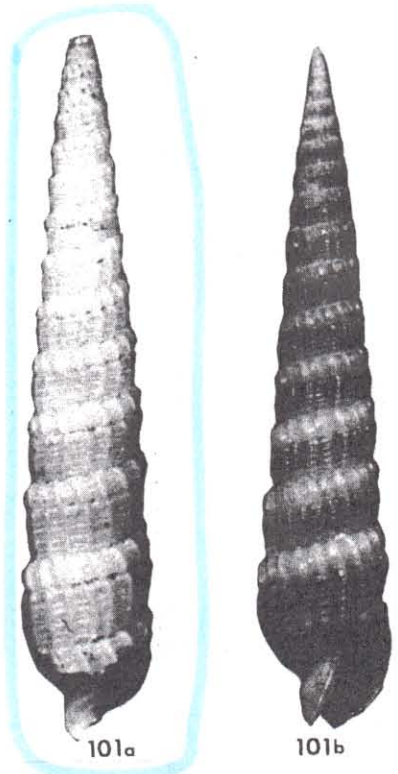


203. *trismacaria*, *Terebra* - MELVILL, 1917, J. C. L., 15: 188, text fig. Hab. Mekran coast, probably off Charbar. Size: 18×4 mm. Holotype no. 1925.3.12.14: 17.0 mm. = *T. polygyrata* DESHAYES, 1859. 69

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101a, b. *T. trismacaria* Melvill. 101a, Holotype British Museum (N.H.) No. 1925.3.12.14.; 17.0 mm. 101b, Momi, Fiji Is.; 22.5 mm.

101. *Terebra trismacaria* Melvill, 1917
(Pl. 27, figs. 101a-b)

1917 *Terebra trismacaria* Melvill, Journ. Conch. 15(6):188, text fig.

Description: Shell to 24 mm, slender; color ivory with lighter subsutural band; outline of whorls turreted; protoconch of 3½ conical whorls; subsutural band marked by deep grooves between ribs; axial ribs narrow, curved, wide spaced, from suture to suture, about 16 on penultimate whorl; spiral grooves numerous, confined to interspaces, about 2 to 6 on subsutural band, 4 to 6 on remainder or whorl; aperture small, elongate; columella recurved, with heavy parietal callus on mature individuals.

Type locality: "Probably off Charbar, Mekran Coast, Persian Gulf."

Distribution: From the Persian Gulf to Fiji.

Type: Holotype BM(NH) no. 1925.3.12.14; 17.0 mm

Discussion: This species has often been confused with *T. polygyrata* (104), but *T. trismacaria* has a much more slender, turreted shell with a heavy parietal callus.

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31.—*Terebra trismacaria* Melvill.

T. trismacaria Melvill, *J. of Conch.*, vol. xv., p. 188, 1917.

Hab.: M.C., probably off Charbar, in the same dredging as *T. violascens* Hinds.

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Terebra trismacaria sp. nov.

T. testa parva, gracilentia, angusta, anfractibus ad 17, quorum apicales quatuor pervitrei, pellucentes, levissimi, cæteris gradatulis, costulis acutis regularibus serè rectis vel interdum flexuosis longitudinaliter decoratis, spiralliter undique acutè liratis, liris anfractuum trium ultimorum ad 8, tenia suturali incrassata nitidè alba, nodulosa, sulco inter costas punctigero, apertura parva, margine columellari nitido, albo, calloso.

Long., 18; lat., 4 mm.

Hab., Mekran coast, probably off Charbar, but neither locality nor depth in fathoms precisely specified.

An attractive and delicately beautiful little shell, its whorls of the palest straw colour, excepting for the shining white nodulous sutural band, beneath which runs a spiral sulcus, punctate interstitially, between the ribs; these are mostly straight, occasionally slightly flexuose, acute and close-ranged, and are crossed by sharply defined regular spiral lirations. The aperture is very small, columellar margin thickened, shining white.



Terebra trismacaria sp. nov.

This *Terebra* will always have for me a particular interest, albeit tinged with saddened recollections, for it was, I think, the last species I was ever privileged to compare and discuss in company with one who had specially studied the genus—the late Mr. Edgar Smith. He could find nothing in the Museum Collection to exactly match it, and I agreed with him it was probably undescribed.

It is of the alliance of *T. alveolata* Hinds, *marmorata* Reeve, *helichrysum* Melv. and Stand., and others with well developed sutural band and punctulate spiral sulcus. It differs from its congeners in its attenuate contour, very small aperture, subgradate whorls, the pale stramineous line centrally contrasting with the pure white shining nodulous sutural band, these nodules singly being continuations of the acute ribs.

T. calata Reeve is a broader shell, which likewise possesses a similar sutural tenia. Though small, the type appears adult.

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