

horny or translucent glassy white, with some brown stains vaguely linear. *Spire* high, conical, scalar. *Apex* small, consisting of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  depressedly globose, glossy, keeled, embryonic whorls. *Whorls* 9 to 10, horizontally shouldered, angulated, cylindrical, with a short, rounded, and contracted base. *Suture* margined and slightly constricted. *Mouth* round, sharply pointed above. *Outer lip* rounded on the edge and narrowly reverted, straight above, rounded at the base, more or less patulous throughout; the canal has a reverted, flanged margin. *Inner lip* convex on the body, concave in the middle, straight on the pillar; the labial glaze, which is very glassy, spreads broadly and undefinedly on the body, and projects with a narrow prominent edge down the pillar, which has a flanged and twisted point. H. 0.78 in. B. 0.39. Penultimate whorl, height 0.16. Mouth, height 0.38, breadth 0.22.

It is quite possible this may prove to be only a deep-water variety of that very variable species, *Nassa glans*, L.; but it is so different that it is impossible to place it in that group, and, indeed, Mr Marrat connects it with a different section altogether. There is no form which unites the polish and the exquisite sculpture of this species.

12. *Nassa (Alectryon) monile* (Kiener).

- Buccinum coronatum*, var. Quoy and Gaimard, "Astrolabe" (Zool.), vol. iii. p. 44, pl. xxxii. figs. 11, 12.  
*Buccinum monile*, Kiener, Iconographie, p. 68, sp. 66, pl. xi. fig. 40.  
*Nassa*        ,,     A. Adams, Proc. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1851, p. 103, sp. 4.  
      ,,        ,,     Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. viii. pl. vi. fig. 38.  
      ,, (*Alectryon*) *monile*, Tryon, Manual, vol. iv. p. 28, pl. ix. figs. 60-68.

July 21, 1874. Reefs off Tongatabu.

*Habitat*.—New Guinea (Adams), Philippines (Reeve).

I have quoted Mr Tryon's representatives of this species as he figures them. They offer a strange medley. Perhaps nowhere is guessing more cruel than in regard to the Nassas. They form a very difficult group, in which even the most cautious and practised observer may err, but his errors ought, at the very least, to have their basis in observation of facts. The only thing to be done with guesswork is to sweep it utterly aside as a fresh creation of difficulties.

13. *Nassa (Zeuxis) algida*, Reeve.

- Nassa algida*, Reeve, Conch. Icon., vol. viii. pl. xxii. fig. 145.  
*Nassa (Zeuxis) picta*, of Dunker, var. *algida*, Tryon, Manual, vol. iv. p. 36, pl. xi. fig. 141.

? September 8, 1874. Cape York, off Albany Island, Torres Strait. 3 to 12 fathoms.  
 Station 208. January 17, 1875. Lat.  $11^{\circ} 37' N.$ , long.  $123^{\circ} 31' E.$  Philippines.  
 18 fathoms. Blue mud.

*Habitat*.—Moreton Bay, Australia (Reeve).