

a conspicuous impressed line. The hinder dorsal slope is a little arched, oblique, and longer than the anterior, which is also feebly curved and a trifle more descending. The front lateral margin is regularly well curved; the posterior a little more acutely, which is more marked as the shell increases in size. The lower outline is an even broad curve. Hinge rather similar to that of the European *Circe minima*, but differs in having the hindmost tooth in the right valve, and the central one in the left thicker and bifid. The ligamental groove is elongate and narrow. The muscular scars are large, and the pallial is large, triangular, reaches half across the valves, and terminates in a rounded tip.

Length $8\frac{1}{3}$ mm., height 7, diameter 5; a smaller specimen is $5\frac{1}{2}$ long, 5 high, and 4 in diameter.

A larger valve has come to hand since giving the above dimensions. It is 10 mm. long and 9 high.

Habitat.—Torres Strait, North Australia, at a depth of 3 to 11 fathoms. Also Station 188, west of Cape York, North Australia, in 28 fathoms; mud.

Cytherea (Dione) philippinarum, Hanley.

Cytherea philippinarum, Hanley, Rec. Biv. Shells, p. 356, pl. xv. fig. 36.

Cytherea philippinarum, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. xiv. fig. 47, a, b.

Cytherea philippinarum, Sowerby, Thes. Conch., vol. ii. p. 627, pl. cxxxvi. fig. 177.

Meretrix philippinarum, Deshayes, Cat. Conchif. Brit. Mus., p. 39.

Cytherea (Dione) philippinarum, Römer, Monog. Venus, vol. i. p. 139, pl. xxxvii. figs. 2-2e (very excellent).

Cytherea mendanae, Philippi, Zeitschr. f. Malak., vol. viii., 1851, p. 72.

Habitat.—Levuka, Fiji Islands, at a depth of 12 fathoms; and in Tahiti Harbour in 20 fathoms; also at the Banda Islands, in shallow water.

The only localities from which this pretty species appears to have been hitherto recorded are the Philippine and Marquesas Islands, the former on the authority of Mr. Cuming and the latter on that of Philippi.

Circe, Schumacher.

Circe scripta (Linné).

Venus scripta, Linné, Syst. Nat., ed. 12, p. 1135.

Circe scripta, Sowerby, Thes. Conch., vol. ii. pl. cxxxix. figs. 38-42.

Circe scripta, Reeve, Conch. Icon., fig. 1.

Venus (Circe) scripta, Römer, Monog. Veneridæ, vol. i. p. 193, pl. lii. fig. 1.

Habitat.—Port Jackson, New South Wales, in 4 to 18 fathoms; and Torres Strait, at a depth of 3 to 11 fathoms.