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THE LARGEST HIPPOPUS.

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Interesting data relating to the size attained by the great Clams was published by the late Mr. Edgar Smith.¹ He observed that the British Museum had recently acquired from the Philippine Islands a specimen of *Hippopus hippopus* which was 13½ ins. long 16 lbs. 9 ozs. in weight and far exceeded in size the largest specimen previously known.

But these dimensions again are exceeded by a shell which, in company with Dr. H. A. Pilsbry, I obtained alive on September 14th, 1923, at low tide on the Pandora Reef, near Palm Islands, off the coast of Queensland, in about 18° 50' S. Lat. This individual weighs 28 lbs. 9 oz., and is 15½ inches in total length, 10½ in height, and 10½ in breadth of conjoined valves. With increase of age, this species becomes more inequilateral by disproportionate increase of the posterior end, also the beaks become greatly incurved.

Since writing the above, Mr. H. A. Longman kindly informs me that he has in the Queensland Museum, an *H. hippopus* from Orpheus Island, Queensland, which is 41 lbs. in weight when cleaned, and is 18½ inches in length between parallels.