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ON *NAUTILUS PSEUDOTRUNCATUS* N. SP., FROM  
THE LIASSIC ROCKS OF ENGLAND.

BY

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*Nautilus pseudotruncatus*, sp. nov.

*Specific Characters.*—Shell composed of a few inflated, rapidly-expanding, squarish whorls; greatest thickness at a short distance from the umbilical margin a little more than two-thirds of the diameter of the shell; height of outer whorl a little more than one-half of the diameter of the shell. Whorls few; inclusion almost complete; umbilicus deep, with nearly vertical, rather convex sides and rounded margin, about one-sixth of the diameter of the shell in width. Whorl trapezoidal in transverse section, about one-third wider than high; indented to a little more than one-sixth of its height by the preceding whorl; periphery flattened, broad, a little more than one-half of the corresponding diameter of the shell in width, with subangular margins; sides flattened, fairly well defined both from the peripheral area and from the umbilical zone; umbilical margin subangular; umbilical zone feebly convex, almost vertical to the plane of symmetry of the shell. Body chamber occupying at least three-eighths of the outer whorl; aperture not seen, but, judging from the growth-lines, its margin showed a broad, rather deep hyponomic sinus on the periphery, a very shallow sinus on the lateral area, and projected considerably forward at the umbilical margin. Chambers moderately deep, about one-half of the corresponding height<sup>1</sup> of the whorl in depth; their number to a whorl not seen; septa feebly concave; suture-line with a broad shallow sinus

<sup>1</sup> That is from the umbilical suture to the periphery.

on the lateral area, but almost straight on the peripheral area. Siphuncle nearly central, or a little nearer the dorsal than the ventral area. Test not very thin, with irregularly-placed obscure folds, which follow the direction of the growth-lines, and are plainly visible on internal casts; its surface covered with rather coarse growth-lines, which, rising from the umbilical suture, pass straight across the umbilical zone as far as the umbilical margin, whence they pass in a backward direction across the lateral area, making a very shallow sinus at about the middle of this area, as far as the peripheral margin, where they are deflected still farther backward so as to form on the periphery a rather deep and broad sinus corresponding to the hyponomic sinus of the apertural-margin; the test on the peripheral area apparently also with fine obscure longitudinal lines.

*Measurements.*

Diameter .. .. .	about 99 mm.
Height of outer whorl .. ..	51 ..
Thickness of outer whorl .. ..	68 ..
Width of umbilicus .. .. .	17 ..
Height of outer whorl above preceding whorl .. .. .	42 ..
Height of umbilical wall at greatest diameter .. .. .	about 19 ..
Width of periphery at greatest diameter .. .. .	about 54 ..

*Remarks.*—This species is easily distinguished by the quadrate section of its whorls, its rather broad, flattened periphery, and the direction of its growth-lines. The measurements given above are taken from a specimen which has been submitted to me by Mr. Richardson. There are also two examples in the British Museum collection, bearing the registered Nos. 19518*l* and 19518*m*; of these the latter is 88 mm. and the former 65 mm. in diameter.

*Affinities and Differences.*—This species bears some resemblance to d'Orbigny's, the figure given by d'Orbigny<sup>1</sup> of

<sup>1</sup> *Pal. Franç. Terr. Jurass.*, tom. i. (1842), pl. xxviii. See also A. H. Foord, *Cat. Foss. Ceph. Brit. Mus.*, pt. ii. (1891), p. 219.

his *Nautilus inornatus*, but that species has less inflated whorls, a more convex peripheral area, and the septa have a much deeper sinus on the lateral area.

*Horizon and Locality.*—Mr. Richardson's specimen is from the Pliensbachian (*valdani* or "*striati*" hemera), Webb's Pit<sup>1</sup> (or the Battledown Brick Works), Cheltenham. Both the British Museum specimens are from Lias of Kilsby Tunnel,<sup>2</sup> Northamptonshire.

<sup>1</sup> For description of the pit see L. Richardson, *A Handbook to the Geology of Cheltenham and Neighbourhood*, 1904, p. 45.

<sup>2</sup> Both "*Ammonites*" *Ibex* (belonging to the *valdani* hemera) and "*Ammonites*" *Henleyi* (belonging to the *striati* hemera) are stated by H. B. Woodward (Mem. Geol. Survey U. K., *Jurassic Rocks of Britain*, vol. iii., "The Lias of England and Wales (Yorkshire excepted)," 1893, p. 166) to have been recorded from this tunnel.