

- Ranella argus*, Küster, Conch. Cab. (ed. Küster), p. 125, sp. 2, pl. xxxvii. figs. 5, 6, and *Ranella vexillum*, p. 126, sp. 3, pl. xxxviii. figs. 1-3.  
*Bursa (Apollon) proditor*, v. Frauenfeldt, "Novara" Moll., p. 4, pl. i. fig. 1.  
*Ranella argus*, v. Martens, Südafrik. Moll., Jahrb. deutsch. malak. Gesellsch., 1874, p. 134, sp. 113.  
 „ (*Apollon*) *argus*, Kobelt, Jahrb. deutsch. malak. Gesellsch., 1876, p. 326, sp. 1, and *Ranella (Apollon) proditor*, sp. 3, and *Ranella vexillum*, sp. 4.  
 „ (*Bursa*) *proditor*, Vélain, Moll. St Paul et Amsterdam, p. 100, pl. ii. fig. 5.  
 „ *argus*, v. Martens, Crit. List New Zealand Moll., p. 23.  
 „ *vexillum*, Hutton, Manual, p. 65.  
 „ (*Argobuccinum*) *argus*, Tryon, Manual, vol. iii. p. 44, pl. xxiv. figs. 61-65.

October 15, 1873. Tristan da Cunha. Shore.

Station 135c. October 17, 1873. Lat. 37° 25' 30" S., long. 12° 28' 30" W. Nightingale Island, Tristan da Cunha. 100 to 150 fathoms.

*Habitat*.—New Zealand, Australia, Tasmania, St Paul and Amsterdam Islands, Cape of Good Hope, South America.

This form from Tristan da Cunha, which bears in the British Museum the name *Apollon tristensis*, is somewhat longer and narrower than the type, with a more tumid and less scalar spire, but this latter feature arises from the varices being more continuous, and of this peculiarity examples are not wanting, especially in the form which Sowerby has described as *Ranella vexillum*. The opinion, strongly expressed by Deshayes and others, of the specific distinctness of this form from the *Ranella argus*, Gm., deserves much weight, and it is not difficult to pick out specimens very strongly marked with the distinguishing features of difference which have been dwelt on by the authors I refer to; but, on careful survey of a large number of shells, I felt driven to the conclusion that they all belonged to one species. Having formed this conviction, it was with great satisfaction that I found it was the opinion already expressed (Jahrb., *loc. cit.*) by so thoroughly competent a judge as v. Martens, and that substantially on the same grounds. At the same time, at p. 268 of his Beiträge zur Meeresfauna der Insel Mauritius, &c., Mollusken, referring to Dufo, p. 55, as attributing *Ranella argus*, Lam., to Mahé, in the Indian Ocean, he says: "Es ist dies eine südafrikanische Art welche nicht wohl so weit in die Tropenzone hinein sich erstrecken dürfte; vermuthlich falsche Bestimmung." Notice too his identification of it as a New Zealand species.

#### 7. *Ranella (Argobuccinum) leucostoma*, Lamarck.

- Ranella leucostoma*, Lamarck, Anim. s. vert., vol. vii. p. 150, and (ed. Desh.) vol. ix. p. 542, sp. 2.  
 „ „ Deshayes, Encycl. méthod., vers. vol. iii. p. 878, sp. 12.  
*Triton leucostoma*, Quoy and Gaimard, "Astrolabe," Zool., vol. ii. p. 546, pl. xl. figs. 3-5.  
*Ranella leucostoma*, Kiener, Iconog., p. 29, sp. 21, pl. ix. fig. 1.  
*Triton leucostoma*, Gray, Fig. Moll. Animals, vol. ii. pl. lxxxv. fig. 1 (*Ranella leucostoma*), pl. cvi. fig. 2.  
*Ranella leucostoma*, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. ii. pl. i. fig. 2.  
 „ „ Küster, Conch. Cab. (ed. Küster), p. 127, sp. 2, pl. xxxviii. fig. 4.  
*Bursa leucostoma*, Angas, Port Jackson Moll., Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1867, p. 189, No. 18.  
*Ranella leucostoma*, Hutton, Cat. New Zealand Shells, p. 13.  
 „ „ v. Martens, Crit. List New Zealand Moll., p. 23.  
 „ „ Hutton, Manual New Zealand Moll., pp. 64, 202.  
 „ (*Argobuccinum*) *leucostoma*, Tryon, Manual, vol. iii. p. 42, pl. xxiii. figs. 53, 54.