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NOTES AND NEWS

AN OVERLOOKED CHINESE UNIONID.—The species to which the title of this note refers is contained in the following book: Dabry de Thiersant, C.P., La pisciculture et la pêche en Chine. 4°. Paris, 1872, 195 pp., pls. 1-35, 35bis, 36-50.

The text and plates 1-35 are dealing with fishery and its methods, the plates showing the corresponding implements used in China. The plates 36-50 and their explanations show the various kinds of Chinese fishes, and on plate 35bis, there is excellently represented, in natural size, a fresh water shell to which, at the bottom, the following name is given: *Symphonota lhuysii* J. L. Soubeiran and Dabry. No mention of this shell or its figure can be found in the text.

Since the picture in question is fully recognizable in all details, so that it constitutes a description without words, since a binominary name is given to it, and since its provenance as Chinese cannot be doubted, *Symphonota lhuysii* seems to be satisfactorily described and cannot be regarded a *nomen nudum*.

However, since the shell thus described and depicted represents undoubtedly one of the phases of the highly variable *Cristaria plicata plicata* (Leach), it does not add to our knowledge of the Chinese unionid fauna, but adds only to the synonymy of *Cristaria plicata plicata*.—Dr. F. HAAS, Chicago.