

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF *LATIRUS*.

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L. testa mediocri, fusiformi, utrinque attenuata, solida, anfractibus 7, apice parvo, lævi, cæteris ad suturas paullum impressis, quatuor supernis (apicali escluso) gradatim multum attenuantibus, ultimo cæteris exsuperante, apud basim attenuante, undique costis crassiusculis decoratis, nigro-brunneis vel (in uno specimine) castaneis, spiraliter crassiliratis, liris irregulariter hic illic nitide albopustulatis, præsertim prope basim, apertura lactea vel violascente, pyriformi, subtus elongata, canali producto, columella nitida, obscure triplicata. Long. 19, lat. 8 mm.

Hab.—Galapagos Isles (?).



A remarkable little *Peristernia*, much attenuate at either extremity. The thickened, dark or chestnut-coloured longitudinal ribs, and white shining scattered pustules, more gregarious near the base of the body-whorl, are likewise characteristic, as is the pyriform aperture, much narrowed basally, the canal being somewhat prolonged. Four examples, supposed to be from the Galapagos Islands, but a slight element of uncertainty exists as to this. I am much indebted to Mr. G. B. Sowerby for handing me this interesting species with a view to description, and it gives me pleasure to connect his name with it. The type has been placed in the British Museum (Natural History).