

XII.—*Descriptions of a new Modiola from Ceylon and of a new Tellina from New Caledonia.* By H. B. PRESTON, F.Z.S.

Modiola taprobanensis, sp. n.

Shell inflated, irregularly trapezoidal, somewhat curved, polished, shining, covered with a dark olive-green periostracum, which becomes paler posteriorly and is rather wrinkled towards the anterior ventral region; both valves marked with irregular concentric growth-lines, angularly swollen anteriorly; umbones much eroded; dorsal margin straight; ventral margin curved, slightly gaping in the middle; anterior side sharply rounded; posterior side sloping, obliquely rounded below; interior of shell nacreous, polished, bluish grey anteriorly, brownish bronze posteriorly.

Long. 8.5, lat. 18 mm.

Hab. Ceylon.



Modiola taprobanensis.



Tellina viator.

Tellina viator, sp. n.

Shell thin, elongately ovate, bright pink, concentrically striate, the striae becoming much coarser anteriorly; dorsal margin almost straight; ventral margin scarcely rounded; anterior side abruptly rounded; posterior side sloping above, somewhat rostrate below.

Long. 8, lat. 15 mm.

Hab. Noumea, New Caledonia.



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