

spaces of about equal width being visible to the naked eye. It reaches a length of from 20 to 25 mm. On the Florida coast it is so plentiful as to be used in making bouillon.

There is another species that frequents the coast from Florida to Texas, which might be confused with the young of *D. fossor* and *variabilis*. This is the *Donax tumida* Phil. (*obesa* d'Orb.). The shell is more inflated, the posterior end shorter and more rounded, the striae superimposed, being visible only with a lens. Length from 10 to 12 mm.

BOSTON MALACOLOGICAL CLUB

The Boston Malacological Club has held its regular meetings during the past season, on the first Tuesday evening of each month, from October to May, inclusive, at the Library of the Boston Society of Natural History. The average attendance at the meetings has been about fifteen—and three resignations have been offset by the acquisition of seven new members—the Club list now numbering forty-three.

The first meeting of the season was devoted to the Pholadidae. The second, in November, to Liguus; the President, Mr. William J. Clench, Curator of Mollusca at the University Museum at Harvard, showing the specimens which he had recently collected in Cuba; among them being several new forms.

In January, the Club listened to Dr. W. J. Crozier, of the Department of Physiology at Harvard, who told of four years of study and collecting in Bermuda, where he specialized on Chitons, Nudibranchs, Onchidiums and Squids. His talk was illustrated by many lantern slides. At the February meeting, Dr. Albert H. Navez, formerly of the University of Brussels, Belgium, and now of the Department of Physiology at Harvard, spoke on Brazilian Forests, where he had spent a year collecting; notably in the region near Rio de Janeiro, and on the borders of the Amazon.

In March, Mr. Charles W. Johnson gave a paper on the Fusidae and Fasciolariidae, illustrated by specimens from the Natural History Society's collection; and at the April meeting, Mr. Clench told of a recent collecting trip to the Everglades of Florida, in search of Liguus, and showed a superb set of these shells, including several new forms.

The May meeting was given over to a study of the Urocoptidae, with specimens from the Society's collection, and enlarged pictures of the shells, thrown on the screen by the radiopticon.

At each meeting through the season, Mr. S. N. F. Sanford, Conchological Recorder of the Club, showed a list gathered from current scientific magazines, of articles which might be of interest to those studying malacology or conchology.

The annual election of officers was held at the May meeting. Mr. Clench being re-elected President, Rev. Oliver P. Emerson Vice-president, Miss Theodora Willard Secretary-Treasurer, and Messrs. J. Henry Blake and Arthur F. Gray members of the Executive Committee. The Annual Field Meeting was held June 1st at Coffin's Beach near Annisquam, under the leadership of Mr. F. N. Balch. An enjoyable time was had and a number of interesting shells obtained.

THEODORA WILLARD, *Secretary*.

CONCHOLOGICAL CLUB OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

As the Conchological Club of Southern California—like a great many others—officially closes its year with the June meeting this seems an excellent time to send in a brief report of our doings.

We now have thirty-two active and fifteen corresponding and honorary members, and for the past year have maintained an average attendance of eleven, the difference being partly due to the fact that several of our members belong to a general nature club which meets the same evening and



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