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The discovery of a new species of mollusk was announced in the current issue of "The Nautilus," a quarterly journal devoted to malacology, by Dr. Dorothea Franzen, professor of biology, emeritus, at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Dr. Franzen discovered the snail-like species on the shore of Long Lake in southern Michigan in 1967 and conducted research in the ensuing years to ascertain the validity of her claim. The title of her article is "A New Species of Catinella (Succineidae): Pulmonata from Southern Michigan." Catinella prolongata is the name she gave to the new species, which has an amber, long, slender, tightly twisted shell. On the body is a band of brown pigmentation which shows through the shell.

"The Nautilus" is published quarterly in Melbourne, Fla., and is devoted to malacology and to the interests of conchologists (people who deal with mollusks). The molluscan phylum includes snails, octopuses, slugs, clams and mussels.

Dr. Franzen is a former president of the American Malacological Union. She received a bachelor's degree from Bethel College in Kansas and earned a master's and doctorate from the University of Kansas. She joined the IWU faculty in 1952 and retired from active teaching in 1977.