

patulous. *Inner lip* quite continuous with the outer lip, thin, defined, short on the body, thin, curved, patulous on the pillar, where behind it is a strong furrow and umbilicus, which it half covers. H. 0.051 in. B. 0.41. Mouth, height 0.025, breadth 0.023.

In sculpture this species very much resembles *Rissoa moniziana*, Wats., but is much smaller and stumpier in form, is umbilicated, the base is less produced, and the whorls are rounder.

25. *Rissoa (Onoba) aëdonis*,¹ n. sp. (Pl. XLV. fig. 5).

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

Shell.—Strongish, oblong, conical, subtransparent white, with a blunt rounded tip, subscalar spire, round striated whorls, an impressed suture, a rounded base, an unvarixed lip, and an ovate mouth. *Sculpture*: Longitudinals—there are feeble irregular unequal lines of growth. Spirals—there are strongish distinct spiral threads (about nine on the penultimate whorl), parted by squarish furrows of about double the breadth of the threads; these furrows are exquisitely fretted by very minute close-set microscopic scratches, which give a beautiful crispness to the surface. *Colour* translucent white. *Spire* rather high and subscalar. *Apex* gibbously rounded and smooth, having no sculpture. *Whorls* 5, rounded, the last long and large in proportion to the rest. *Suture* impressed, very slightly oblique. *Mouth* round, but a very little narrowed above. *Outer lip* sharp, thin, well rounded in its whole curve, patulous, with a slightly prominent edge. *Inner lip* thin on the body, but well defined, curved, patulous and appressed on the pillar. H. 0.09 in. B. 0.05. Mouth, height 0.04, breadth 0.033.

The delicate microscopic spiral fretting of this species resembles that which may be seen in *Rissoa striata*, Adams.

26. *Rissoa (Onoba) mercurialis*,² n. sp. (Pl. XLV. fig. 12).

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

Shell.—Large, long, and high, pure white, spirally striate, blunt tipped, convex whorled, with a slightly impressed oblique suture, long body-whorl, produced base, and roundly oval mouth. *Sculpture*: Longitudinals—the whole surface is pretty closely scored with slight unequal lines of growth, some of which are mere scratches, while others are feebly raised and rounded. Spirals—there are on each whorl many small close-set threads and furrows; the threads are flat and very little raised, and the furrows resemble them

¹ ἀηδών, a nightingale.

² So-called from the island off which it was found.