

NOTES ON QUEENSLAND LAND-SHELLS ;

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To Mr. Brazier, F.L.S., C.M.Z.S., of the Australian Museum, I am indebted for many valuable corrections to my paper on Queensland land-shells (Vol. V. pt. II.).

Referring to several shells which appeared in my list as natives of the colony, he informs me that *Elæa rapida*, *Pfr.*, is not Australian, its only habitat is the New Hebrides, where Mr. Brazier has himself collected it ; when first described it was stated to come from New Zealand. *Helicina fulgurata*, *Cox*, is not a Queensland shell, it is *H. fulgoror*, *Gould*, from the Fiji Islands. In giving Port Curtis as the locality for *Nanina marmorata*, Tryon is certainly wrong ; my correspondent remarks that he has never seen a shell like it from any part of Queensland ; he adds, “ *H. marmorata*, *Cox*, will not hold good, since the name was intended for the animal and not for the shell. Dr. Cox changed the name to ‘*circumcincta*,’ and Tryon had no right to dub it *marmorata* ; besides, the name was pre-occupied years ago by Ferrusac.” Another species, wrongly attributed to Queensland by Reeve and Cuming, is *Helix lightfooti*, *Pfr.*, to which the locality “Brisbane” was assigned. It is now regarded as synonymous with *Helix odontina*, *Morelet*, a Mauritius shell.

Helix similaris, *Fer.*, is not indigenous to Queensland. Mr. Brazier possesses some of the original specimens collected by Macgillivray, on which the supposed addition to our fauna was founded, and they are, as he has pointed out in the *Journal of Conchology*, *Helix aridorum*, *Cox*. Mr. Brazier classes the *R. strangeoides*, *Cox*, as a variety of *R. splendidula*, *Pfr.* ; also *R. beldomei*, *Brazier*, as a variety of *M. franklandiensis*, *Forbes*



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