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Grant and Stevenson, Upper Miocene Pecten

in the same fossil reef about 3.6 miles North 29° West of UCLA Locality 435, sandstone, strike N29W, 85° northeasterly.

Paratype.—U. S. National Museum, from UCLA Locality 435.

This new species differs from *Pecten* coalingaensis Arnold of the upper Pliocene in its lack of ribs on the ears of the right valve, in its lower, broader, less convex ribs with narrower interspaces, and in its greater ventricosity. Both species appear to have the same average number of ribs, which is about 20 on the right valve.

From Pecten vogdesi Arnold, the new Miocene species differs in its smaller size, less ventricosity and smooth ears. P. vogdesi has 3 or 4 strong ribs on the right anterior ear with more, slightly less prominent ribs on the posterior ear. Both ears of the new Miocene species are smooth.

The similarities between the new species and P. coalingaensis Arnold (Arnold in Anderson 1905, p. 197; Arnold 1906, p. 97) is greater than the similarities between the new species and Pecten bellus Conrad (Proc. A. N. Sci. Phila. 1856, p. 312; Arnold 1906, p. 95). We believe that P. juanensis, P. coalingaensis and P. vogdesi are genetically related and form a clan to which P. bellus is only related as a possible off-shoot from the upper Miocene species here described, or from an earlier common ancestor. The matrix of the surrounding sediment and the associated fauna indicate that *P. juanensis* probably was a dweller in shallow, warm water of normal salinity. The chief interest in this new upper Miocene species is that it appears to be ancestral to *P. coalingaensis* and *P. vogdesi*.

Types of this new species were examined by Dr. Leo G. Hertlein of the California Academy of Sciences, an authority on Pectens, who concurs with us in its distinctness from the other species mentioned above. Dr. Hertlein called our attention to the apical angle of the umbones, which in the new species is about 90 degrees, but in P. vogdesi is about 95 to 100 degrees. He also mentioned that Pecten heimi Hertlein (Proc. Calif. Acad. Sci. 1925, pp. 9-10) of the lower Pliocene(?) of Lower California, Mexico has but weakly sculptured ears. In general appearances it closely resembles the new Miocene species which, however, has unsculptured ears. Possibly the relationship of the new species is closer to P. heimi than to P. vogdesi.

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