

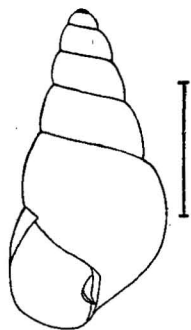
Amastra (*Laminella*) kuhnsi.

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SPECIMENS of a *Laminella* from West Maui under the name of *Laminella erecta* Pease were kindly sent the Bishop Museum by Mr. D. Thaanum. The shells were, I think, identified by Mr. D. D. Baldwin. Lately the specimens were compared with Pease's description and were found to differ considerably from the description. As there is no description with which it agrees I venture to describe it as a new species. I have followed Mr. Sykes in placing *Laminella* as a subgenus of *Amastra*.

Amastra (*Laminella*) *kuhnsi*, n. sp.

The shell is minutely perforate, sinistral, elongately conical, nearly solid, minutely and irregularly striate with lines of growth (the striae slightly stronger just below the sutures), the first four whorls glossy, the rest somewhat glossy, cinnamon brown (apex darker), with a few indistinct irregular zig-zag transverse brown lines on the penultimate and last whorls. Spire elongately conic, apex obtuse. Suture minutely crenulate, slightly oblique, well impressed. Whorls 6, the embryonic smooth, convex, the rest increasing slowly and regularly, convex, the last somewhat rotundate, tapering towards the base. Aperture rather large, broadly subovate, oblique, whitish within. Columella nearly straight; columellar fold median, oblique, not strongly developed, thick, blunt. Outer margin of lip convex, erect, thin; columellar margin thin, adnate above, below free, reflexed over the umbilicus. Umbilicus minute, circular. Length 13.4, diam. 6.5, length of ap. (diagonal) 5.5 mm.



West Maui: Kahakuloa (Kuhns, Baldwin).

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This species differs from *A. erecta* Pse., as all the specimens are sinistral and are minutely perforate. The brown epidermis covers the whole of the shell and is not fugacious as in all the other species of *Laminella*. The darker zigzag markings are in the epidermis and are, also, not fugacious. There is a straw-colored variety of which I have seen a single specimen.

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