

the Field and Viveash ranches in the cañon of the Pecos River, New Mexico. The specimen is to be referred to *thomsoniana* proper, having the basal tooth simple, but it is the smallest on record for that species; diam. max.  $11\frac{1}{3}$ , min. a scant 10, alt.  $6\frac{1}{3}$ ; whorls  $4\frac{1}{3}$ . Should this small size and number of whorls prove constant in the locality, the snail would I think deserve to be separated as a race.—  
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THE GENERA CRYPTO GIRASIA AND CRYPTOSOMA. In the Fauna of British India, Mollusca (vol. I, 1908), p. 203, Godwin-Austen adopts the generic name *Cryptogirasia*, crediting it to "Cockerell, A. M. N. H. (6) vii, 1891, p. 99 (no description)." The name *Cryptogirasia* was a manuscript one of mine, dating from 1891; but as a matter of fact it was printed in the plural form (*Cryptogirasiæ*) in the place cited. It was not wholly without description; this and the other genera and groups of "*Helicarioninæ*, sens. lat." were defined by a table. From the standpoint of generic nomenclature, *Cryptogirasia* must date from 1908, when it was adopted and defined by Godwin-Austen. The other genera credited to me in the same work were published in the correct form, either in P. Z. S. or NAUTILUS. They were defined in the table cited. *Cryptosoma* Theobald, 1857, applied to an oriental genus of the same family, is a homonym of the earlier *Cryptosoma* Brullé, used for a genus of crabs of the family Calappidæ. I have not found the exact date of Brullé's genus, but it is not later than 1848. The Molluscan *Cryptosoma* may take the name *Megaustenia*; type *Megaustenia præstans* (*Vitrina præstans* Gould, 1843).

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UNIO (NODULARIA) PUTZEYSI new name for *U.* (*Nodularia*) *subnigra* Preston.—Mr. Bryant Walker having pointed out to me that the name "*subnigra*" used by me (Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., London, Ser. 9, vol. IV, 1909, p. 89) for a species of *Unio* from the Lower Belgian Congo is preoccupied, I now propose to substitute for this the name "*Putzeysi*" in honour of Dr. S. Putzeys of Brussels, whose work on the land and fresh-water molluscan fauna of the Belgian Congo is well known to every student of the conchology of that region.—H. B. PRESTON.



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