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Tamiosoma recalls the organization of the peculiar Hippurite from Jamaica, called by Woodward, *Barrettia*. Family *MEGALODOJTTID*. Shell equivalve, very thick, mostly smooth or finely concentrically striated; hinge-plate broad and Ijhick, with, two strong teeth in each valve--sometimes bipartite; ligament external, supported by thick fulcra; posterior muscular impression usually upon a prominent ridge, *Megalodon*; J. Sowerby. Etym. --Megas, large; odos, tooth. Syn. --*Megalodus*, Goldfuss. . *Tauroceras*, Schafh. Distr. --Fossil, 14 sp. Upper Silurian--Devonian; United States, Europe. M. *cucullatus*, Sowb. (cxxii, 41). Shell oblong, smooth or keeled; ligament external; hingeteeth 12, thick; laterals 11, posterior; anterior adductor impression deep, with a raised margin, and a small pedal scat behind it. In the typical species the beaks are subspiral, the lateral teeth obscure, and the posterior adductors bounded by prominent ridges. *megalomus* (*Canadensis*), Hall, 1852. Umbones very thick, hinge-teeth rugged, almost obliterated with age; posterior lateral teeth...

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