

cannot be revived by any means ; and to allow plants to become extinct before all their economic possibilities have been thoroughly tested is a wanton wasting of the hidden treasures which Nature scatters lavishly around us.

DESCRIPTION OF *VOLUTA (AMORIA) SPENCERIANA*,
SP. NOV., FROM NORTH QUEENSLAND.

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(With plate.)

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VOLUTA (AMORIA) SPENCERIANA, *sp. nov.*

Shell white, fusiform, smooth, polished, apex blunt, spire short, whorls six and a half, including the nucleus ; suture well defined on the later whorls, and becoming strongly channeled at the aperture ; outer lip anteriorly expanded, edge acute, body whorl somewhat inflated at the upper portion ; columella bears three ascending plaits. Marked sparsely with light yellowish-brown, a few irregular linear markings running down from the suture, and two series of broad equidistant bands of distant zig-zag lines on the body whorl ; spotted below the suture, spots ceasing on the penultimate whorl, the remaining spiral whorls being without markings ; salmon tinted in the interior.

Size of type.—Length 55, breadth 21 mm.

Habitat.—North Queensland (J. F. Bailey).

Observations.—May be readily distinguished from its congeners by its expanded lip, only having three plaits, its short spire, and the outline and marking of the shell are different.

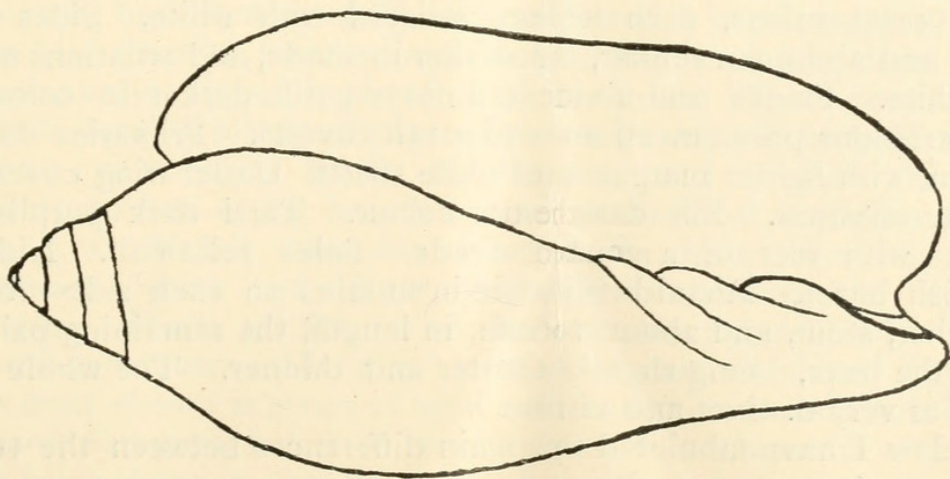
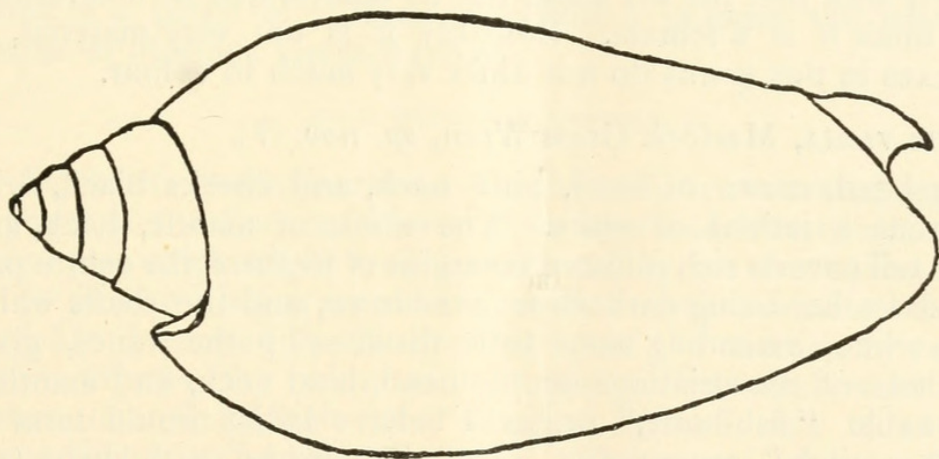
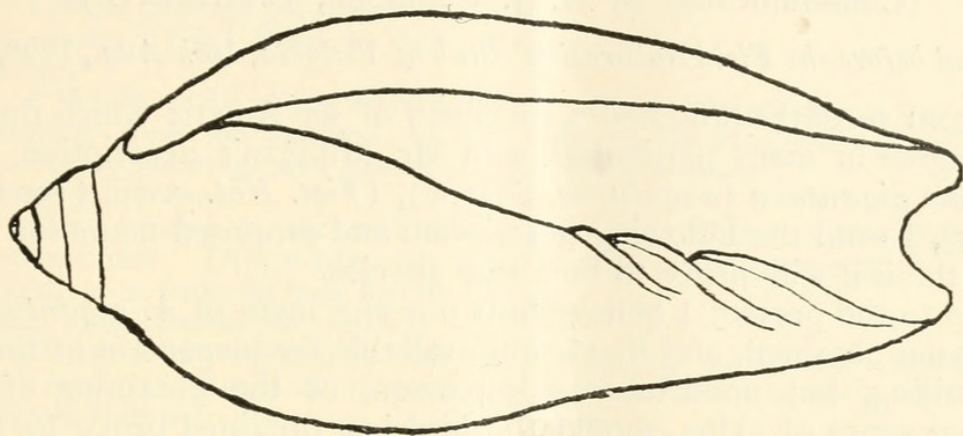
It is nearly related to *V. canaliculata*, M'Coy, but Mr. E. A. Smith, of the British Museum, who has examined it, does not consider it to be that species, which has a markedly canaliculate suture, and four plaits on the columella, and he could not identify it with any species hitherto described.

I have named it in honour of Professor W. Baldwin Spencer, C.M.G., M.A., F.R.S., &c., &c., formerly president of this Club, whose skilled researches in the domain of natural science are so widely known and appreciated.

Type in my collection.

Two specimens, without specific name, habitat given as Australasia, have been exhibited in our National Museum since 1880, when they were purchased from Mr. Thatcher. They are rather larger and more solid than the type, in fresher condition, and consequently the markings are stronger.

PLATE 4.



VOLUTA SPENCERIANA, SP. NOV.

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