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T. (*Myurella*) *nectarea* sp. nov. (Pl. II., fig. 2).

*T. testa elongato-subulata, ad basim latiore, albida, parum nitida, supra suturas regulariter brunneo-maculata, anfractibus tridecim, transversim multi-sulcatis, longitudinaliter costatis, costis gemmulatis infra, juxta suturas, duabusque macularum ordinibus plus minusve decoratis, ultimo anfractu bicingulato apud medium atque ad basim, apertura ovata, labro exteriori simplice.*

Long., 35 mill. Lat., 10 mill.

Hab., Lifu.

One specimen of this distinct and handsome shell was brought home by Mr. Hadfield in 1891-2. The longitudinal ribs beaded just below, and the double row of brown spots above the sutures, resemble no other species with which we are acquainted, excepting perhaps *T. tigrina* Gmelin, a smooth shell with the same disposition of marking; it bears also some superficial likeness to *T. corrugata* Lam., *T. histrio* Desh., and others of the same section. But in form *T. interlineata* Desh., from the Sandwich Isles, gives the closest approach to our species. This, we believe, is still unique in the Cumingian collection at South Kensington. In this shell, however, the whorls are divided by a broad transverse groove, and there is no sign of this in *T. nectarea*. Care must be taken not to confound imperfect specimens of *Vertagus Martinianus* Pfr. with this shell.



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*Terebra nectarea* Melvill & Standen 1895, Journ. Conch. 8 (4): 91, pl. 2, fig. 2. The type could not be located at the Manchester University Museum, and the figure makes placing it in the Terebridae doubtful. (N. DUB) 87 77