

We have received from the Author a valuable pamphlet entitled, "Observations on Planorbis," by Robert E. C. Stearns. It consists of two parts: 1st. "Are the shells of Planorbis Dextral or Sinistral." The Author claims as the result of research that they are the latter. 2nd. "On certain Aspects of Variation in American Planorbis."

The February No. of the "Revue De Botanique," the monthly bulletin of the "Societe Francaise De Botanique," has been received. It contains a continuation of the Flora of one of the Departments of France, and enumerations of the European species of Polygonum &c., and some interesting notes, among which we find the following:

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