The essential characters, as apart from Trochus, will be the
columellar depression, the step-like form of the whorls, a simple
columnella, and an aperture without plicae or teeth.

*Trochus* (Scolotrochus) *kimbeorum* is unquestionably allied
to the shell called by de Koninck *Eumorphalus biglypti*, but the
apical angle of the two shells is very different. The step-like
form of the whorls is met with in some species of De Koninck's
genus *Ponangia*, but this genus is also umbilicate.

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**RE-DESCRIPTION OF PSEUDAPHRITIS BASSI, CASTELN.**

**By J. Douglas Ogilby.**

The Museum having had the good fortune to receive lately,
through the Department of Fisheries, a fine example of this
little-known species within a day or two of its capture, I think
that a full description thereof will not be out of place.

It is due to the discernment of Mr. Frederick Smithers,
Travelling Inspector of Fisheries, that I am enabled to add
this interesting fish to the already rich ichthyological fauna of
the colony.

The example described below was obtained by that gentleman
at Boga in fresh water, and he is of opinion that it is not
uncommon there, and descends also into brackish water; the
present specimen is six and a quarter inches in length, but
Mr. Smithers tells me that it grows to a larger size.

In 1872 Count Castelnau published a description of this fish
from a single specimen taken in Bass' Straits, and formed for
its reception a new genus, *Pseudaphritis*, on grounds however
which prove to be entirely inadequate; these grounds he
himself defines as follows: "the scales are rather large; the
first dorsal fin has seven rays, (i.e. eight spines), and just in front
of the anal there is a short fin composed of two spines." These
three reasons for constituting a new genus may be disposed of
as follows: in our specimens of *Pseudaphritis bassi* the number
of scales on the lateral line varies between sixty-one and
sixty-three; in *Aphritis mekilib* between sixty-three and
sixty-five; and in all our examples of the latter the first
dorsal fin possesses seven spines, and the anal is preceded by
two small semi-detached spines. It follows therefore, as a
matter of course, that Castelnau's name becomes a mere
synonym of *Aphritis*. 