

*Mollusca found in the Neighbourhood of Jerusalem.*

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*To the Editors of the Annals of Natural History.*

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to forward for insertion in your ‘Annals,’ should you consider the communication of sufficient interest, a list of Mollusca found in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem, all of which I have at various times received direct from a correspondent and resident in that city. To those interested in the distribution of the Mollusca the information may be acceptable.

<i>Helix spiriplana</i> , Olivier.	<i>Helix Syriaca</i> , Ehrenb.
— <i>Cæsareana</i> , Parreys.	— <i>Jebusitica</i> , Roth.
— <i>cavata</i> , Mousson.	— <i>tuberculosa</i> , Conrad.
— <i>candidissima</i> , Drap.	— <i>sancta</i> , Bourg.
— <i>Steetzenii</i> , Koch.	— <i>Erdelii</i> , Roth.
— <i>striata</i> , Drap.	— <i>Hierosolymitana</i> , Bourg.
— <i>Boissieri</i> , Charpentier.	— <i>Carthusianella</i> , Drap.
— <i>figulina</i> , Parreys.	— <i>hierochantica</i> , Roth.
— <i>variabilis</i> , and var., Drap.	— <i>aspersa</i> .
— <i>fimbriata</i> , Bourg.	

together with a few other species I have not been able to identify.

<i>Bulimus labrosus</i> , Olivier.	<i>Melanopsis costata</i> , Olivier. Lake of Tiberias.
— <i>attenuatus</i> , Mousson.	<i>Melania tuberculata</i> , Müller. Ditto.
— <i>septemdentatus</i> , Roth.	<i>Clausilia mœsta</i> , Fér.
— <i>Aleppinus</i> , Pfeiffer.	<i>Pupa Rhodia</i> , Roth.
— <i>Sidoniensis</i> , Férussac.	<i>Cæcilianella tumulorum</i> .
— <i>mucifragus</i> , Parreys.	<i>Tornatellina Hierosolymorum</i> , Roth.
— <i>Sauleyi</i> , Bourg.	<i>Neritina Michonii</i> , Bourg.
<i>Cyclostoma Olivieri</i> , ?	— <i>Jordani</i> , Butler. Lake of Tib.
<i>Melanopsis prærosa</i> , Lam. Engedi.	<i>Unio</i> ?
— <i>Sauleyi</i> , Bourg. Jericho.	

I would also observe that I have on former occasions received specimens (dead shells) of *Melanopsis*, *Neritina*, &c., that were collected on the shores of the Dead Sea. As most writers on Palestine state that no living animal is to be found in that lake, I inquired of my friend whether his knowledge of the district confirmed or otherwise the generally received opinion? to which the following is his reply:—“No shells are found in the lake itself, or on its margin, except the bleached specimens of *Melanopsis*, *Neritina*, and various *Unionidæ*, which have been washed down by the Jordan, and afterwards drifted on shore. In fact, so intense is the bitter-saline quality of its waters, that no mollusk (nor, so far as I know, any other living creature) can exist in it.”

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT DAMON.

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