

except by the dividing line, is unrecognisable from the rest of the shell; the base is round, produced and oblique. *Suture* horizontal, deeply and strongly channelled, with a sharp edge below the channel. *Mouth* rather straight, semicircular. *Outer lip* sharp, freely curved, a little inverted above and patulous below. *Inner lip* oblique, direct and flat, a little concave; its attachment to the body is very short indeed; it is there somewhat broadly reverted, in the middle it is but slightly so; below at the pillar-point where the umbilical callus twists out it is again broader. *Umbilicus* is small but open, being very little covered by the inner lip; a narrow, sharpish, but small callus, very low placed, comes coiling down very steeply and forms the point of the pillar, and has a rather strong furrow below it, emarginating the lip edge slightly. H. 0.28 in. B. 0.24. Penultimate whorl, height 0.07. Mouth, height 0.2, breadth 0.15.

I do not know any species of *Natica* with which to compare this: making allowance for the umbilicus, for the thinner shell, for the lower spire, for the broader form, and for the deeper suture, *Natica islandica*, Gm., is as like as any. It strangely recalls some of the genus *Amphibola*, such for instance as *Amphibola fragilis*, Lam., or *Amphibola tenuis*, Gray, or *Amphibola burmana*, Blandford.

12. *Natica insularum*, n. sp. (Plate XXVIII. fig. 2).

Station 192. September 26, 1874. Lat. 5° 49' 15" S., long. 132° 14' 15" E. Ki Islands, south-west of Papua. 140 fathoms. Blue mud.

Shell.—Light, globose, umbilicate, with a blunt scalar spire, and a large slightly oblique mouth, a polished, finely striated surface of a rich creamy white colour, barred with two broad, interrupted, purple chestnut spiral bands. *Sculpture*: Longitudinals—the whole surface is scored with much-curved hair-like lines of growth, which below the suture are strongish. Spirals—there are close-set, fine, crimped, flexuous, scratch-like markings, with very obsolete small furrows; below the suture is a broadish, shelving, flat or slightly concave shoulder, very obscurely defined by an obsolete angulation; the lip of the umbilicus is formed by a broad, flat, very feeble cord. *Colour*: a subochraceous or rich creamy white, the colour being slightly richer below the suture; there are two widely separated bands of angular, distant, purple chestnut spots. Of these bands the upper, composed of much the largest and most distant spots, lies a good way above the periphery; the other, which is a narrower band, lies somewhat more remote below. *Epidermis*—none remaining. *Spire* short, broad, conical, scalar. *Apex* small, polished, pale chestnut, barely prominent; it consists of $2\frac{1}{2}$ whorls. *Whorls* 6 in all, tumid, well-rounded; the last is very large. *Suture* strongly marked, very slightly channelled. *Mouth* little oblique; though the pillar is slightly so, somewhat semicircular, open, white within, except for the stains of the external bands which shine through the shell. *Outer lip* (a good deal chipped): it is very slightly flattened above; below this its curve is very regular throughout.