

## DISCUSSION

The striking feature of this lot is the uniformity of this small species, where the general shape and sculpture are concerned. The most variable feature noticed is the number of denticles in the aperture, varying from strongly serrate to obsolete serrate, and from 2 to 8 denticles in the outer lip.

This species is named for one of the most highly honored and foremost paleontologists of the United States, who in addition to his scientific achievements was also outstanding for his qualities as a human being, Dr. Chester Stock (1892-1950), under whose guidance the author had the privilege of working for over eleven years.

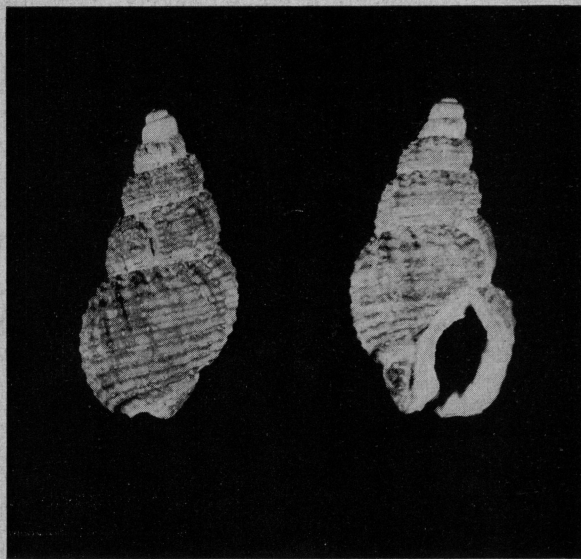


PLATE 31

*Nassarius hildegardae* sp. nov. Holotype L.A. Co. Museum #1110

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**HOLOTYPE:** The holotype No. 1110 in the Los Angeles County Museum collected by the author May 10, 1954 (pl. 31).

**TYPE LOCALITY:** LACMIP 291.

**AGE AND FORMATION:** Upper Pliocene, Pico formation.

**DIAGNOSIS:** Shell smallest in the genus, elongate-conic; whorls