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DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF OLIVA.

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OLIVA BRETTINGHAMI, n.sp.

Shell rather small, ovately cylindrical, yellowish, with a fine reticulation of well-defined zigzag lines of a light-brown colour, the reticulation upon the upper part of the body-whorl below the suture being more open and the lines rather darker than those upon the rest of the whorl; spire rather conical, with a distinctly channelled suture, with a papillate apex consisting of about three somewhat convex whorls of a uniform light brown or dirty white colour; the three remaining spire involutions are obliquely flattish, fulvous, with the upper acute sutural margin, also that of the body-whorl, whitish, marked with dark spots or short lines. Aperture rather narrow, bluish white, with a deep chocolate-brown interrupted line or band or blotches within the somewhat thickened labrum; columellar callus with a few rather well-marked plicae above that part which is reflexed over the end of the body-whorl; this portion is white, and exhibits about four distinct oblique folds. Length 18, diam. 8 mm.

Hab.—N.W. Australia (Captain Becket).

This species is very similar in size and form to O. faba, Marrat, but is distinguishable on account of the finer reticulated markings, different spire, and slightly broader aperture, which is of a darker colour. In O. faba the labrum is pale within the aperture, whereas in the present form it is stained with chocolate brown. The sutural channel in O. faba is broader and the whorls narrower than in O. Brettinghami. Named after Mr. G. Brettingham Sowerby. Type in the British Museum.