## PROCEEDINGS

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NOTES ON MOLLUSCAN NOMENCLATURE.

As several manuscript reports and memoirs, containing incidentally some changes in and additions to molluscan classification by the writer, have been for some time completed and are likely to be still further delayed before publication it is thought best to print a brief preliminary note on the more important nomenclatorial items.

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Genus Admete Kroyer, new section Microcancilla Dall; type Admete microscopica Dall, 1889.

Genus Astyris H. & A. Adams, new section Fluella Dall; type Astyris (Fluella) vidua Dall, n. sp. Shell like Astyris but spirally sculptured without conspicuous axial sculpture. The type is white and thin with an inflated smooth nucleus and about three subsequent well rounded whorls. Length 4 mm. U. S. Nat. Mus. Cat. No. 108002. Deep water off Florida.

New section **Plectaria** Dall, type Astyris (Plectaria) crumena Dall, n. sp. Shell small, like Astyris but with predominant axial sculpture, smooth inflated nucleus, and very fine spiral lineation. The type is white, with three well rounded whorls, 4 mm. long. U. S. Nat. Mus. Cat. No. 108006. With the last. Astyris albella C. B. Adams, may be referred here.

New section Parasagena Dall; type Astyris (Parasagena) georgiana Dall, n. sp. Shell like Astyris but with a sharply cut open reticular sculpture. The type is translucent white, biconic, with a smooth inflated nucleus and about four moderately convex subsequent whorls. Length 5 mm. U. S. Nat. Mus. Cat. No. 108311. Deep water off Georgia.

This species has a vitreous aspect and wide shallow reticulation.

Genus Laskeya Iredale. New section Onchodia Dall; type Laskeyia (Onchodia) benthica Dall, n. sp. Deep water forms with a swollen nuclear whorl, the next whorl more constricted, usually axially ribbed with or without spiral lines, the following whorls strongly axially ribbed. The type is glassy white, with about seven subsequent whorls, fourteen ribs and two spiral cords, beaded at the intersections. Length 6 mm. U. S. Nat. Mus. Cat. No. 108344. Off Georgia in deep water, common.

Genus *Trichotropis* Sowerby. New section **Iphinopsis** Dall, type *Iphinoë* kelseyi Dall, 1908, San Diego, Cal. Shell small, without the hairy periostracum of *Iphinoë*, but of similar form; deep water species.

Genus Megasystropha Lea, Jan. 1864; type Planorbis newberryi Lea,

1858+Carinifex Binney, Sept., 1865.

Genus Vorticifex Meek (Vortifex by typographical error), 1870, sole example Carinifex (Vortifex) tryoni Meek.

New section **Paradines** Dall, type Carinifex binneyi Meek, 1870. Pliocene.

Genus Orygoceras Brusina, 1882. No type selected.

Section Orygoceras s. s. Type O. cornucopiae Brusina. Balkan Pliocene.

New section Ibicicornu Dall. Type O. fistula Brusina.

New section Bovillina Dall. Type O. corniculum Brusina.

New section Incilicornu Dall. Type O. leptonema Brusina.

New Genus Payettia Dall. Type Latia dalli C. A. White, 1882. Pliocene lake beds of the Snake River valley, Idaho.

Genus Rochefortia Vélain.

New subgenus Rochefortina Dall. Type R. semele Dall, n. sp. Beaks subcentral; external sculpture radial and concentric; a small prodissoconch;

hinge formula  $\frac{L}{R} \frac{1.0 \text{ r}}{0.1 \text{ r}} \frac{1.0}{01}$  Type small, oval, with a minute escutcheon but no lunule; pallial line obscure; length 3.2 mm. U. S. Nat. Mus. Cat. No. 333070. Oahu, H. T.

Genus Tellina Linné.

New subgenus **Scissulina** Dall. Type T. dispar Conrad. 1837. Hinge of Macoma, the oblique sculpture only on one valve. Hawaiian Islands.

Genus Crassispira Swainson.

New subgenus Ceritoturris Dall. Type C.? bittium Dall, n. sp. Shell minute, recalling one of the minute brackish water species of Bittium. Nucleus blunt, the second whorl with a peripheral keel and seven subsequent moderately rounded, axially and spirally sculptured whorls, the canal almost obsolete. Length 7 mm. U. S. Nat. Mus. Cat. No. 338625. Hawaiian Ids.

Genus Daphnobela Cossmann.

New subgenus Carinapex Dall. Type Drillia minutissima Garrett, 1873. Hawaii.

Genus Turricula Schumacher, 1817.

Subgenus? Mordica Dall. Type M. brunonia Dall, n. sp. Minute shell with an absurdly accurate resemblance to the large species of *Turricula*; with inflated whorls, constricted suture and relatively long canal. Type with slender brown nucleus of four long axially ribbed whorls and three and a half subsequent inflated whorls; seven axial ribs, and a deep anal sulcus close to the suture. Length 3 mm. U. S. Nat. Mus. Cat. No. 338671. Hawaiian Islands.

**Tritonoturris** n. g. Dall. Type *Clathurella robillardi* Barclay, 1869. Mauritius. This has obviously nothing in common with *Clathurella*.

Turrhyssa n. g. Type Clathurella bicarinata Pease. Hawaiian Islands. Questionably pleurotomoid. It has much the aspect of a minute Peristernia.

Cryptomitra n. subg. Type Pleurotomella? climacella Dall, 1895. Hawaiian Islands. Shell with obsolete plaits on the pillar in the earlier whorls but none in the last whorl.

Genus Pisania Bivona.

**Prodotia** n. subg. Type *Pisania billeheusti* Souverbie, 1865. Nukahiva. This is said to have the operculum like *Fusinus*. Another species from the Hawaiian Islands is destitute of an operculum according to the experience of Mr. Thaanum, who has taken two alive.

Genus Murex Linné.

Langfordia, n. subg.? Type Murex (Langfordia) cuspidifera Dall, n. sp. Hawaiian Islands. Shell of moderate size, biconic, somewhat of the form of Trichotropis, spirally sculptured, with about a dozen peripheral spines, the outer lip internally lirate, the siphonal fasciole imbricate, surrounding a conspicuous umbilical pit. Height 18 mm. U. S. Nat. Mus. Cat. No. 339422.

This combines features of Favartia, Trophon, and Murex.

Neptunea Bolten. Type selected in 1918 by Dall is Neptunea clathrus Bolten, = Murex clathratus Linné. Chrysodomus Swainson, 1840, is therefore retained for Murex antiquus Linné. Boreotrophon Sars. is synonymous with Neptunea.

Cythna Carpenter, 1864, is perhaps to be regarded as homonymous with Cithna A. Adams, 1863. In that case the name Cythna is suggested for the later name.

Genus Gyrineum Link.

New section Gyrinella Dall. Type G. pusillum Broderip.

The minute species with no sutural canal can hardly be appropriately placed in the same section as the enormous type of the genus.

Genus Triphora Blainville.

Strobiligera n. subg. Type Triphora (inflata var.) ibex Dall.

Antilles in deep water. Protoconch larger than the succeeding whorl, swollen, smooth; sutural sulcus feeble, canal short, open. There are numerous species in the deep water of the Antilles. Sychar Hinds is of an entirely different type.

Litharium n. subg. Type Triphora oceanida Dall, n. sp. Hawaiian Ids. Shell dark brown, acute, rapidly increasing, Nucleus concentrated, with no obvious nepionic stage, blunt, with 12 subsequent whorls with three rows of beaded spiral sculpture, suture narrow and deep, sulci feeble. Length 5 mm. U. S. Nat. Mus. Cat. No. 333276.

Genus Bittium (Leach) Gray.

Bittinella n. subg. Type Bittium hiloense Pilsbry and Vanatta, 1908. Hawaiian Islands.

Genus Capulella nov. Type C. microceras Dall, n. sp. Hawaiian Islands. Shell minute, recalling the much larger Capulus liberatus Pease, from the Paumotus, in which the whorls are separated. In the present species there are two and a half whorls not separated, but the circular aperture is entirely free though there is no umbilical perforation.

Height 1, diameter 1.5 mm. Bishop Museum Cat. No. 65040.

Genus Eunaticina Fischer.

New section **Heliconatica** Dall, Hawaiian Islands. Type **E. margaritae-formis** n. sp. Shell small, like *Margarites umbilicalis* Sowerby in form, white, with a brown nucleus, sculpture of sharply incised spiral lines, the pillar lip straight with a small callosity on its edge near the body. Height 8; diameter 12 mm. U. S. Nat. Mus. Cat. No. 339171.

Genus Solariella.

New section Suavotrochus Dall. Type Solariella lubrica Dall, 1881. Antilles in deep water. The shell is nearly or quite destitute of sculpture.