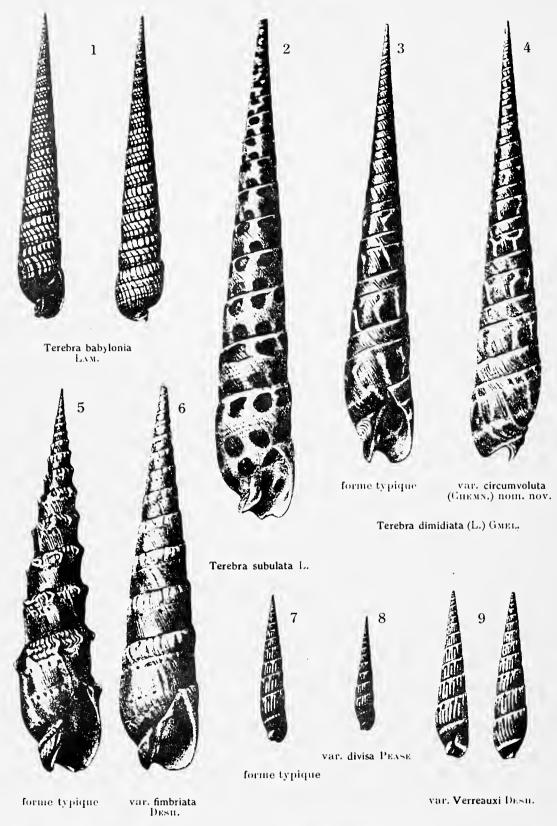
SEM photograph of broken edge of shell at a magnification of 1100 times. The shell structure is shown to consist of hexagonal prisms.



SEM photograph of head region of critical-point dried specimen at a magnification of 190 times, showing the radula in the open mouth.

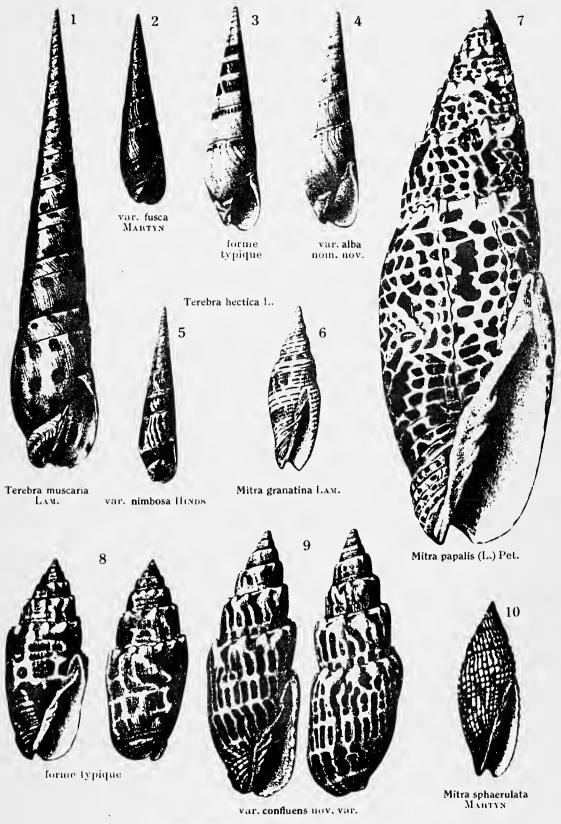


SEM closeup of open mouth of same specimen showing the row of teeth on the radular ribbon. Magnification 900 times. The outermost tooth in the row is broad and has a comblike fringe.



Terebra crenulata L. Terebra strigilata (L.) Bonn.

Ph. DAUTZENBERG. - Terebridae.



Mitra pontificalis LAM.

Ph. DAUTZENBERG. - Terebridae, Mitridae.

PUBLICATION NOTES

Collectible Shells. Listen Along! R. Tucker Abbott 1987

Includes Collectible Shells of Southeastern U.S., Bahamas & Caribbean book and a 90 minute cassette tape Exploring Collectible Shells.

ISBN 0-915826-11-9 \$12.95

Say it Right! R. Tucker Abbott 1987

Thirty-five minute cassette tape How to Pronounce the Scientific Names of Seashells of North America. \$7.95

Mollusks of Alaska. A listing of all mollusks, freshwater, terrestrial, and marine reported from the State of Alaska, with locations of the species types, maximum sizes and marine depths inhabited.

Rae Baxter 1987

Shells & Sea Life, Bayside, CA, 164p, 8vo soft cover. Includes dredging records from Northern California, up the Pacific Coast, through the Dering Sea, and down to Japan. Data collected from years of commercial fishing records and the author's personal collecting data. Bibliography and complete index to scientific names.

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Nudibranchs of Southern Africa

A Guide to Opisthobranch Molluscs of Southern Africa



Terrence Cosliner

Nudibranchs of Southern Africa. A Guide to Opisthobranch Molluscs of Southern Africa.

Terrence Gosliner 1987

Co-published by Sea Challengers, Jeff Hamman & E.J. Brill Co., 136 pages, 268 color photos, cr4to, color soft cover. Data on 269 species including 100 "sp." not yet named. Excellent color and information. Everyone interested in the opisthobranchs will need a copy of this work. ISBN 0-930118-13-8 & 90-04-08420-7 334.95

Book Review:

The opisthobranch molluscs have evolved from shelled ancestor which, over time, lost their shells and developed expanded soft parts. Gradually the shell became enveloped, reduced and finally lost. Freedom from the constriction of the shell resulted in a veritable explosion of elaborate form and vivid color. Unfortunately both are lost during preservation, so there has been little incentive for collectors to study these fascinating creatures. Recently, however, there have been a number of popular guides to opisthobranchs published that take full advantage of color photography. The latest is Terry Gosliner's Nudibranchs of Southern Africa which includes the non-nudibranch opisthobranchs as well.

The layout of this book is excellent. Most of the book is taken up by one column of color photographs, three to a page, and an opposite column of information on the animals. The photographs are large enough so that there is no feeling of constraint. This spacious feeling is aided by a format which lays the information beside the animals instead of alternating pages of photographs with pages of information. The photographs show the animals alive, healthy and in water with superb color rendition. The only flaws are a few underexposed photographs and some with air bubbles, confusing backgrounds or minor framing errors. But considering the size and rarity of the subject matter, the author did a tremendous job. In many cases he has presented us with the only photographs ever taken of these animals. Indeed, of the 268 photographed species, 92 are undescribed!

As with most identification guides, the reader's attention is captured by the photographs, but the realwork of the author is in the writing. Just think of the difficulty involved in identifying 92 undescribed opisthobranchs down to the genus level when it was necessary to dissect out radulas and reproductive systems to do so. Also consider the time spent searching through old journals and reports to compile a list of the 205 species previously recorded from southern Africa. For that matter, try devising a key based solely on external characters for 268 species. All of these represent formidable tasks and require an unusual amount of expertise on the part of the author.

Dr. Gosliner is uniquely suited for the task of compiling this book because he brings with him experience working with both Atlantic and Pacific fauna. In many ways, his synthesis of the biogeography of southern Africa opisthob ranchs (pp. 125) represents the best and worst parts of this book. Best because the overview emphasizes and illustrates important trends in endemism and Indo-Pacific affinities. Worst because the map on page 135, to which he doesn't refer, is insufficient to allow a reader to follow the discussions appropriately. Of course, if this is the worst deficiency I can find in the book, you can see that it is excellent indeed.

The introductory section also includes a general overview of important features of opisthobranchs, a basic glossary, and a large number of well-drawn illustrations by Bill Littved. I felt that some of the illustrations would have benefitted from further reduction and that the gills of *Armina* (p. 27C) should have been illustrated in the context of the whole animal. But, in general this section will prove useful.

Who is this book for? Any opisthobranch specialist will be eager to obtain a copy, both to see the new ranges and to admire the wealth of previously unphotographed and undescribed species. Since a large portion of this book contains species that may be found throughout the Indo-Pacific, it is an essential reference guide for malacologists working in this area. However, a significant portion of the opisthobranchs are also found, or closely related to, species either in the tropical or temperate Atlantic and Pacific oceans, so its appeal is worldwide. Nor is it limited to specialists. The book is written for an intelligent amateur malacologist or would-be "brancher." There is information on collecting, indentifying and preserving opisthobranchs. The author encourages nondestructive indentification of live specimens and their return to their environment. Where the specimens are undescribed, he requests they be preserved and shipped to him at the California Academy of Sciences where he can use them for future scientific study. -- SANDRA MILLEN. From The Festivus, 19(10):97-98

Gastropoda Romaniae 2. Subclasa Pulmonata. I. Ordo Basommatophora. II. Ordo Stylonimatophora. Suprafamifiile: Succinacea, Cochlicopacea, Pupillacea. Alexandru V. Grossu 1987

Fourth publication in the Gastropoda Romaniae series with 442 pages, roy8vo soft cover, 237 text figures. Final volume in the series. Written in Romanian with summaries in English. Russian, French and German. Latin names. Includes detailed anatomical drawings.



Hawaiian Shell News 1987. August issue, 12p, ill, sm4to. Includes: Zirfaea pilsbryi, Penitella penita, Tivella stultorum, Tresus nuttali, Schizothaerus, Mytilimeria nuttali, Antaroucium californicum, Conus luzonicus, Achatina fulica, Euglandina rosea, Corbicula fulminea, Euchondrus albus, E. desertorum, Conus comptus, C. achatinus, C. eques, Mytilus californianus, M. edulis, Hinnites giganteus, review of Petuch & Sargent's Olives, Cypraea fultoni, Atrina squantifera, Amphidronius heerianus, A. palaceus, A. porcellemis, A. suniatranus, A. peversus, A. alticola, Pupina junghuhni, Rachis zonulata and other species plus an article on systematics.



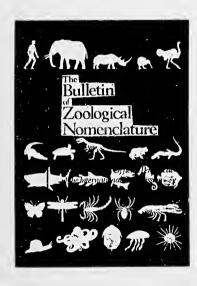
Keppel Bay Tidings 1987. June-July issue. 8p., ill, sm4to. Ninella torquata, Ostrea angasi, Ocenebra nuricoides, Muricopsis caribaeus, Fusus nuricoides, Falsilyria sunderlandi, Voluta musica demarcoi, Conus harlandi, Chicoreus superbus, Cecilioides acicula, Helix aspersa, Hapalocklaena macula, Epitonium, Amoria maculata, Cypraea arabica, C. felina, C. vitelius, C. porteri, Cymbiolacca thatcheri, Cypraea xanthodon, Conus victor, C. chusaki, C. striatus, Checklist Point Danger, Torquay.

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£60 International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature

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New Caribbean Molluscan Faunas

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New Caribbean Molluscan Faunas. by Edward J. Petuch 1987

Coastal Education & Research Foundation, Charlottesville, VA, 158 pages, 29 plates, sm4to soft cover. Over 100 new taxons are described here. Many of them are forms or subspecies described from inadequate material. Unfortunately, anyone who is working with the fauna will have to refer to the work, if only to refute the names.

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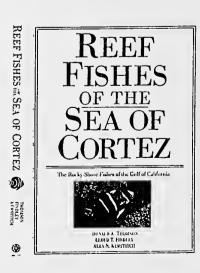


Reef Fishes of the Sea of Cortez. The Rocky-Shore Fishes of the Gulf of California.

by Donald A. Thompson, Lloyd T. Findley & Alex N. Kerstitch. 1987

University of Arizona Press, Tucson, AZ, 302 pages, 32 color plates, 117 photos, figures, cr4to alkaline paper, color soft cover. The original cloth edition was published in 1979. ISBN 0-8165-0984-0

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1. Oysters Remick

24 shell oysters 2 cups mayonnaise 4 tbs. chili sauce ¼ teaspoon paprika 6 drops Tabasco sauce 1 tbs. prepared mustard 4 slices bacon

½ teaspoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper 2 tsp. lemon juice 2 tablespoons butter 1/2 cup bread crumbs

Shuck and drain oysters; place on deep half of shells. Combine mayonnaise and seasonings. Spread mixture over oysters, and sprinkle with buttered bread crumbs. Place small piece of bacon on top of each oyster. Place oysters on preheated broiler pan about 3 inches from heat, and broil for about 5 minutes or until edges begin to curl. Serves 4.

Oysters may be purchased in three forms: Live in the shell . . . fresh or frozen shucked . . . and canned. Thanks to modern cultivation and transportation techniques, the tasty oyster is now available year 'round.

When buying oysters in the shell, remember that a tightly-sealed shell is even more assurance that the meat is at its freshest. Actually, an oyster in its shell will remain fresh for quite some time at a temperature of 36 to 42 degrees. HINT: Refrigerate your Belons with cup (curved side) down.

Shucked oysters refer to those already removed from the shell. When refrigerated, shucked oysters maintain their bright, fresh flavor.

Shucking oysters is recognized as a sporting event in many parts of the world. The record for opening 100 oysters is 3 minutes, 37 seconds. A dull-bladed knife is recommended. Carefuly push the blade between the shells near the hinge and run it around until you cut the muscle that holds the shells together. Our advice: Leave the record alone.

Healthy and low-cal, too! Oysters are not only a tremendous source of protein, vitamins and minerals, but they are also low in calories . . . and low in cholesterol. Created by nature - nurtured and tended by man — the oyster is a unique and healthy addition to your family's diet.

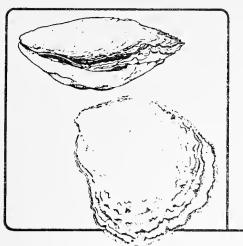
2. Oysters Rockefeller

½ tsp. celery salt 36 shell oysters 2 cups spinach, cooked 6 drops Tabasco 4 tablespoons onion sauce ½ cup bread crumbs 2 bay leaves l tablespoon parsley 6 tablespoons butter

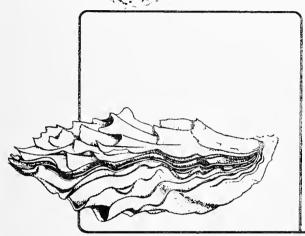
Shuck and drain oysters; place on deep half of shells. Put spinach, onion, bay leaves, and parsley through food grinder or blender. Add seasonings to spinach, and cook in butter for 5 minutes. Add bread crumbs and mix well. Spread mixture over oyster, and bake in hot oven 400° F. for about 10 minutes. Garnish with lemon slices. Serves 6.

* Opening Option:

For easy opening of oyster, place whole shell oyster in 400°F. oven for 5 minutes. Shell will be partially open from heat.



For decades, all of Europe has sung the praises of a magnificent oyster found in certain brackish waters along the Brittany coast of France. The Belon oyster, noted for its firm, tender meat and clean, fragrant flavor, is now being cultivated in Northern California. Shipped fresh to select seafood markets and restaurants, the Belon is the first choice of oyster gourmets who prefer to savor the sweet, fresh meat right from the half-shell.



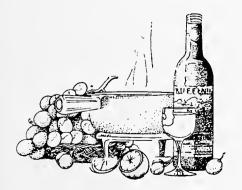
The Japanese, who've been diving for oysters through the past 500 years, are old friends with the hearty Pacific Oyster. Raised to perfection in local California, Oregon and Washington beds, the Pacific tastes excellent when simmered in the shell. Its large plump meat makes it the perfect candidate for family-sized feasts — served pan-fried, deep fried, broiled, or baked. A good rule of thumb is to serve four to six Pacifics per person. Or ask your seafood market manager to recommend an ideal size for the recipes you prefer.

3. Angels on Horseback

(Pigs in Blankets)

2 10 oz. jars ex-small oysters 12 slices bacon

Roll bacon around each oyster and fasten with toothpick. Place oysters on a rack in shallow baking pan and bake in hot oven 450°F, for about 10 minutes or until bacon is crisp. Serves 4.



Broiled Oysters

24 shell oysters 1/4 cup bread crumbs ½ teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper 1/2 teaspoon paprika 4 slices bacon

Shuck and drain oysters; place on deep half of shells. Mix bread crumbs and seasonings, and sprinkle over oysters. Cover oysters with pieces of bacon. Place oysters on a preheated broiler pan about 3 inches from heat, and broil for 5 minutes or until edges curl. Serves 4.

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Diver's Environmental Institute, December 6, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Sanibel/Captiva Week, Florida, December 12-19, contact American Littoral Society, Highlands, New Jersey 07732. (201) 291-0555

Western Society of Naturalists, Annual Meeting, Joint Meeting with International Society for Invertebrate Reproduction, December 26-30, California State University, Long Beach, California. Dr. Don Reish will be the local chairman. Contact: David H. Montgomery, Secretary W.S.N., Department of Biological Sciences, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407. (805) 756-2446.

Association Systematic Zoologists, A.M.A., A.B.S., T.C.S., I.A.A. & S.S.Z. Joint Annual Meetings, December 27-30, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Contact: Mary Adams-Wiley, ASZ, Box 2739, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. (805) 492-3585.

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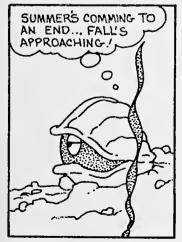
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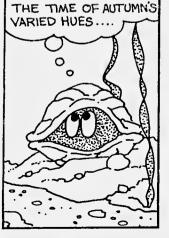
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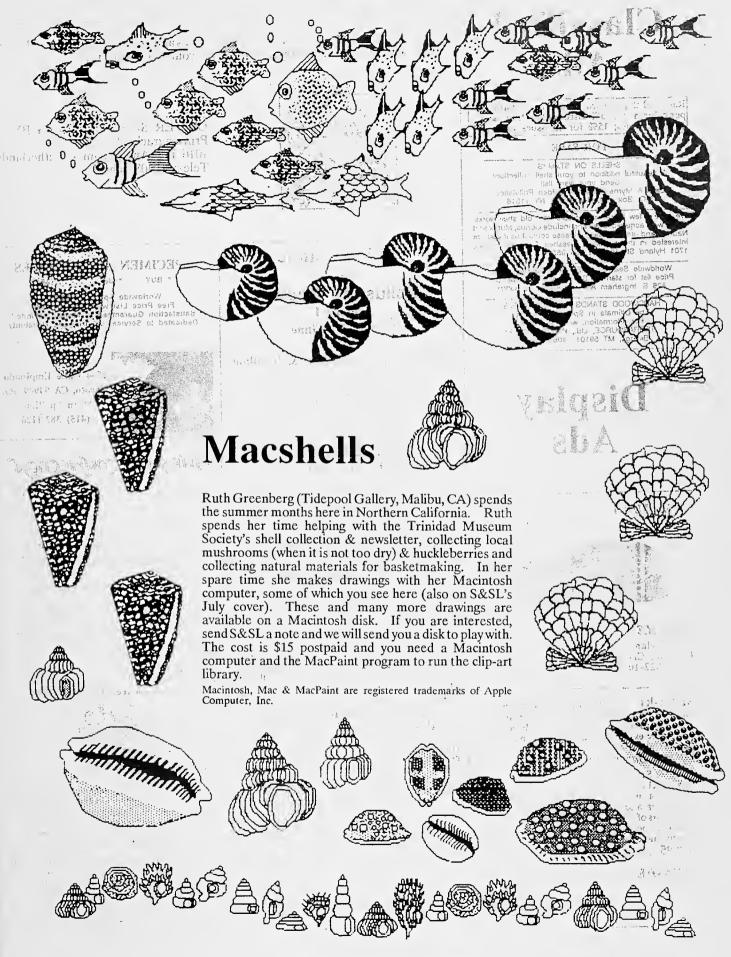
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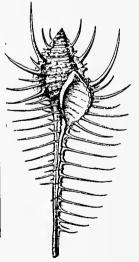
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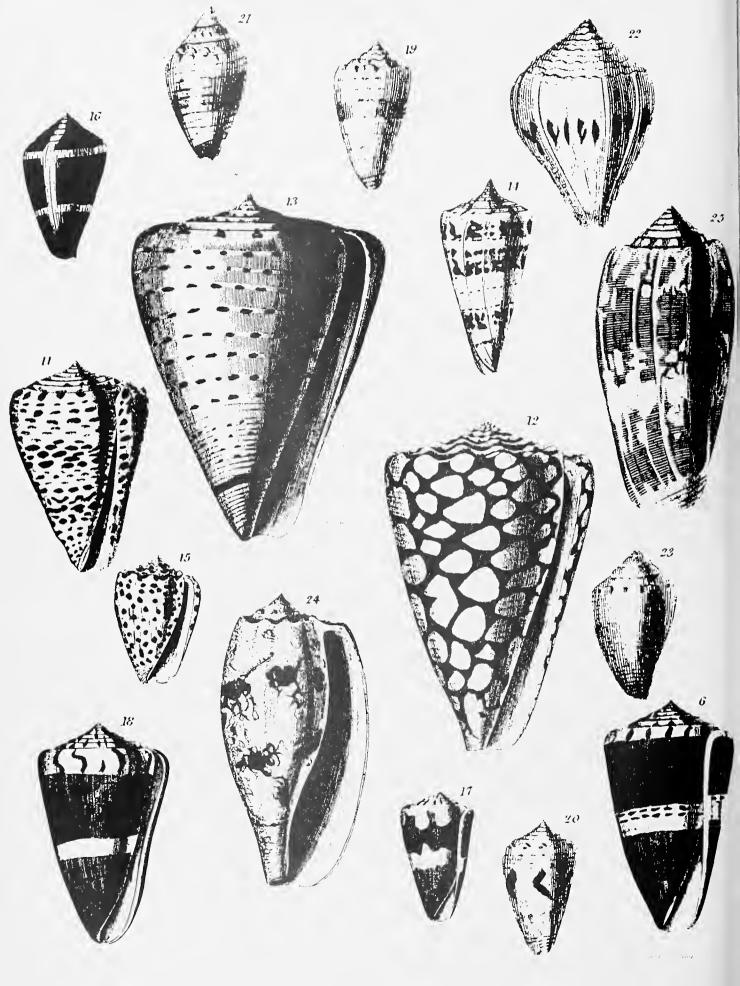
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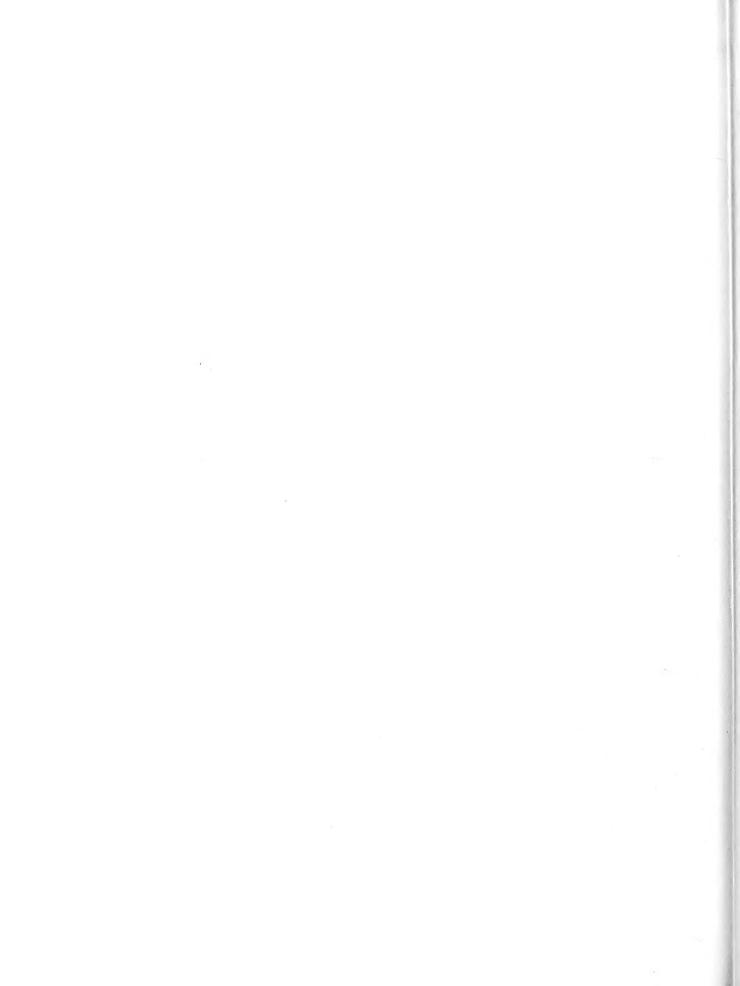
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