

Family PETRICOLIDÆ.

Petricola, Lamarck.*Petricola lapicida* (Chemnitz) juv.

Venus lapicida, Chemnitz, Conch.-Cab., vol. x. p. 356, figs. 1664, 1665.

Habitat.—Flinders Passage, North Australia, in 7 fathoms; also Station 186, off Cape York, Torres Strait, in 8 fathoms.

Only one or two small valves were collected. At this early stage of growth the peculiar sculpture of this species is very fine indeed. Its occurrence in Torres Strait and its distribution have been already recorded by the author in the Report on the "Alert" collections, p. 98.

Venerupis, Lamarck.*Venerupis irus* (Linné).

Donax irus, Linné, Syst. Nat., ed. 12, p. 1126.

Donax irus, Donovan, Brit. Shells, vol. i. pl. xxix. fig. 2.

Venerupis irus, Lamarck, Anim. sans vert., ed. 2, vol. vi. p. 163.

Venerupis irus, Forbes and Hanley, Brit. Moll., vol. i. p. 156, pl. vii. figs. 1-3, and Pl. G. fig. 2.

Venerupis irus, Jeffreys, Brit. Conch., vol. iii. p. 86, vol. v. pl. li. fig. 5.

Venerupis irus, Sowerby, Thesaurus, vol. ii. p. 763, pl. clxiv. fig. 1, and pl. clxv. figs. 31, 32.

Venerupis irus, Pfeiffer, Conch.-Cab., ed. 2, Monog. Veneracea, p. 245, pl. xxxi. figs. 17-19.

Venerupis irus, Sowerby, Conch. Icon., vol. xix. fig. 22.

Habitat.—Tenerife, Canary Islands, at a depth of 70 fathoms.

This well-known form has previously been recorded from the Canary Islands, and may eventually be found still farther south. It does not appear to range farther north than some parts of England and Ireland. It has received many names, and to give the complete synonymy and list of references would be useless; this being only advisable when a monograph is attempted.

Family VENERIDÆ.

Subfamily TAPESINÆ.

Tapes, Megerle.*Tapes obscurata*, Deshayes.

Tapes obscurata, Deshayes, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1853, p. 9; Cat. Conchif. Brit. Mus., p. 169.

Tapes obscurata, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. xiv. fig. 12.

Tapes grata, Deshayes, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1853, p. 9; Cat. Conchif. Brit. Mus., p. 170.

Tapes similis, Reeve, (non Deshayes), Conch. Icon., fig. 10.

Tapes quadriradiata, Deshayes, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1853, p. 9; Cat. Conchif. Brit. Mus., p. 171.

Tapes quadriradiata, Reeve, loc. cit., fig. 6.

Tapes quadriradiata, Römer, Monogr., p. 51, pl. xviii. fig. 2.

Venus quadriradiata, Pfeiffer, Conch.-Cab., ed. 2, p. 199, pl. xxxii. fig. 6.

Habitat.—Amboina, in 15 to 20 fathoms (a single dead valve).