

OBSTRUCTIO VERSUS TROPICORBIS.—F. C. Baker, in a note in NAUTILUS, 53, p. 106, points out that *Obstructio* (Zool. Ser. Field Mus. Nat. Hist., 24: p. 99; 1939), which I described as a subgenus of *Planorbula*, cannot be subordinated to this genus. Baker, who probably knows more about Planorbidae than anyone else, refers *Obstructio* to *Tropicorbis* and makes it a plain synonym. From the anatomical details given by him, there can be no doubt about the correctness of shifting my subgenus *Obstructio* to *Tropicorbis*. But, while both the obstructed and the non-obstructed species of this last named genus showed identical features of their sexual organs, proving thus their close relationships, they obviously differ in their shell characters, i.e., by lack or presence of internal teeth and lamellae. I, therefore, wish to maintain *Obstructio* as a subgenus of *Tropicorbis*, which comprises the species provided with an internal obstruction.—FRITZ HAAS.