

XXIV. *Descriptions of Aëtinia crassicornis and some British Shells.*

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IN addition to the former paper on minute shells, which the Linnean Society did me the honour of receiving, I beg leave to lay before them the result of some observations made since the writing of those remarks.

## ACTINIA

- crassicornis.* A. rubra, cirris conico-elongatis. *Syst. Nat. Gmelin.*  
3132. *Dicquem, Ph. Tr. vol. lxxiii. t. 16. f. 10. and*  
*t. 17. f. 11. Baster opusc. subs.*  
A. fenilis. *Syst. Nat. ed. 12. p. 1088.*

Milford Haven.

*Obs.* All the specimens I have seen have been of a pale colour, marked with spots of a deep red colour.

## TELLINA

- maculata.* T. testa subovata crassiuscula, decussatim striata, maculis irregularibus—*Species nova.*

Tenbigh.

*Obs.* It is remarkable in this species, that although the figure of the spots in different specimens is



quite dissimilar, yet in both the upper and under shell they are perfectly similar.

VOLUTA

*pallida*.

V. testa integra oblongo-ovata, spira elevata, columella quadruplicata. *Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3444.*

Bulla cylindracea. *Da Costa, Brit. Conch. page 31. p. 2. 1. 7. 7.*

Tenbigh.

Mr. Da Costa is certainly mistaken in considering the shell figured by him as the *Bulla cylindracea* of Mr. Pennant's *Br. Zool. vol. iv. p. 70. f. 85.* The figures above quoted are not indeed accurately finished, but are, nevertheless, sufficiently distinct to shew, that it is the same shell with the figures referred to by Linnæus for his *Voluta pallida*, viz. *Adans. Sen. t. 5. f. 2. falier*, and particularly *f. 3. fimeri*, which accords very accurately with my specimen. His description is, however, very good, and enables me to assert, that it is the true *V. pallida* of Linnæus.

From the *Bulla cylindracea* it differs in the following particulars: 1. In having an evident spire. 2. In its plicated columella. 3. In having a beautiful polish, which the true *B. cylindracea* is entirely devoid of.

TURBO

*canaliculatus*.

T. quinque anfractibus longitudinaliter canaliculatis, apertura subrotunda.

Minute. Sea-sand. Linny Bay.

*Obs. Pel-*



*Obs.* Pellucid, whitish, the spires fluted, and separated by an elevated line.

# **TURBO**

*divisus.*

T. quatuor anfractibus, lævibus et striatis; apertura subovali.

Minute. Sea-sand. Linny.

*Obs.* Colour white, pellucid, each spire divided into two parts. The upper one smooth, the lower one spirally striated.

# **HELIIX**

*tomentosus.*

H. testa umbilicata, tribus anfractibus fetosis.

Boggy ground.

*Obs.* Colour of horn, pellucid, beset with short bristles which give the appearance of downiness. Aperture roundish.

*fulgidus.*

H. tribus anfractibus apertura, marginata rotunda.

Minute. Sea-sand. Linny.

*Obs.* Variegated with white and bronze, pellucid, within perlaceous.

# **SORPULA**

*fulcata.*

S. duobus anfractibus, profundè spiraliter fulcatis.

On the roots of the *Fucus digitatus*.

*Obs.* Colour greenish.



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