

*Venus (Chione) marica*, Linné.*Venus marica*, Linné, Syst. Nat., ed. 12, p. 1130.*Venus marica*, Chemnitz, Conch.-Cab., vol. vi. figs. 282-284.*Venus marica*, Sowerby, Thes. Conch., vol. ii. pl. clvii. figs. 107-110.*Venus marica*, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. xiv. fig. 104, a-c.

*Habitat.*—Levuka, Fiji Islands, in shallow water (Challenger); Ovalau and Matuku, Fiji, in 12 fathoms (Brit. Mus.); Philippine Islands (Cuming); Réunion (Deshayes); Mauritius (Möbius).

This species is so well known that it is unnecessary to give further references than those above mentioned. It must not, however, be mistaken for *Venus recognita*, which, although very like it at first sight, is perfectly distinct. *Venus marica* is more finely costate, and has not the fine posterior radiating liræ of that species nor the frill-like concentric lamellæ; its internal margin is more coarsely denticulate, and the dorsal area differently sculptured.

*Venus (Chione) recognita*, n. sp. (Pl. III. figs. 5-5e).

Testa ovato-subtrigona, postice aliquanto angustata, fere æquilateralis, albida, plus minusve fusco vel rufo irregulariter (interdum subradiatim) picta. Valvæ mediocriter convexæ, concentricè liratae, radiatimque costatae, granulatae, liris postice prope aream breviter lamellatis, tenuibus, costis paucis ad latus anticum quam cæteris majoribus, aliisque posterioribus aliquanto tenuioribus. Margo dorsi utrinque valde declivis, leviter convexus, extremitatem posticam versus sæpe levissime sinuatus. Latus anticum late rotundatum, posticum angustatum, subcuneiforme. Margo ventris late arcuatus, postice frequenter indistincte sinuatus. Lunula variabilis, elongato-cordata vel lanceolata, in medio prominens, sulco angusto profunde circumscripta, fusco maculata, radiatimque lirata. Area lanceolata, *haud radiatim lirata*, striis incrementi tenuibus solum sculpta, maculis magnis fuscis plerumque picta. Pagina interna alba, violaceo-fusco irregulariter maculata, margine minute denticulato. Sinus pallii parvus, angustus, brevis. Dens medianus cardinis in valva sinistra et duo posteriores valvæ alteræ ad apicem bifidi.

This species is almost equilateral, moderately convex, longer than high, triangularly ovate, broadly roundish in front and somewhat acuminate posteriorly. It is whitish, irregularly stained and spotted with reddish-brown, sometimes in the form of more or less interrupted rays. The sculpture consists of concentric and radiating ridges which are closely packed, and at the points of contact form rounded bead-like granules. A few