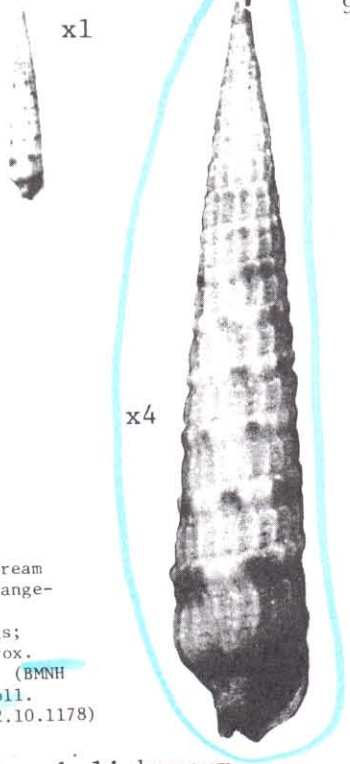


96. *helichrysum*, *Terebra* - MELVILL & STANDEN, 1903, A. M. N. H., 12: 310, pl. 22, fig. 14. Hab. Persian Gulf, Mussandan. Size: 24x5 mm. Holotype no. 1903.12.15.117: 24½ mm; paratype no. 1903.12.15.118: 15.3 mm. C 69



ivory-cream with orange-brown markings; to approx. 24 mm. (BMNH type coll. 1903.12.10.1178)

Terebra helichrysum *, sp. n. (Pl. XXII. fig. 14.)

T. testa gracillima, multum attenuata, aciculata, nitente; anfractibus 22, quorum 3½ apicales laeves, vitrei, caeteris paullum apud suturas gradatis, laete stramineis, supra, juxta suturas, zona callosa spiralter praeditis, hic illic regulariter albo et rufo maculatis, deinde, inter costas breves, longitudinales, obtusas, nitidas, profunde interstitialiter foraminatis et sulcatis, costis anfractus ultimi ad basim evanidis; apertura ovata, parva, labro tenui, canali brevi.

Long. 24, lat. 5 mm.

Hab. Persian Gulf, Mussandam, 47 fathoms.

A most elegant species, the tumid callous zone just below the sutures delicately variegated spirally with white and pale rufous, then obtusely ribbed, the interstices, especially the upper row, being deeply pitted. MELV & ST D. 1903 p 310

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14.—*Terebra helichrysum* Melv. and Stand.

T. helichrysum Melv. and Stand., Ann. and Mag. N.H., 1903, ser. vii., vol. xii., p. 310, pl. xxii., fig. 14.
Hab.: P.G., Mussandam, 47 to 55 fathoms. Muscat, 30 fathoms.
A handsome species, allied closely to the last (*gatoensis*) and to *alveolata* Hinds. From this it differs in the character of the longitudinal riblets, which are fewer in number in *helichrysum*, so that the interstitial spaces are broader than long, the same pitting being observable that there is in both the other species. The colour is a brighter stramineous, or rather, ochreous, than obtains in its congeners, and it seems a handsome addition to the genus. Our largest specimen measures 25 mm. *T. marmorata* Desh., a North Australian species, seems also comparable. MELV & ST D 1903 p 209

80. *Terebra helichrysum*
Melvill & Standen, 1903
(Pl. 22, fig. 80)

1903 *Terebra helichrysum* Melvill & Standen, Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. 7th ser. 12(69):310. 202 214

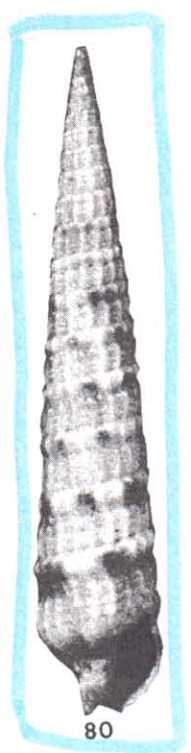
Description: Shell to 25 mm, very slender; color ivory with subsutural band decorated with white and pale red-brown; outline of whorls slightly convex; protoconch of 3½ whorls; subsutural band with nodes and spiral grooves between, band marked by moderately broad groove; axial sculpture of moderately broad straight ribs, equal to interspaces on early whorls, becoming narrower and more wide spaced; spiral sculpture of about 3 rows of narrow, deep grooves; body whorl with ribs fading at periphery; aperture elongate; columella slightly recurved.

Type locality: "Mussandam, Persian Gulf; 47 fms."

Distribution: Persian Gulf to Gulf of Oman; 60 to 100 m.

Type: Holotype BM(NH) no. 1903.12.15.117; 24.5 mm.

Discussion: This species, like most of those confined to the Persian Gulf area, is uncommon in collections. B-80-p 90



80, *T. helichrysum* Melvill & Standen. Holotype British Museum (N.H.) No. 1903.12.15.117.; 24.5 mm.