

TRAWLED TREASURE by Dirk Ackermann.

My trawlers have recently brought me the following rarer materials which have been identified by Dr. Barnard as the following specimens:-

Fusivoluta pyrrostoma (Watson) (Two specimens one of which I was able to present to the Museum).

Conus patens (Sow) (one specimen)

Ancilla bullioides (Rve) (One specimen)

One valve of Chlamys gilchristi (Sow) - very rare.

and one specimen of Columbarium rotundum (Barnard)

I am very thrilled to have all these new South African specimens as additions to my collection.

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AN INTERESTING SLUG by A.C. van Bruggen.

As a routine measure I sent a large slug of the family Veronicellidae collected in Pretoria to my colleague Dr. Forcart of the Basle Museum in Switzerland. Much to my surprise I got an enthusiastic letter from him stating that it belonged to Laevicaulis natalensis brauni (Simroth), a form hitherto unknown from South Africa. It has been found in the Congo Republic in the provinces Costermansville and Elisabethville and in Kenya in the Ukamba District. I should like to have more material; anyone interested please contact me at the Port Elizabeth Museum. Beach Road, Humewood, Port Elizabeth. Please do not try to preserve any specimens unless you know how to do it correctly. They must be preserved so that they can be examined anatomically.

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A RARE FTND by Chris Walker aged 14.

On 20th January, while fishing from a boat near Simons-town I saw a shell crawling along the sandy bottom at about 15 - 20 feet depth in water 65°F. Diving overboard to get it I found it was Eugyrina gemmifera, 10 cm. long, 4 cm. wide and with a spire of 2.8 cm.

On close inspection the shell was found to have evidence of five bores on the lower half, and the upper portion was riddled with minute holes, so I was very lucky to find it still alive.

So far E. gemmifera has not been recorded in False Bay, but only as far south as Stilbaai. It would be interesting to know if any other specimens have been found.

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Owing to the length of the Eastern Province supplement, the article on Zanzibar by Sue Talbot will be published in our April circular.

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