

ADDITIONS TO THE MARINE MOLLUSCAN FAUNA
OF NEW ZEALAND.

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(Figs. 14-25.)

An interesting parcel of raw dredgings and beach gatherings from the coast of New Zealand was received from Mr. Augustus Hamilton, Registrar of the University of Otago.

In presenting this material to the Trustees of the Australian Museum, Mr Hamilton expressed a wish that any novelties contained should be published. Hence the present article.

The Mollusca of New Zealand are difficult to identify because many species are still unfigured, of many the published definitions are insufficient for recognition and some appear to have been assigned to wrong genera. The collection here discussed contains several shells which I have been unable to place among named species, but which I refrain from publishing, lest by doing so existing names should be duplicated.

In the discovery of genera, either new to science or to New Zealand, I have felt on firmer ground.

On surveying the whole series it is evident that the fauna of the continental shelf of New Zealand is practically unknown. It also appears that the element common to New Zealand and Australia, hitherto calculated on the beach fauna, will be dis-