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WELL-MARKED variations amongst the British Terrestrial Isopoda, apart from colour-variations, are by no means common. To some extent this is probably due to the fact that the different species have not received the same attention as have those of other groups.

I have recently received from Mr. P. A. Aubin, of St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Isles, who has given me most valuable assistance in my studies of the Channel Island species, a very interesting variation, which I think is worthy of recording.

*Porcellio scaber*, Latr., var. *aubini*, nov.

Colour a creamy white, with a few small sepia or slaty-coloured dashes. First segment of the mesosome strongly convex, giving the head a somewhat tucked-in appearance. The backward curve of the lateral plates less acute. Tubercles fewer, less prominent, and more irregular in arrangement. Distinct transverse ridge on the tergum of the last thoracic segment. Lateral lobes of cephalon smaller and of a different contour to type; frontal lobe less prominent. Basal joint of antennæ smaller. Uropoda: exopodite more contracted proximally, giving the appendage a more conical shape.

*Hab.* From wet moss growing on face of a road cutting through shale; St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Isles.

I have pleasure in associating with this interesting variety the name of Mr. Aubin.

I may mention that I have taken a very similar colour-variety, *without the above structural differences*, in Cheshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and Staffordshire; but, holding the view that colour-variations, especially in the Isopoda, are of very little importance unless associated with structural differences, I have not previously recorded them.