

12. DESCRIPTIONS OF NEW SHELLS IN THE COLLECTION OF
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(Mollusca, Pl. XLIX.)

1. SPONDYLUS VICTORIÆ (fig. 8). *S. testa subregulari, depressa, ovali, alba, ad umbones roseo variegata, costis quatuor magnis, paululum elevatis, intermediis alternatis angustioribus; spinis majoribus elongatis, arcuatis, ad terminos palmatis, depressis, ad latera undulatim fimbriatis; spinis minoribus aculeatis, arcuatis, spinis valvæ inferioris elongatis, arcuatis, concavis.*

Hab. Gulf of California.

This beautiful *Spondylus* resembles *S. imperialis* in some respects, but the large spines are depressed and fringed at the sides almost like those of *S. cumingii*.

2. MUREX OCTOGONUS (fig. 7). *M. testa turbinata, subventricosa, spiraliter costata, pallide cinerea, ad costas medio fusco maculata; apertura ovali, cauda recta, laminata; costis octo crassis, nodulosis, imbricatis, superne aculeatim recurvis, medio frondis extantibus, sulcatis ornatis, ad caudam continenter frondosis; spira obtusa, sutura subexcavata.*

Hab. New Caledonia.

In *M. humilis*, which this species most nearly resembles, there is a space without fronds on the ribs between the swollen part of the body-whorl and the caudal projection, while the ribs of this species are continuously frondose.

3. MUREX EXPANSUS (fig. 5). *M. testa fusiformi, carneola, tricostrata, spiraliter striata, inter costas unituberculata; costis fimbria lata, elevata, superne angulata, infra ad caudam terminali expansis; cauda brevi; spira elevata, acuta.*

Hab. China.

In Mr. Reeve's *M. eurypteron* the expanded fringe on the ribs terminates at the commencement of the caudal process, instead of being continued to the end, as in this species.

4. MUREX NUBILUS (fig. 4). *M. testa fusiformi, fusca, scabra, punctata, spiraliter striata, obscure trifasciata, longitudinaliter tricostrata, inter costas unituberculata; costis crassiusculis, scabrosis, superne spina fimbriata recta, medio fimbria paululum extanti, ad caudam spinis palmiferis tribus parvis armatis; spira elongata, acuta; cauda recta, mediocri.*

Hab. — ?

A dusky, ordinary-looking shell; and yet there is no other species which exactly corresponds with it.

5. MUREX TÆNIATUS (fig. 3). *M. testa fusiformi, fusco bifasciata, spiraliter costata, costis longitudinalibus octo crassis, imbricatis, frondosis; spinis brevibus, acutis, recurvis armatis; apertura parva, dentata; cauda acuta, obliqua, angusta, extanti; spira acuta, anfractibus quatuor subangulatis.*

Hab. Gulf of California.



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