

to a sharp point above, and at the front of the pillar. *Outer lip* thin and sharp, continuously and evenly arched throughout. *Inner lip* short and barely convex across the body, openly concave at the base of the pillar, which on the left is rounded and twisted with a minute umbilical furrow in the middle behind the sharp small slightly reverted pillar lip, which, as well as the pillar itself, are fined off to a sharp point short of the extremity of the shell. H. 0·07 in. B. 0·044. Penultimate whorl, height 0·013. Mouth, height 0·039, breadth 0·023.

In the solitary specimen of this species the outer lip is a little broken, which gives the appearance of a canal, but the lines of growth show that this appearance is deceptive. At the same time I do not feel at all certain that this is a *Stiliferina*; it may be only a young shell of some other genus, but the whole group would need more study than it has yet received, and I greatly doubt whether the genus or subgenus has, even after the changes it has already undergone, found its true place in classification.

7. *Alaba (Stiliferina?) fulva*, n. sp. (Pl. XLII. fig. 5).

September 7, 1874. Off Cape York, Torres Strait. 3 to 4 fathoms.

Station 186. September 8, 1874. Lat. 10° 30' S., long. 142° 18' E. Off Wednesday Island, near Cape York. 8 fathoms. Coral mud.

*Shell*.—Strong, elongate, curvedly conical, mucronate, fulvous,<sup>1</sup> ribbed and spirally striate, with oval mouth, longish body-whorl, and impressed suture. *Sculpture*: Longitudinals—there are on each whorl from 18 to 20 small, feeble, rounded riblets, parted by shallow and broader furrows; on the upper whorls these extend from suture to suture, on the last whorl they die out on the base; they do not appear on the first two normal whorls below the style. Spirals—on the penultimate whorl there are eight slightly rounded threads, of which the third and sixth are very slightly stronger than the rest; on the base there are about four more, of which the last closely entwines the pillar; the parting furrows are of about the same breadth and strength as the threads. *Colour* dark yellow. *Apex* consists of two turbinated smooth whorls, of which the second is rather broader than the first regular whorl. *Spire* high and conical, with convex profile lines. *Whorls* 10 (exclusive of the style), convex, short, and broad, only the last being a little elongated, with a rounded base. *Suture* strong, coarse, impressed and almost horizontal. *Mouth* oval, pointed above; the whole base at the front of the mouth is very obliquely cut off backwards. *Outer lip* sharp and thin, very regularly curved all round; it is cut off backwards across the whole base. *Inner lip* concave throughout, thin, appressed, very obliquely cut off in front, but not so as to produce a truncated point to the pillar; there is across the body a faint trace of a layer of shell connecting the outer and inner lips. H. 0·13 in. B. 0·045. Mouth, height 0·033, breadth 0·024.

<sup>1</sup> Whence the name.