Family MYTILIDÆ.

Subfamily DREISSENINÆ.

Septifer, Récluz.

Septifer bilocularis, (Linné).

Mytilus bilocularis, Linné, Syst. Nat., ed. 12, p. 1156.

Mytilus bilocularis, Wood, Ind. Test., pl. xii. fig. 17.

Mytilus nicobaricus, Chemnitz, Couch.-Cab., vol. viii. p. 155, pl. lxxxii. figs. 736, a, b. Tichogonia bilocularis, Küster, Conch.-Cab., ed. 2, p. 10, pl. ii. figs. 11-17.

Tichogonia wiegmannii, Küster, loc. cit., p. 11, pl. ii. figs. 6-10.

Tichogonia kraussii, Küster, loc. cit., pl. vi. figs. 1-6.

Septifer bilocularis, Récluz, Rev. et Mag. Zool., 1848, p. 278.

Septifer bilocularis, Récluz, Rev. et Mag. Zool., 1849, vol. i. p. 125.

Septifer bilocularis, Martens, Moll. Mauritius, p. 318.

Mytilus nicobaricus, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. x. pl. ix. fig. 42.

Mytilus pilosus (Récluz, MS.), Reeve, loc. cit., pl. viii. fig. 35.

Septifer cumingii, Récluz, Rev. et Mag. Zool., 1849, vol. i. p. 132.

Mytilus cumingianus, Reeve, loc. cit., pl. xi. fig. 52.

Habitat.—Off Levuka, Fiji, in 12 fathoms.

The small shells described by Récluz as Septifer cumingii should not, I think, be separated from this species. They are said by Reeve (who wrongly quotes the species both orthographically and as undescribed) to have come from Panama, and Récluz gives their locality as "les côtes de l'île Annaa (près le détroit de Panama), dans l'océan-Pacifique." I have not been able to discover any island of that name near Panama, the only Annaa Island with which I am acquainted being situated in the Low Archipelago, east of Tahiti.

Many shells were collected by Mr. Cuming at the "Island of Annaa, Pacific Ocean," judging from Reeve's Conchologia Iconica, where it is very often mentioned. It therefore seems to me probable that the Septifer cumingii was collected at the same island in the Mid South Pacific and not in the Panama region.

Some minute shells were identified with this species by Carpenter (Mazatlan Cat., p. 120), and it is subsequently stated to be "common" at Cape St. Lucas, California (vide Moll. West. North America, 1872, p. 106).

After a careful comparison of the types of Septifer cumingii and Septifer pilosus with specimens of Septifer bilocularis, I am unable to discover any sufficient grounds for separating them specifically.

This species seems to be widely distributed throughout the Indian Ocean and in many parts of the Pacific.