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BRITISH MINERALOGY.

CLASS I. COMBUSTIBLES.

ORDER I. HOMOGENEOUS.

Genus 1. Calor
2. Hydrogen
3. Nitrogen
4. Oxygen
5. Phosphorus
6. Sulphur
7. Carbon
8. Fluoric Radicle
9. Muriatic Radicle
10. Boracic Radicle

ORDER II. COMPOUND.

Genus 1. Bitumen
2. Ammonia
3. Soda
4. Potash
5. Carbo oxygenizatus

ORDER III. AGGREGATE?

CLASS II. EARTHS.

ORDER I. HOMOGENEOUS.

Genus 1. Argilla
2. Magnesia
3. Calx
4. Silex
5. Strontia
6. Barytes
7. Zirconia
8. Glucina
9. Yttria
10. Agustina

ORDER II. COMPOUND.

Genus 1. Argilla
2. Calx carbonata
3. —— sulphata
4. Quartzum

ORDER III. AGGREGATE.

CLASS III. METALS.

ORDER I. HOMOGENEOUS.

Genus 1. Molybdenum
2. Tellurium
3. Uranium
4. Antimonium
5. Manganesium
6. Zincum
7. Stannum
8. Ferrum
9. Cobaltum
10. Cuprum
11. Arsenicum
12. Niccolum
13. Wismutum
14. Argentum
15. Plumbum
16. Mercurium
17. Tungstenum
18. Aurum
19. Platinum
20. Titanium
21. Columbium
22. Tantalium
23. Chromum
24. Iridium
25. Osmium

ORDER II. COMPOUND.

Genus 1. Ferrum oxgygenizatum.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE SYSTEM.

CALOR*, or matter of heat, see p. 1. We left out the termination *ic*, because it is not known to be an acid, which is in general signified by that termination. It is placed as the first Genus, from its universality; at the same time we may say it will seldom be joined as the characteristic of a species. The other Genera are placed according to their gravity, and it may not be amiss to say that

HYDROGEN is the inflammable part of water, and the next Genus,

NITROGEN, is a part in the composition of atmospheric air, which, without the wholesome genus placed next to it (Ogygen) being combined with it, would be unfit for respiration.

OXYGEN is the other component part of water.

PHOSPHORUS is combustible at the temperature of the common atmosphere, and is in nature sometimes combined with Lime and Earths and Metals, as Phosphate of Lime, and Lead—see p. 173—frequently found also in animal slime, and bones.

* We have placed the lightest first, as appearing most natural.

Sulphur is well known in the form of Brimstone, and is found native, or with Earths, Metals, &c.

Fluoric Acid, whose base is not known, is common with Lime—see Fluate of Lime, p. 151. These seven last form gases or acids* with Calor.

The Muriatic Radicle may assist in forming salts —see Muriate of Soda, p. 51.

The Boracic Radicle is sometimes in combination with the Alkali † Soda.

These, in the order Compound, form Species.

Their powerfulness and various combinations being well known, there will be ample field for the Geologists to speculate upon; and *they* may shake hands together, who were adverse advocates on account of the *Volcanian* and *Neptunian* Systems.

Some of the Genera and Species are not properly numbered, as in the beginning of the Work we could not find a sufficiently regulated System, and many of the Species are yet so little known, that their numbers cannot be certain.

* Changing vegetable blue red.

† Changing vegetable blues green.

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OR

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OF

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As for the Earth, out of it cometh Bread, and under it is turned up as it were Fire. The Stones of it are the Places of Sapphires; and it hath Dust of Gold. Job xxviii. 5, 6.

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* See page 106.

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TAB. I.

CALX nativa.

Native Lime.

Class 2. Earth*. *Order* 1. Homogeneous. *Bab.*
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 1. Calx nativa.

GÉN. CHAR. Powdery or concrete, with a hot burning taste. Corrodes animal substances. Spec. grav. 2·3, *Kirwan, v.* 1. 5. Precipitates from a solution in water, by adding corrosive sublimate, in the form of a reddish powder. *Kir. v.* 1. 75. Changes syrup of violets green.

SPEC. CHAR. Uncombined.

SYN. Native lime. *Kir. v.* 1. 74, 75.
Pure lime. *Bab.* 7.
Artificial. Calx viva. *Mat. Med.*

QUICK-LIME, or *Calx viva,* is well known, as procured from chalk or lime-stone by means of burning in lime-kilns. In the act of burning it is deprived of an air or gas, chemically termed carbonic acid gas†, loses part of its

* Earths are incombustible, infusible per se, spec. grav. not exceeding 4·9, and white.

† Formerly termed fixed air, discovered by Dr. Black. It is heavier than common air, forming a small or adventitious part of the atmosphere; is readily absorbed by cold water, giving it a brisk taste. As an acid, it turns vegetable blues red.

weight, and takes up caloric, or latent heat of Dr. Black. It is then caustic, with the properties as described in the generic character, changing the syrup of violets green. This character it retains as long as the latent heat or the effect of it lasts, which heat and principle of changing the syrup of violets green will be lost if exposed to a damp atmosphere.

The *upper figure* is done to express artificial lime just exposed to damp air, yet capable of changing the syrup of violets green, and beginning to fall to pieces. If a quantity is suddenly added, it will lose its characteristic property sooner, by absorbing carbonic acid gas from the atmosphere, or the water of which the fire had deprived it in the kiln, and when dried without heat will be nearly what it was at first.

The *middle figure*, *Calx nativa*, from Bath, has qualities resembling quick-lime, and changes syrup of violets to a green, nearly as vivid as that produced by the artificial lime above; and although I have had it two years in the drawer with quick-lime, it still gives a green which the other does not.

The *lower figure* represents lime taken out of a hollow nodule of flint, to which, before it was broken, we could find no apparent aperture. The contents were exposed immediately to some fresh violet petals, pressed so as to afford two or three drops of purple fluid, which it directly changed green. It soon lost that property, and is now a gritty chalk.

External Character of the Bath Lime.

Colour white.

Lustre o.

Transparency o.

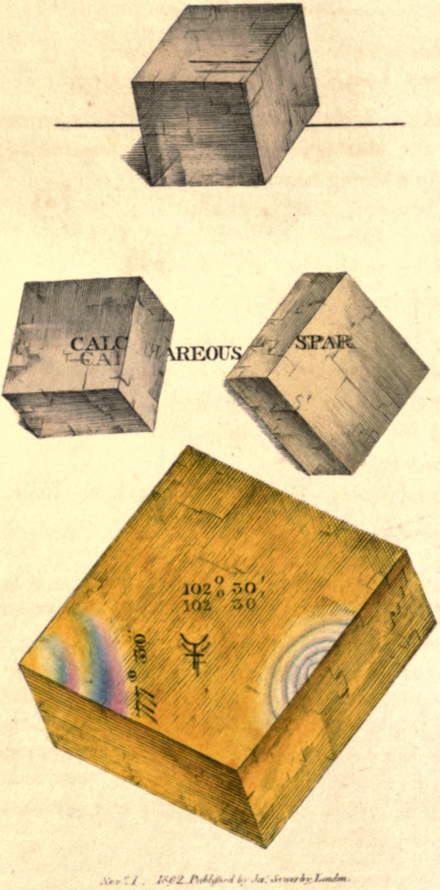
Fracture earthy.

Hardness, rubs easily to powder.

It should seem that this passes out of the rocks in a fermentative manner, oozing or frothing. The upper surface of the specimen is somewhat encrusted with a stalactitical substance. The inner part when examined seems partly in bubbles.

Dr. Moreton found lime in the stones of Cliftone pit in Northumberland *, and Dr. Falconer at Bath. Sir John Hill describes a similar substance to mine, which he has seen thrown out of the quarries of Mr. Allen near Bath, and calls it native lime and *Gypsum Tymphacium* of the antients, saying that Theophrastus has left a record of a ship taking fire from the heating of the gypsum among some clothes that were in it, on the accidental admission of wet; and that he does not call it gypsum himself, but an earth only that the people about Tymphæa, &c. called gypsum.

* Since the above was written, Mr. John Hailstone, Woodwardian Professor, of Cambridge, kindly informs me that the *Calx nativa* sent to Dr. Woodward by Dr. Moreton has no pretensions to be a lime.



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TAB. II.

CALX carbonata.

Crystallized Carbonate of Lime.

Class 2. Earth. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of Lime.

SPEC. CHAR. Lime with carbonic acid effervesces with the stronger acids, and becomes quick-lime in a strong heat.

SYN. Chaux aërée. *Born, v.* 1. 28.
Kalk-stein. *Emmerling, v.* 1. 437.
Aërated or mild calx. *Kir. v.* 1. 75.
Chaux carbonatée. *Haüy, v.* 2. 127.

Div. 1. Crystallized.

SYN. Spath calcaire. *Born, v.* 1. 107.
Kalk-spath. *Emmerling, v.* 1. 455.
Foliated and sparry lime-stone. *Kir. v.* 1. 86.
Calcareous spar. *Bab.* 7.
Chaux carbonatée. Formes déterminables. *Haüy, v.* 2. 130.

FOUND chiefly in lime-stone rocks wherever they occur in Great Britain, as Derbyshire, some parts of Wales, Wiltshire, Devonshire, &c.

It is easily scraped with a knife; fracture in laminæ parallel to the nucleus, which is rhomboidal, its obtuse angles being 101° 30′, its acute 78° 30′. When sufficiently transparent, it gives a double refraction. It is never quite opaque, the colours are mostly white or lightish brown, sometimes reddish, seldom yellow or green, scarcely ever crimson, blueish, purple, or black.

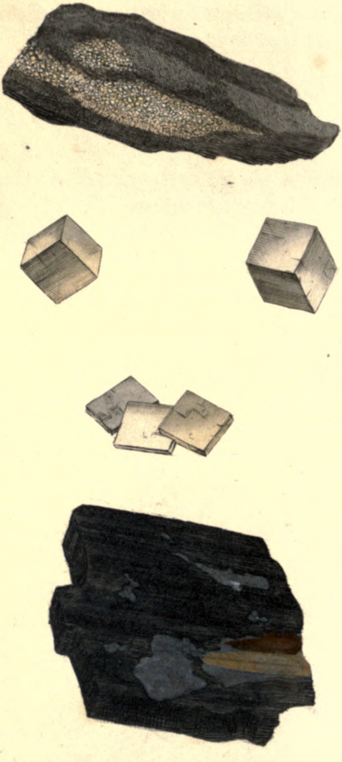
Upper figure a nearly equal-sided fragment, to show the nucleus and the double refracting property, by being placed on a straight line, which appears displaced and doubled when viewed through the upper opposite face. The sides only reflect the object, for we cannot see a figure through the edges of the crystal.

Middle figures the same, somewhat thinner, placed on letters to show that the refraction divides towards the obtuse angles.

Lower figure, a rare fragment of a fine yellow. The prismatic colours caused by the flaws are in the regular order of the rainbow: the brightness depends on the polish of the surfaces, and the closeness of the flaw, nearness to the surface, &c. The upper lighter fracture is paler, because the more open it is the less visible the colours. The opaque white at the edge is in consequence of a blow in a direction contrary to the laminæ, which always bruises it. Please to read 101° 30′, 78° 30′, instead of what is engraved. It was thought proper to picture one face of each of these figures as near as might be to the measured angles* (the largest side of each). It may be fairly observed that, according to the rules of perspective, the other sides could not be seen; some rules may give way to perspicuity occasionally. Small objects cannot conveniently be observed by this rule, and very few people look perspectively, as it requires great nicety. These figures are intended to give a natural appearance to a general observer, who looking with two points of sight sees more of the subject. It is intended to use one point of sight where it should be found most eligible.

We must beg leave to refer our readers to Dr. W. H. Wollaston's learned paper on the oblique refraction of the Iceland crystal (*Phil. Trans. for* 1802, *part* 2, *p.* 381), for an account of its refracting property.

* A fragment placed by the angles will be found nearly to correspond with them.



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TAB. III.

CALX carbonata primitiva.

Primitive crystallized Carbonate of Lime.

Class 2. Earth. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SYN. Chaux carbonatée primitive. *Haüy, v.* 2. 132.

Upper figures. WE believe these small crystals represented on the piece of pyritaceous coaly substance, are the true nucleus or primitive crystal of carbonate of lime, having measured them as well as we could. It appears to be a rare thing at present to find them so perfect in Britain.

Those that are larger are either foreign or partaking of the pearly lustre belonging to the *Sidero Calcite* of Kirwan, *v.* 1. 105. *Chaux férifère, Haüy, v.* 1. 175. The line of separation is hardly discernible.

Lower figures. The fractures in the mass afford an excellent help to discern these as little flat primitives; those detached agreeing with the fractures of the flat mass. These, although perhaps not before noticed, may commonly be found in thin layers, or separate in the small partings in the Newcastle coals, from nearly pellucid to nearly opaque white, not unfrequently prismatically coloured, or coated with silvery or golden coloured pyrites, and may sometimes be found very beautiful. Wishing to make the subject familiar, I felt a pleasure in introducing a thing so easily procured.

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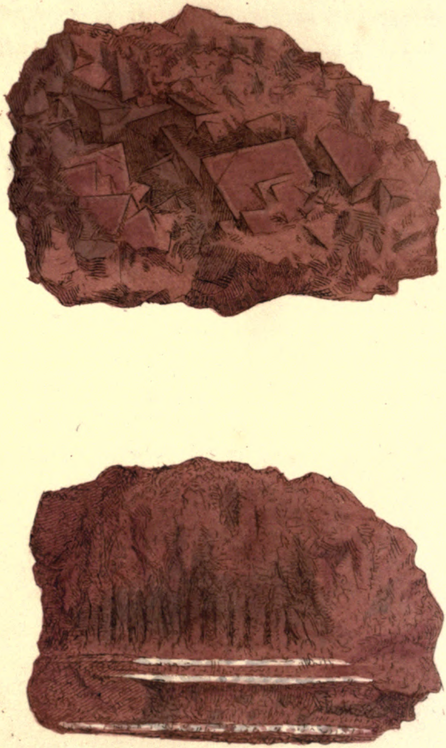

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TAB. IV.

CALX carbonata, *var.* inversus.

Crystallized Carbonate of Lime, inverted.

Class 2. Earth. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SYN. Chaux carbonatée inverse. $E^{1}\,{}^{1}E$. *Haüy, v.* 2. 183. f

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The upper figure is a curious specimen of crystallized carbonate of lime, with the faces of the rhomb in the inverse order to the laminæ of the nucleus, and their angles so near to those of the primitive, over which it is formed, as to look like the same, differing only in one degree: 102° 30′, 77° 30′. This is from Pwll-y-cochan, near Conway, Carnarvonshire, out of a lead and blend mine. It is stained probably with oxid of iron. The edges are more transparent and shining than the other parts. The rest of the mass or matrix is crystallized in primitive rhombs, mingled so confusedly that it is not readily perceived without breaking; when they are found very regular.

When we use the term *Calx carbonata*, it means crystallized carbonate of lime.

The lower figure is from the summit of Moel y hiraddwg, a lofty hill bounding the vale of Clyde, and was sent me by D. Pennant, Esq. F.R.S. F.L.S. with some nearly like the above. This is a specimen of a more confused crystallization, the red oxid being very abundant. The crystallized parts are separated in irregular columns of a romantic appearance: the little white strata at the bottom have settled between the red ones in a curious manner. The fracture is irregular, depending on the confused laminæ, the light falling on the flat sides of which occasions a shining lustre.

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TAB. V.

CALX sericea.

Satin Spar.

Class 2. Earth. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 2. Imitative.

MY friend the Rev. Mr. J. Harriman first favoured me with a piece of this curious mineral, about the year 1797. It was then recently made known to the mineralogical world by Mr. Stag, who sent me a piece soon after. It is understood to have been discovered about ten years ago, about a mile from Alston in Cumberland, washed by the river Tyne, near the level of its bed, and no where else at present. The spot is about 30 yards long and 10 yards wide; the middle producing the broadest stratum, which was about 4 inches, soon narrowing and becoming full of veins. I was told it was a very pure carbonate of lime soon after I received it; although it was kept a secret where it was found.

The colour is white, with a beautiful satiny lustre, showing the strata broad in the light and shade, and innumerable in the intermediate space, varying as they are directed to the light, which is best if perpendicular to them. It transmits light at the edges, or in thin pieces. The fracture in the direction of the striæ is fibrous, straight (perhaps with imperceptible undulations, whence the lustre), or crooked *, somewhat jagged, with a few flattish fragments. The cross fracture is nearly at right angles with the striæ, with a compact splintery dull surface, seldom in the direction of the strata, which are rarely quite at right angles with the striæ. It is much of the same hardness with the crystallized carbonate of lime, does not scratch with the nail, is brittle, and breaks most readily in the direction of the striæ.

Mr. H. Pepys junior seems first to have described this mineral in the Philosophical Magazine, vol. 12. p. 364; and according to his analysis it contains,

Carbonic acid - - -	47·600
Lime - - - -	50·080
† Iron - - - -	012
Loss or water of crystallization -	2·308
	100·000

Spec. grav. 2·709 to 2·721.

It has been formed into snuff-boxes, and turned into studs, which look very pretty.

The blackish clay and metallic lustre of the pyrites give it a pretty relief; the top is an example of a septarium of some authors. The rosy blush is a very dilute iron stain.

* I have a specimen with the striæ curved like the Italic *ſ*, and the fracture nearly at right angles with every curvature.

† The iron need not be reckoned, as Mr. Pepys observed it was adventitious, pieces having been chosen quite free from iron.

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TAB. VI.

CALX stalactites.

Lime Stalactites.

Class 2. Earth. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 2. Imitative. *Haüy, v.* 2. 168.

SYN. Stalactite. *Kir. v.* 1. 88. *Born, v.* 1. 298.
Chaux carbonatée concrétionnée. *Haüy, v.* 2. 168.
Stalactites spatosum et Stiria. *Gmel.* 100.

STALACTITES, from their nature extremely various, are chiefly found on the roofs and sides of caverns, sometimes lining them in a very grotesque manner, hanging also very fancifully in the form of icicles, hollow or solid. They vary in colour like other carbonates of lime, and have a like fracture and nucleus to the crystallized ones.

The left hand figure is part of a solid stalactite crystallized, with numerous ends of the rhomb lying together, giving an undulated appearance, and on the whole not unaptly resembling an unfolding bud. These are reckoned rare, and are found in a deep mine at Castleton, Derbyshire.

The upper middle figure is solid, oddly divided, of a whitish and somewhat waxy appearance, altogether of the crystallized fracture, some parts showing the solid angle of the nucleus. These are continually forming at Castleton in Derbyshire.

Right hand figure cylindrical, hollow, very straight and diaphanous, its outside smooth, inside crystallized in somewhat irregular spiculated rhombic forms. I was favoured with this very curious specimen from Stonesfield quarry in Oxfordshire, by Dr. Williams the botanical professor.

The brownish quill-formed stalactite, as the fistulose ones are often called, are common in many places. The darker sorts, somewhat resembling the middle one, are often found of various forms and dimensions. These dark ones may be coloured by clay. *Kir. v.* 1. 87.

The lower middle figure is mostly found of an opaque and chalky appearance in wet cellars on the roofs and walls. Lady Wilson finds them continually forming in a drain at Charlton house. The Rev. Mr. C. Sutton and the Rev. Mr. W. Kirby have favoured me with specimens found by them at Richmond and Kew. They occasionally occur in cellars in London, &c.

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TAB. VII.

CALX Creta.

Common Chalk.

Class 2. Earth. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 3. Amorphous.

SYN. Chalk. *Kir. v.* 77.
Craie compacte. *Born, v.* 1. 281.
Chaux carbonatée crayeuse. *Haüy, v.* 2. 166.
Creta scriptoria. *Linn. Syst. Nat. v.* 1. 206. *Gmel. v.* 3. 86.

ALBION cliffs, famed of old, are the chalk-hills of Dover in Kent, and chalk is sufficiently known to abound in many parts of Britain.

There is no chalk in Cornwall *. Chalk is understood to be a precipitation of carbonate of lime, holding a little clay and some flinty particles. It is often in very thick strata, frequently under sand. Flints in strata and of irregular forms are very common in it, and sometimes flints full of flaws, as if mouldering to pieces. Thestratum is mostly horizontal, but sometimes otherwise, as at the Isle of Wight†. Many remains of animal exuviæ are found in chalk, as shells, echini, corals, &c. and with the rhombic fracture: sometimes the echinites are filled with perfect flints.

* Dr. Maton's Tour to the Western Counties.

† Sir H. C. Englefield in *Linn. Trans. v.* 6.

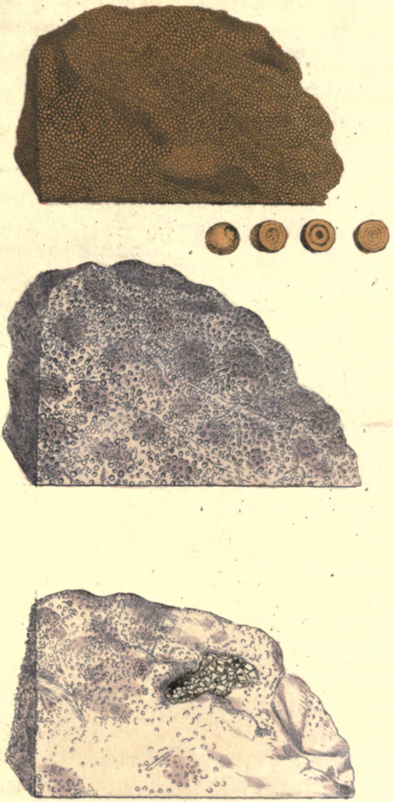
Martial pyrites, or sulfure of iron, is not uncommon in it, either in full metallic splendor, or in different states of decomposition passing into ochre or oxid of iron. It is remarkable that Mr. Kirwan, in his Geological Essays, p. 238, says that metallic substances are never found in chalk. *Werner Kal. Classif.* 19. *Berg. Kal.* 232. Yet in France martial pyrites are said to be found in it, 39 *Roz.* 358; as if it were not found in England. Pyrites are found in the chalk of Sussex; I have found them from Dover to Margate; at Godstone also in great abundance, where the chalk in various ways passes into fine-grained micaceous lime-stone called fire-stone, brought in abundance from Ryegate.

The upper figure is meant to represent a lump of chalk from Sussex, which has a conical fracture not uncommon in chalk, and sometimes in flint. The little granulæ of fine gravel so regularly formed about it, seem to be a filtration of water carrying sand with it through some loose chalk, which meeting with a more compact piece runs down the sides in drops, and at the same time is absorbed by the chalk, leaving the sand on the surface in little globules. There are sometimes large quantities of sand in the chalk which fall in occasionally, and are called by the workmen sand gulls.

Middle figure. Chalk passing into lime-stone, hardening with inosculating veins.

The lower figure represents a piece of chalk rounded by rolling about in the sea, perforated by the *Mytilus rugosus*, or some species of *Pholas*: being stained it loses the appearance of chalk. Harder substances are often perforated by testaceous animals.

Bryum calcareum, English Botany, t. 191, should seem to indicate good chalk, as I have found the best where it grows.



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TAB. VIII.

CALX petrosa.

Lime Stone.

Class 2. Earth. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.

Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 1. Carbonate of Lime.

Div. 3. Amorphous.

SYN. Pierre à chaux commune. *Born, v.* 1. 284.

Kalxstein. *Emmerling, v.* 1. 437.

Compact limestone. *Kir. v.* 1. 82.

Chaux carbonatée grossière. *Haüy, v.* 2. 166.

LIMESTONE, generally speaking, is carbonate of lime, harder than chalk, often containing 10 or 12 per cent. of clay or iron. If so much as 15, Mr. Kirwan says it should be excluded, as scarcely affording good lime in burning.

Upper figure. Ketton-stone, found in abundance at Ketton in Rutlandshire. It is remarkable for its singular accretions in the form of fishes roe, whence it is often called

Roe-stone. It is used for building in many places: some of the colleges at Cambridge are built with it. The same uniform appearance extends to very large masses; and although a sound, strong and durable stone in the mass, very little pieces may be crumbled to grains by the fingers. The masons use a common carpenters saw in working it: the little rounded particles being easily detached, it passes readily through it. They sometimes have a little dusty or solid nucleus, coated concentrically; at other times are hollow. In the next county, Northamptonshire, there is a stone called by the masons Barneck, greatly resembling this, but coarser, containing shells, &c. Col. Walford found a stone of a similar nature with larger grains (which approaches the oviform limeſtone of Kirwan, v. 1. 91), at Birdbrook, Essex, mingled with shells, which has sometimes sufficient clay or argil to be called a marle.

Middle figure. Bath-stone, frequently contains the same concretions, but more decomposed, and a matrix surrounding them, somewhat confusedly crystallized, forming little hollows: many species of shells, encrini, &c. are found in it; sometimes however so comminuted as to be quite indistinct. I picked up a piece of stone at Burford in Oxfordshire, which is of a reddish brick colour, with the hollows very distinct, giving it a volcanic or cindery appearance. With difficulty very small pieces crumble between the fingers.

Lower figure. Portland-stone, nearly like the Bath-stone. The best sort is more compact, and whiter: there are many varieties of it, paffing into marly, flinty, &c. It often affords good crystals. The specimen figured had some little rhombs half relieved on it. A crystallization called, from its resemblance, sugar-candy spar is frequent among it. Shells of various kinds are often found in it. Sometimes it appears in the form of large trunks of trees, hardest within, resembling whitish chert.

Ketton-stone, colour light reddifh brown, lustre o.
Transparency o.
Fracture earthy granular.
Hardness 5 or 6.

It contains 90 per cent. calx, and 10 of argil. The Bath and Portland nearly the same in most respects, but harder.

Spec. grav.	Ketton	2·456	Kir. v. 1. 88.
	Bath	2·494	
	Portland	2·461	

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TAB. IX.

CALX coralliformis.

Coral-form Carbonate of Lime.

Class 2. Earth. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.

Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of Lime.

Div. 2. Imitative.

Ellis corallines, p. 76. *tab.* 27. c.

THESE curious chalky accretions are found plentifully in the loose marle at St. Maws, Cornwall, which abounds also with shells of various species, and is brought to Truro to be sent to different places for manure, being excellent for the adjoining lands. I have specimens from the Rev. H. Davies of North Wales. Their resemblance to corals has caused them to be mistaken for such; but on a careful examination, they are found to be only aggregations of calcareous earth, accumulated upon little nuclei, ramifying in the soft marle, and occasionally attracting other calcareous particles, which form fresh coats like the bark of a tree, and are not unlike the coats on the nuclei of the

Ketton stone lengthened out, as the broken ends plainly show. They vary extremely in their forms, and when large are sometimes perforated on the outside, apparently by some marine insects; which may have contributed to the idea of the whole being of animal construction. Nature ever allotting certain bounds to every species of her productions, permits them to separate from one another in many nice and curious ways. Thus calcareous earth in this instance is separating from the clay in the form of opaque branching corals; in others we shall find different modes of separation or division of calcareous earth and other substances.

The small specimens are very much branched, and mostly white, but somewhat softer to the touch. The larger are often more coloured with iron, perhaps some animal substance, as the place in which they are found contains many dead shells. Sometimes they contain some salt, which is readily perceived by the taste, and remains after drying in the cabinet. Some have no saline taste.

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TAB. X.

FERRUM cæruleum.

Azure Iron Ore.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Ductile.
Gen. 8. Iron. *Spec.* 7. Azure Iron Ore.

SPEC. CHAR. Contains sulphur ? and iron.

SYN. Blue martial earth. *Kir. v.* 2. 185.
Blau eisenerde. *Emmerling*, *v.* 1. 359.
Fer azuré. *Haüy*, *v.* 4. 119.

THIS is very common in marshy grounds at different depths in most parts of the united kingdom.

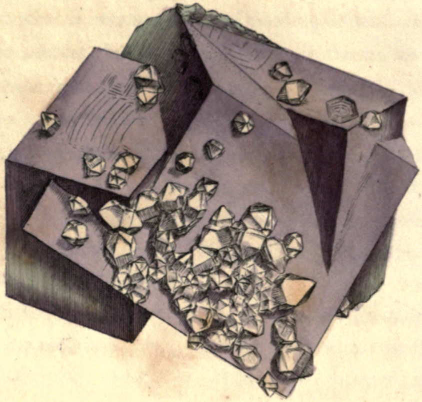
The upper figure represents some as found at Blackwall, or the Isle of Dogs, where great abundance was met with about four feet deep, in a sandy loam, mixed with roots and other vegetable remains. At the depth of about nine feet, in some places, it was mixed with a black clay, turf, leaves, hazel-nuts, &c. It occasionally exists among earth with the remains of shells, and is common in marshy places without any appearance of vegetable. I found some once on the shell of the *Mytilus anatinus* in Hyde-park, and have had it sent me from Scotland.

The lower figure represents it as found near Kennington and Lambeth, where it is common about a foot under the roads in a dirty gravelly soil, partly hardened and approaching to what is commonly called pudding-stone. It adheres to the pebbles, but more particularly to the hollows where they have been. In endeavouring to ascertain the nature of this substance, we exposed some of the purest of the first sort to a gentle heat, which soon deprived it of the blue tint, emitting a sulphureous exhalation, with a blueish flame, and left a dark ochry brown substance, which proved to be an oxid of iron. We could not detect any prussic acid by the usual method.

Mr. Kirwan says, its colour, in its native situation, when not exposed, is white. This may sometimes be the case, but ours was blue even when fresh gathered and first broken.

Lustre none. Fracture dusty, of the upper figure; earthy and compact in the lower. Water does not change the colour; oil darkens it.

Klaproth thought this mineral contained phosphorus, but Mr. Kirwan thinks "the inflammability of this substance must proceed from some other principle, most probably carbon, perhaps an astringent substance."



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TAB. XI.

CALX Fluor, *var.* cubica.

Fluate of Lime, Cubic.

Class 2. Earth. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 4. Fluate of Lime.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SPEC. CHAR. Lime combined with fluoric acid, which acid has the peculiar property of dissolving siliceous substances, or flint.

Chaux fluorée. *Born, v.* 1. 355.
Fluss. *Emmerling, v.* 1. 515.
Fluor. *Kirwan, v.* 1. 124.
Chaux Fluaté cubique. *Haüy, v.* 2. 247. $\overset{1}{A}\underset{1}{} \ \overset{1}{A}\underset{i}{}$

FLUOR is divisible into regular octaëdrons. Spec. grav. 3·0943 to 3·1911, and according to Haüy has a regular tetraëdron for its integrant molecule. It is mostly found crystallized in cubes (more rarely in octaëdrons and their modifications) in many parts of Great Britain, as Derbyshire, Cumberland, two places in Scotland*; also in

* Aberdeenshire and Shetland. *Jameson, v.* 1. 151.

Devonshire and Cornwall. It may be fused by the blow-pipe into a transparent glass *. Its refraction is single. The powder projected on a hot poker gives a phosphorescent light, of a bright and glowing purplish or lilac colour. The Rev. Mr. J. Dalton favoured me with some from Cumberland, greenish within, and of a dull pale crimson on the outside, which gives this glow in great perfection, in rather large pieces, without cracking or dispersing so soon as usual; and if not too much heated, the same pieces will do again. In this it agrees with the chlorophane of Siberia, which much resembles it in external appearance, but gives a verditer green glow on exposure to heat without falling to pieces.

The fluoric acid was discovered by Scheele. It may be disengaged from the lime by means of dilute sulphuric acid, and has been used for etching on glass. One of the methods may be acceptable to my general readers. Having a plate or piece of glass thinly covered with wax, etch, or draw, by cutting through the wax with a point or needle whatever may be desired, placing the glass horizontally, so as to retain the fluid, (it may be best perhaps to surround the plate with a wall of wax, for the greater security); then having some fluor pounded to a fine dust, sift or spread it over the whole within the waxen wall. Mix one part of sulphuric acid to two or three of water, and pour it on gently. The strength of the strokes will depend on the quantity of dust of fluor, and the strength of the acid

* It is apt to crack and disperse; which may be prevented by powdering it.

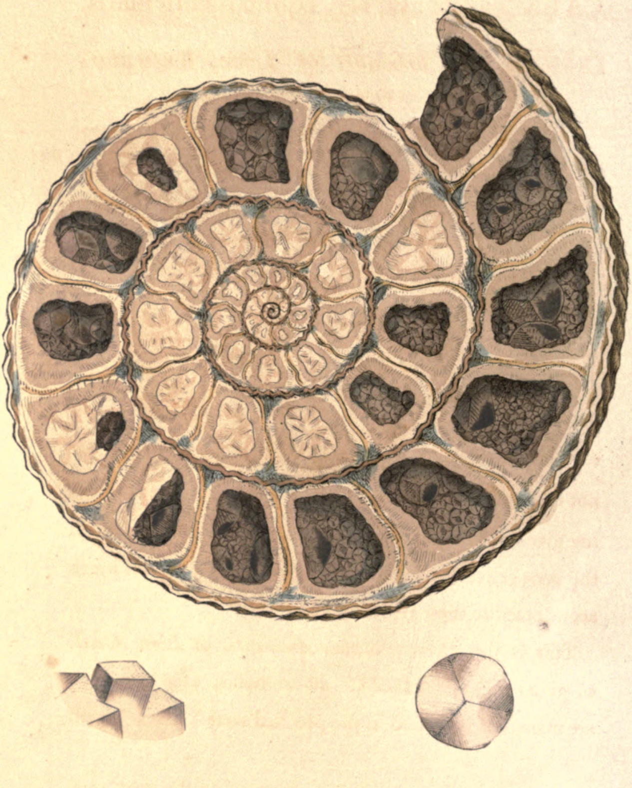
that is to decompose it. Very little practice will show the proper strength of the ingredients to corrode a certain depth in the glass, where the strokes were drawn. The rising fumes will etch another prepared glass, if placed so as to receive them, and perhaps more regularly. The acid for chemical purposes is commonly procured in a leaden apparatus.

I have figured two specimens of the most common appearance of fluor. The upper one deviates a little in form, the middle cube being interrupted by the side ones, contracting its upper part, so that the lower is much the broadest. There are some crystals of what is commonly called eighteen-sided quartz sticking about them, as usual with fluor from Cumberland.

The lower figure seems altogether of a fine deep purple, but is only thinly coated, the inside being of an olive green. The faces are remarkable for having signs of the laminæ of superposition, indicating four-sided pyramids, the apex of which appears at the edges of the cubes where in contact.

Fig. 1. shows a corner of one of the cubes replaced by six minute triangular facets.

The upper figure has some signs of superposition, though scarcely more than scratches, giving the specimen a greasy appearance. The hexangular cavity is where a crystal of quartz had stuck, and shows that the side inserted was not regular: hence it appears that the crystals of quartz are not regularly eighteen-sided, their shape being interrupted by the fluor.



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TAB. XII.

CALX carbonata, *var.* equiaxi-lenticularis.

Crystallized Carbonate of Lime, lenticular-equiaxed.

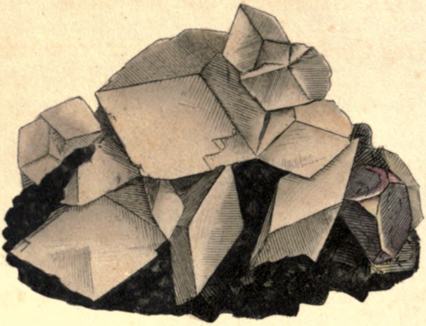
Class 2. Earth. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 2. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 1. Crystallized. *Var.* 1. Equiaxed.

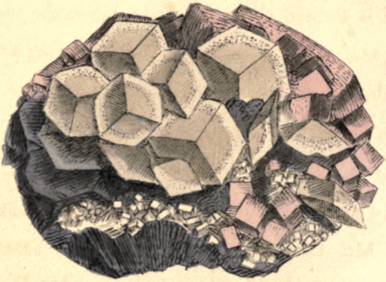
THE figuring of this shell will not only serve a geological purpose, and show a curious crystallization, but help to explain the flattened crystals in the next plate, which are not easily understood, as the lines they form in the drawing give but little idea of flatness, and may seem to express the perspective of a cube, especially as we are not yet much accustomed to these representations.

This is the *Helmintholithus Ammonites* of *Linn. Gmel.* *v.* 3. 411. usually called Cornu-ammonis, of which there are many species found in the petrified state*, abundant in

* This species and many others are found only in this state, never recent.

many parts of Gteat Britain. Abroad they are often siliceous, or at least contain siliceous crystallizations; but in Great Britain are mostly calcareous, found in lime-stone rocks and marly places. The shelly part may some of it be the remains of organic structure. The crystallized internal parts of shells and stones afford a curious subject for inquiry. In the chambers of this nautilus, (for so the living genus is called by Linnæus, see Gmel. v. 1. 3369., the matter of crystallization may have passed through the alveolus, or little hole, [to each partition. In other shells, and in *geodes*, it must be otherwise. The crystals are rough, and in nearly a regular series from the primitive to the equiaxe. The faces however of the latter are rounded, giving it a lenticular form. They are also somewhat striated, resembling the lenticular crystals of certain spathose iron ores.





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TAB. XIII.

CALX carbonata *var.* æquiaxis.

Crystallized Carbonate of Lime, var. *equiaxed.*

Class 2. Earth. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 1. Crystallized. *Var.* 1. Crystal Equiaxed.

SYN. Chaux carbonatée équiaxe. $\overset{B}{\underset{g}{1}}$. *Haüy, v.* 2. 132.

THIS crystal is formed of six rhomboidal faces the angles of which are 114° 18′ 56″, and 65° 41′ 4″, forming a very obtuse rhomb, the axis of which is equal to that of the rhomb which it encloses. *Haüy, v.* 1. 133.

These and their modifications are found plentifully in Durham and Cumberland, according to specimens sent me by the Rev. Mr. Harriman and Mr. Oliver. I have had fine specimens from Newcastle by favour of Mr. Woodhouse, found in coal mines. They occasionally occur wherever other calcareous substances are found.

The upper figure is part of a fine specimen with clearer crystals than usual, for they generally incline to a milky hue. They frequently stand on their edges, or are as it were thrown about in different directions, on various matrices. This is on dark or gray lime-stone, with blend* and galæna†. The first is confusedly crystallized, which commonly happens; the latter more regularly so, in cubes with the corners truncated, or a cubo-octaëdron, as Haüy rightly terms it.

The lower figure has smaller crystals, roughish towards the edges, as if not quite finished. The roughness proceeds from the edges of the molecule, or from spaces where there seems something wanted to finish the faces and make the surfaces even. The crystals are somewhat striated towards the centre, and are loosely fixed among light purple fluor and galæna.

* An ore of zinc called by the miners black jack.

† An ore of lead.

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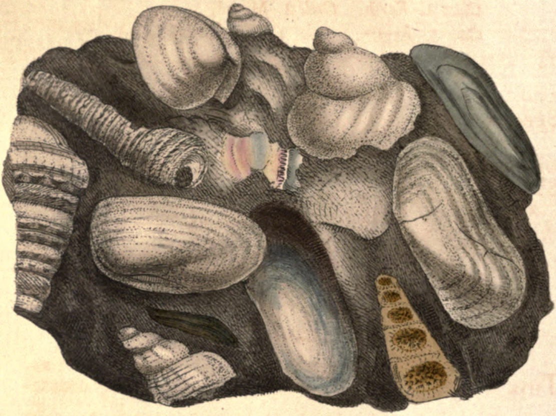

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TAB. XIV.

ARGILLA Marga.

Argillaceous Marle.

Class 1. Earth. *Ord.* 2. Mixed.
Gen. 5. Argil*. *Spec.* 1. Argillaceous marle.
Div. 2. Semi-indurated.

Spec. Char. Argil and carbonate of lime, in which the former predominates.

Syn. Marga argillacea. *Waller*, *v.* 1. 72.
Mergel. *Emmerling*, *v.* 1. 491.
La Marne. *Brochant*, *v.* 1. 569.
Argile calcarifère. *Haüy*, *v.* 4. 455.

This is represented as showing the distinguishing characters, or parts, of marle, which, if minutely combined, might require a chemical analysis to determine them; and may be useful to young mineralogists. Calcareous marle consists of carbonate of lime from 66 to 80 per cent. *Kir. v.* 1. 94. Marle properly so called consists of equal parts of clay, and carbonate of lime. Argillaceous marle contains about three parts clay, and one chalk. *Mr. Andreas, in Kir. v.* 1. 192.

* Common clay, which may be distinguished under most combinations by what is commonly called an earthy scent.

The present specimen, given me by Mr. Pilkington, F. L. S., was found about 190 feet deep, in digging a well for Lord Redesdale, now C. Poole's, Esq., at Streatham, Surry.

It is of a semi-indurated toughish texture, but readily falls to pieces in a damp atmosphere. The clayey parts are evidently mixed with carbonate of lime, and some of the shells are little else, although they retain their original figure so well that we may distinguish some of the species*. The pearly oyster shells only seem to have assumed a black tinge. The other pearly shell, perhaps *Arca Nucleus, Linn. Gmel.* *v.* 1. 3314. retains its original lustre, its gluten being less easy to decompose†. There are other pearly shells in the mass, but not easily to be made out. The clayey-looking part does not effervesce with vinegar, neither do the pearly shells. The chalky ones readily do. Marles depending on their proportions of lime, clay‡, or sand, are used as manures, each sort being adapted to the nature of the land they are applied to.

One kind of marle has lately been found to be a useful stucco, when properly prepared.

* These, on breaking the mass, leave half their substance on the convex side of the matrix, and the other half in the mould.

† See Mr. Hatchett's ingenious paper in Philosophical Transactions for 1798.

‡ Clay must be understood as a mixture here of argil, silex, and iron.

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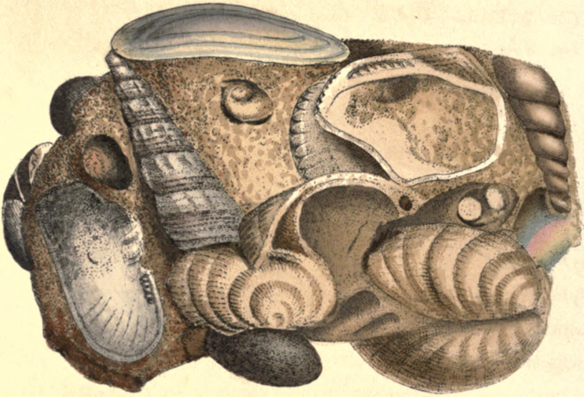

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TAB. XV.

SILEX arenacea, *var.* calcarea.

Calcareous Sandstone.

Class 2. Earth. *Ord.* 2. Mixed.

Gen. 6. Silex. *Spec.* 2. Combined with calcareous Earth.

Div. 2. Semi-indurated.

SYN. Calcareous sandstone. *Kir. v.* 1. 361.

MASSES of this, from about 8 inches to 2 feet thick, were found at near twelve feet deep in a light gravelly stratum, in cutting the canal at the Isle of Dogs. The decomposing shells have apparently undergone a change, by means of subterraneous heat causing them to combine with the sand and pebbles. Some of the shells I believe are new to Great Britain, both in the natural and fossile state. These are the gibbous *Arca*, at the lower corner on the right hand, the hinge and cockle-like edge of which are seen distinctly above it; the oblong *Arca* resembling a *Mytilus*, on the left side, showing part of the hinge, which I have not seen in any other specimen. The decomposition of this shell, and the *Turbo* near it, are more chalky than the others. The oblong oyster-shell at the top retains its pearly lustre. Other shells have only left their impressions or cast. Some of the pebbles are cracked with the heat, and their interstices filled by calcareous matter.

The whole forms a calcareous sandstone, with very little variation, and is of a pale brown colour*. The parts being distinct, it forms an instructive specimen, and will serve to explain more obscure ones.

* Sometimes with a darker tint of yellow, and occasionally of a smoky black, especially where wood is found with it.

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TAB. XVI.

ARGENTUM capillaceum.

Capillary Silver.

Class 3. Metals. *Ord.* 1. Ductile.
Gen. 3. Silver. *Spec.* 1. Native Silver.
Div. 2. Imitative.

GEN. CHAR. The whitest of all known metals, very malleable, and sonorous; specific gravity before hammering, 10·474; after, 10·510. Dissolves readily in nitric acid, and may be precipitated from it by copper, iron, or zinc. Remains in fusion at 28° of Wedgewood, but requires a greater heat to fuse it.

SPEC. CHAR. Ductile with but a small proportion of alloy.

SYN. Argentum nativum. *Waller*, *v.* 2. 328. *Linn. Syst. ed.* 12. *v.* 3. 148.
Native silver. *Kirwan*, *v.* 2. 108. *Bab.* 146.
Gediegen silber. *Emmerling*, *v.* 2. 153.
Argent natif. *Haüy*, *v.* 3. 384.

IN June 1799, soon after the discovery of native silver in the Herland copper mine, in the parish of Gwinear, about 7 miles from St. Michael's Mount, I had the pleasure of calling there in company with my friend D. Turner, Esq., and was lucky enough to procure some rich little pieces, which served my purpose, and gave me the most satisfactory pleasure of gratifying a few friends. According to the Rev. Malachi Hitchings's account, in Phil. Transac. for 1801, page 169, "the lode in which it occurs is one of those cross courses which intersect and derange the copper lodes, and are consequently of a more recent formation. No ores of silver were observable in this lode till at the depth of 110 fathoms from the surface, and at the further depth of 32 fathoms they disappeared. The richest mass of silver ore was found at the depth of 2 fathoms above the level at which it disappears. About 108 tons of it are said to have been raised. The silver ore, strictly speaking, is a mixture of galæna, native bismuth, gray cobalt ore, vitreous silver ore, and native silver."

Our specimen seems to be the galæna decomposing and protruding the silver; itself remaining of a cinereous appearance, losing its natural brilliancy. There are also some pyrites and bits of quartz. The silver protruded is nearly pure, and has been (from its curling appearance) compared by the people of Penzance to the scrapings of silver spoons. The silver for coin and manufacturing is alloyed with copper, which does not affect the whiteness, and is not easily detected, unless in too great proportion, when it may sometimes be tasted. It may be made very thin as leaf silver, one grain thus formed measuring more than 51 square inches. It is often used to plate over copper or iron, and wire so made serves for musical instruments, &c. A wire one tenth of an inch in diameter will support 270 pounds weight.

Silver, by being dissolved in nitric acid, and precipitated with mercury, will form the likeness of a tree, and is then called Arbor Dianæ.—If precipitated from the nitric acid by lime water, the precipitate dried, and washed with a solution of pure ammoniac, has a dangerous fulminating property; and on the slightest touch, or friction, will explode most violently, exceeding the force of gunpowder. The nitrate of silver stains animal substances a deep black, and has been used to blacken human hair; but it is extremely dangerous, owing to its corrosive property.

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TAB. XVII.

CUPRUM dendriticum.

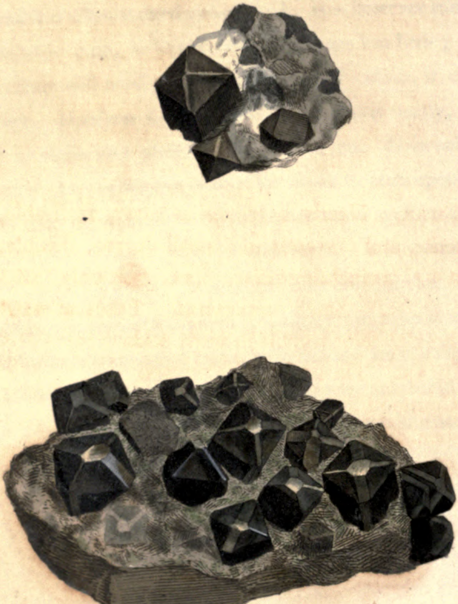
Dendritical Copper.

Class 3. Metals. *Ord.* 1. Ductile.
Gen. 4. Copper. *Spec.* 1. Native.
Div. 2. Imitative.

Syn. Cuprum nativum. *Waller, v.* 274. *Linn. Syst. ed.* 12. *v.* 3. 143.
Gediegen kupfer. *Emmerling, v.* 2. 206.
Cuivre natif. *De Lisle, v.* 3. 305. *Haüy, v.* 3. 518.
Native copper. *Kirwan, v.* 2. 128.

Not uncommon at the Lizard and other places in Cornwall, in the crevices of quartzose rocks, or in serpentine, and is occasionally found in North Wales, &c. It accommodates itself in all directions to the smallest openings, ramifying, or inosculating, as in the specimen figured, or forming network. It is generally so compressed as to have the impression of the stone on the surface, giving breadth to the extremities, not unaptly resembling foliage, which is often helped by the tendency of the metal to crystallize. This it always partly does, but in so confused a way that it can only be understood by comparison with such specimens as have had more room to crystallize. This will be readily understood by the figure of what I have called Arborescent Copper.

Copper is so well known in Great Britain as scarcely to need a description. The fresh fracture is very hackly, mostly brighter, and lighter in colour, than the outside, which is often stained or cankered. It is however sometimes found so pure, or bright, that it changes but little; and the fracture will hardly show a difference of colour, if carefully kept. Hardness 6—8, *Kirw.* Steel cuts it neatly, whence it is made into plates for engraving on. It is soluble in acids; and aquafortis is used by artists to etch upon it with the help of wax, not unlike the operation spoken of under the article Fluor, tab. xi. of this work. It is manufactured for many purposes, as common coin and kitchen utensils, but is not now so much used for culinary purposes as formerly. It forms a compound metal with tin and zinc, called brass. It is readily drawn into wire, which is very tough and durable. A wire one-tenth of an inch in diameter will sustain 299½ pounds weight.



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TAB. XVIII.

STANNUM oxygenizatum.

Oxygenized Tin.

Class 3. Metals. *Ord.* 1. Ductile.
Gen. 8. Tin. *Spec.* 2. Native oxide.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

Gen. Char. Nearly as white as silver, malleable, ductile, and sonorous in a small degree, flexible, but with a crackling noise. Spec. grav. only 7·063 to 7·331. Smell unpleasant. Fuses at 410° Fahrenh. Not soluble in nitric acid.

Spec. Char. Tin united with oxygen.

Syn. Common tin stone. *Kir. v.* 2. 197.

Zinnstein. *Emmerling, v.* 2. 421.

Etain oxydé. *Haüy, v.* 4. 137.

Stannum crystallinum. *Linn. Syst. ed.* 12, *v.* 3. 130.

Tin, although universally known in the metallic state as obtained from its ore, would never be recognizable without experience in the crystallized oxide, from which it is chiefly procured. This crystal was once thought, by the Cornish miners, to be destitute of metal. The tin mines of Cornwall are the most famous in the world, and were very early known. The Phœnicians procured this metal from thence.

The Cornish tin ores are said to be the most pure, as they contain less iron and arsenic than those of Bohemia, Saxony, &c. The crystals are mostly confused: specimens however are sometimes found (and preserved to gratify the curious) which are very distinct and beautiful. They resemble bottle glass; are mostly of a black hue, approaching a brownish horny lustre; sometimes brighter, and with a fiery sparkling, varying to red, gray, or whitish. The crystals are the cubic or octaëdral modifications: the perfect cube has never, I believe, been found. The octaëdron, I am told, is perfect in the Honourable Mr. Greville's collection. I have one nearly so. They often press against each other, forming macles, &c. This ore is found varying, sometimes amorphous, in the quartzose, decayed granite, or growan, killas, and other rocks: also in streams, and is then called stream tin. It occurs also in pebbles, and sandy particles. A rare species, called wood tin, or tin hæmatites; also another called tooth tin, and sulphuret of tin, are found in different parts of Cornwall. There is very little tin in Devonshire, and none in any other county of Great Britain.

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TAB. XIX.

CALX carbonata, *var.* margaritacea.

Pearl Spar.

Class 2. Earth. *Ord.* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of lime.

Div. 1. Crystallized, crystal primitive.

Var. With some iron and manganese. Lustre pearly; crystals often curving.

Syn. Sparry iron ore. *Kir. v.* 2. 190.
Spathiger eisen stein. *Emmerl. v.* 2. 329. *Werner.*
Chaux carbonatée férifère. *Haüy, v.* 2. 175.
Pearl spar. *Bab.* 18.

Having so distinguished an appearance from other carbonates of lime, this has obtained the name of pearl spar, a name it naturally suggests, and by which it is in general easily recognized. We find however, like other subjects in nature, it has its gradations, and consequently blends itself with substances to which at first it seems very little allied. It may be readily traced, as formed from the primitive crystal of carbonate of lime, to an iron ore, consisting for the greater part of oxide of iron, and manganese. The progress, if I may so call it, appears curiously and distinctly marked by the manner of the crystals, which are in the forms of the primitive rhombs, and are white: sometimes however it approaches the appearance of ivory; and as its substance becomes pearly, the nuclei seem to be separating and curving from about the angle of 30° to about 20°; see the figures. They mostly appear of the natural pearly lustre, but are often at length more curled and darkened, and thence may be called spathose iron ores: perhaps they may be called iron ores whenever the common browner aspect seems to indicate as much. Those, however, which have the forms and fracture of crystallized carbonate of lime may be placed as such while they retain the whitish pearly lustre.

Pearl spar analysed by Bergman contains

Lime	38
Oxide of iron	38
Oxide of manganese	24
	100

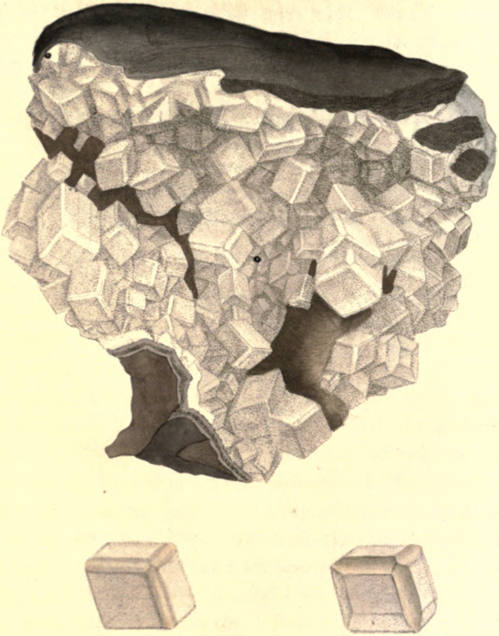
By Wolf,

Carbonate of lime	60
Oxide of manganese	35
Iron	5
	100

By Berthollet,

Carbonate of lime	96
Oxide of iron and manganese	4
	100

Thus different analyses, showing a difference in the proportion of the substances of which it is composed, decide it to be more or less an iron ore.



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TAB XX

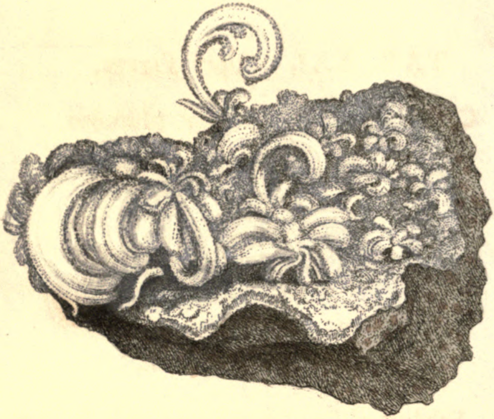
CALX carbonata primitiva, *var.*

Primitive Carbonate of Lime, var.

Class 2. Earth. *Ord.* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of lime.

Var. Crystal primitive, with secondary faces parallel to both those of the equiaxed and metastatic.

THIS curious crystal is sometimes found at Castle-Town in Derbyshire. Its gangue is generally a bituminous limestone. It is a little milky on the outside, and roughish; those edges excepted which are rounded: see the left-hand figure. The right-hand figure has broad faces leading to the equiaxed crystal, which faces are as it were polished, and in the middle is a longitudinal line showing the edge of the nucleus, consequently the laminæ of superposition: see the upper part of the right-hand figure. There are also rough faces leading towards the metastatic crystal: see the lower part of the right-hand figure. As I had but indifferent specimens myself, I borrowed the specimen here figured of Mr. Richard Phillips, thinking it well worth noticing. The little black spots are drops of mineral pitch, which mostly accompany these varieties. They have generally been termed primitive crystals, without further consideration. In an arranged collection they may be placed near to the primitive.



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TAB. XXI, Upper Figure.

CALX sulphurata; *var.* plumosa.

Sulphate of Lime; var. *plumose.*

Class 2. Earth. *Ord.* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 5. Sulphate of lime.
Div. 2. Imitative; *var.* plumose.

SYN. Sulphate of lime forming snow-white incrustation, &c. *Bab.* 29. ccxvi, a, 1.
Chaux sulfatée niveforme*. *Haüy*, 2. 279.

THE *upper figure* is a curious variety of sulphate of lime, or gypsum, from Matlock. It should seem that sulphur of iron or pyrites, by exposure to damp, decomposes; the sulphur combining with oxygen forms sulphuric acid, which comes in contact with the lime in the rock, and so forming gypsum, oozes out in these fanciful forms; or, in other words, readily produces gypsum more or less crystallized. It is continually forming in many parts of England. Lord Altamont obligingly sent me some nodules of pyrites, in

* A variety found at Montmartre.

which gypsum is formed, from a well just dug in Cambridge. It is continually crystallizing from the sulphur of pyrites and oyster shells at Shotover Hill, near Oxford.

The *lower figure* is on a piece of limestone with a fœtid odour, called stinkstone, the gypsum spreading in a very peculiar manner on the surfaces in patches. I was favoured with this from the neighbourhood of Durham, by the Rev. John Harriman.

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TAB. XXII, Upper and Middle Figure.

SODA muriata.

Muriate of Soda, or *Common Salt.*

Class 1. Inflammables. *Ord.* 2. Mixed.
Gen. 4. Soda. *Spec.* 2. Muriate of Soda.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

GEN. CHAR. Soda in combination.

SPEC. CHAR. Soda combined with muriatic acid.

SYN. Common salt. *Kirw. v.* 2. 31.
Common salt, sea salt. *Bab.* 14.
Stein salz. *Emmerl. v.* 2. 19.
Soude muriatée. *Haüy, v.* 2. 356.
Muria montana. *Linn. Syst. ed.* 12. *v.* 3. 98.

FOUND in abundance at Northwich in Cheshire, where it constitutes very solid strata, more or less mixed with common clay, giving it a dirty hue, or with yellowish or red calx of iron. Its large square crystals are often so transparent and clean as to appear uncontaminated. The miners leave pillars of it to support the roof; and when they show this grotto, they are proud to surprise the spectators, and add lustre to the scene by the display of many lights.

The *middle figure* shows the fracture to be cubic, and also some clear pieces lying among the coloured kind. I have none approaching the octaëdron or the cubico-octaëdron, see Haüy; nor do I know that it is found so in Great Britain.

Salt in sufficient quantity preserves animal substances from putrefaction, but too little is said to promote it.

Lustre 2 or 3, glassy. Transparency 2, 3, or 4. Hardness 4, 5, or 8. Spec. grav. 2,143. *Brisson.* Soluble in little less than 3 times its weight of water, at the temperature of

60. *Kirw*. Refraction single. Salt in the artificial way of preparing it, if crystallized hastily for use, has the centres of the cubes concave, or depressed, as it were, step by step from the edges, forming a curious figure. This is not uncommon in what is called rock salt, which is often brought to our tables in preference to basket salt; so called from being sold in fine grains, and pressed into conical baskets. Common salt is also used for glazing common earthen ware. 100 parts of this salt contain 35 of soda, and nearly 40 of muriatic acid, the rest being water. *Kirw*. 2. 33. Soda is an ingredient best procured from common salt. It is otherwise procured from sea plants. Soda not being found native in Great Britain, I take occasion to speak of it in this place. It is useful in making glass, and has lately been much used in common washing; often indeed so indiscreetly as to rot the linen, and even to act as Hercules's poisoned shirt, particularly to the tender skin of infants. Mothers will do well to be assured of their linen being well rinsed in plenty of cold water.

TAB. XXII, Lower Figure.
SODA fibrosa.
Fibrous Muriate of Soda.

Div. 2. Imitative.

Fibrous salt may be found of different shades of white, red, or brown, depending either on common clay, or on oxide of iron. This specimen has a piece or two of common clay in the centre. Its fibrous part is coloured by a red oxide of iron. This sort of specimen has been compared to wood, the curvature of the fibres and the fracture corresponding to that fanciful idea. Some have thought the red kind here figured resembled muscular fibres.

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TAB. XXIII.

FERRUM sulphuratum.

Sulphate of Iron.

Class 3. Metals. *Ord.* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* 6. Sulphate of Iron.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SPEC. CHAR. Sulphuric acid combined with iron.

SYN. Vitriol martial. *De Lisle*, *v.* 1. 331.
Sulfate de fer. *De Born*, *v.* 2. 39.
Vitriol vert. *Daubenton*, 28.
Vitriol of iron. *Kirw.* *v.* 2. 20.
Fer sulfaté. *Haüy*, *v.* 4. 122.
Vitriolum martis. *Linn. Syst. ed.* 12. *v.* 3. 104.

GREEN vitriol, as it is commonly called, is found crystallized, stalactitical, or in amorphous lumps, in many parts of Great Britain. The present is a curious specimen from Hawkshead coal mine, near Glasgow. It appears by a note sent to Mr. Vansittart with this and some other specimens which I had the pleasure of receiving from the Rev. Dr. Beeke, that the mine had been worked for above 200 years, from the *crop* to the *dip* (as the colliers term it), that is, following the descent from where it appeared on the surface, always working at the lowest part. Thus the upper parts, or pits, first worked were necessarily kept free from water, and were left exposed to the external air above the coal stratum. The black clay, or aluminous ore, being the cieling of the mine, absorbed the oxygen in the common air by means of the sulphure of iron, (which is almost imperceptibly mixed with it,) in such abundance as to expand it, first in the form of white silky threads, merely separating the laminæ in a somewhat undulating form, but afterwards expanding it in such a manner, that the whole stratum, which was but 14 inches, sometimes became a yard in thickness falling to the floor; and the threads, from being scarcely perceptible, become near an inch long, curling in many fanciful directions*. It sometimes ripens or consolidates into what the workmen call native copperas, and may possibly hold a little copper. It is somewhat crystallized, like the green part figured, upon the clay or alumine, which is in the act of throwing out little white opaque round spots, the effect of a further change since the specimen was in my possession. These probably contain less water than the other parts.—Its transparency is 2 or 3. *Kirw.* This is a very good alum ore, the sulphuric acid and the argil being by proper means separated, and recombined to form that substance.

* Which will be shown in Plate xxviii.

is said to be owing to their containing more silver. Some varieties have a diverging striated fracture. This ore holds lead in the metallic state. Before the blowpipe on charcoal it decrepitates, but melts easily with a sulphureous smell, part sinking into the charcoal. If alternately heated and cooled, it will at last vanish, and leave its silver, if it contains any. *Berg.* 493.—Spec. grav. 7,587. *Brisson.*

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TAB. XXV.

CUPRUM nativum; *var.* arborescens.

Native Copper; var. *arborescent.*

Class 3. Metals. *Ord.* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Copper. *Spec.* 1. Native Copper.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SYN. *Kirw.* v. 2. 128. *Haüy*, v. 3. 521.

ARBORESCENT copper differs from the dendritical, (which branches chiefly from its sides, and is mostly compressed,) in branching many ways without compression, and in general being more perfect in crystallization, as it is formed among loose fragments of quartz. The crystals are 12-sided, and sometimes large enough to be easily seen without a lens; at others many are accumulated and attached to each other in different directions, forming the appearance of a rough stem and leaves. They often widen and form macles. The colour and lustre vary from light and bright yellowish-red to bright brown-red. The lower figure I bought in Truro, and understood that it came from a mine in that vicinity. The upper figure is rather between dendritical and arborescent copper, but the definition is of no real consequence. The crystallizations are less perfect, and are made still less so by the green oxide covering the surface, and giving it a more vegetable-like appearance, except that its colour is too gay for any vegetable we know. It comes from Huel Jewel in Cornwall.

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TAB. XXVI.

CALX Fluor primitiva.

*Primitive crystallized Fluate of Lime; or Fluor**.

Class 2. Earth. *Ord.* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 3. Fluate of Lime.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SYN. Chaux fluatée primitive. *De Lisle, t.* 2. *p.* 15.
Haüy, v. 2. 249. *t.* 31. *f.* 74.
Rashleigh, v. 1. *t.* 24. *f.* 1.

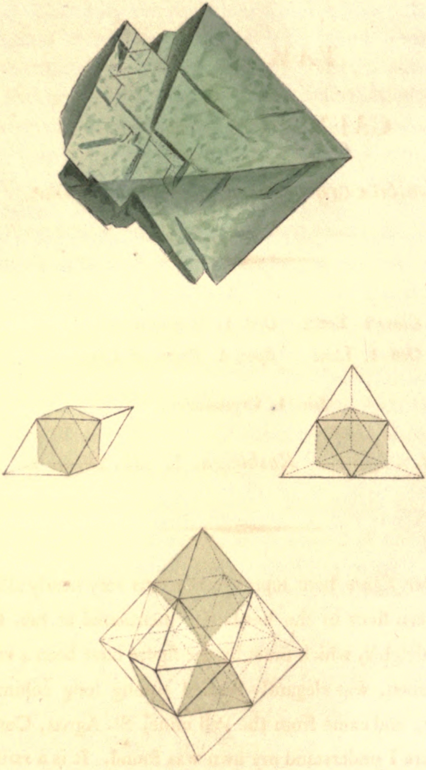
OCTAEDRAL fluor is rare, as I have observed at t. xi of this work. The upper figure of the present plate is from a specimen given me by the Right Honourable Charles Greville. It is found at Beer Alston, in Devonshire. I have never seen any of an opaque white but from thence; and, which is an addition to the curiosity of the specimen, the crystals here are alternately opaque white and transparent green, being as it were cased upon one another, 5, 6, or more times. The transparent kind gives the usual vivid glow when laid upon a hot poker, soon crackling and flying away. The white part does neither, and will remain as a defence to the next transparent part, until a stronger heat bursts it. The matrix is commonly hornstone in apparently broad strata, next to a sandy one on the side opposite to the fluor; with considerable hollows, seemingly the impressions

* Perhaps it is merely a carbonate of lime only.

of some large confused crystallization that had been in the next strata. This hornstone, from specimens given me by Lord Heathfield, has sometimes apparently very large green octaëdral fluor on it, covered with quartz crystals, and some varieties of octaëdral pyrites. The irregular fracture of the former gives the matrix an odd appearance, somewhat resembling the ground plan of a fortification, and not unlike what is called fortification agate, found on the Scottish coast. The figure at the top of the plate shows the octaëdron and its cases.

The *lower figure* is octaëdral fluor, from Aberdeenshire. I believe this may be the first time it has been noticed*. They are of a dark purple, but do not detach so freely as the above: they are lighter purple or greenish on the inside, and are heaped confusedly in a stratum of calcareous spar and cawk, if I am not deceived. The figures at the bottom are octaëdrons lying on one of the faces, to show that the fracture which is parallel to the face gives a hexangular form, as expressed at the left-hand figure, and will account for the hexaëdral remains of the crystal in the figure. The more triangular fractures are nearer the primitive faces.

* Jameson does not observe any thing more than that fluor has been found in Aberdeenshire. I think if he had seen any octaëdrons he would have said so.



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TAB. XXVII.

CALX Fluor primitiva.

Primitive crystallized Fluate of Lime.

Class 2. Earth. *Ord.* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 4. Fluate of Lime.

Div. 1. Crystallized.

SYN. . . . . . *Rashleigh*, 1. *tab.* 24. *f.* 2.

THE *upper figure* here represented seems very nearly allied to the green fluor in the hornstone mentioned at tab. 26. Mr. Rashleigh's, which must by the figure have been a very fine specimen, was elegantly formed among long columns of quartz, and came from the Pell mine, St. Agnes, Cornwall, where I understand my own was found. It is a rarity, as Mr. Rashleigh observes, and I am therefore happy to represent it here. It has no matrix, and appears to have been joined to a larger mass of its own substance, the fragments of which remain with it, and serve to show that the ruder parts have a tendency to the octaëdral figure. A remarkable circumstance belonging to this and the green part of the fluor, from Beer Alston, is: that on the hot poker it gives a blue green glow nearly like itself, but lighter from its brightness and somewhat more blue, very nearly resembling the chlorophane of Siberia mentioned at tab. xi.

The lower representations are designed to show the nature of the crystallization, which at first appears as if it had a rectangular octaëdron for the primitive and integrant molecule: but on examining the fracture carefully, we find signs of many forms, and can produce fragments truly tetraëdral and rhomboidal; the former of which assists to form the octaëdral; and (vice versa) one octaëdron with four tetraëdrons forms a tetraëdron placed as in the right-hand figure. An octaëdron requires 6 octaëdrons and 8 tetraëdrons to form it, as in the lowest figure. The rhomb, which might be taken for the primitive, is composed of one octaëdron and two tetraëdrons, as in the left-hand figure. An octaëdron is tinted in each to make it more apparent, and the lowest figure has also a tetraëdron coloured. The fracture in fluor is very distinct from that of carbonate of lime, and is parallel to the faces of the octaëdron, each plate having always one hexangular face, sometimes 2, forming altogether a flat octaëdron, like the bottom half of the left-hand figure in plate xxvi. Perhaps fluor fractures into more natural varieties of figures than any other mineral substance. However, as the octaëdron is always to be found in it, and is included most simply in the tetraëdron, the latter may be called the integrant molecule, and the former the primitive crystal. I do not know that the tetraëdron or rhomb has ever been obtained, except by means of fracture.

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TAB. XXVIII.

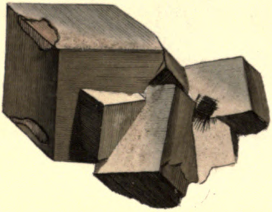
FERRUM sulphuratum.

Silky filamentous Sulphate of Iron.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* 6. Sulphate of Iron.
Div. 2. Imitative. *Var.* White Silky.

TAB. 23 shows the beginning of this white silky substance, by means of common moist air decomposing the pyrites, which is held in the black clay in such abundance in this specimen, as to separate and divide it so confusedly, that it is only recognizable by the little thin flakes, which still give out small floccose particles if in a damp place. The green crystallized parts in this specimen are also forming into white woolly fibres. Whitby, in Yorkshire, has of old been famous for alum works, as have other parts of the same county. My kind friend the Rev. James Dalton was so good as to send me specimens of alum ore from Mr. Baker's Boulby works. It is a more compact ore than that from Glasgow. Dr. Travis, of Scarboro', gave me some from Skowbrow, among which a baked specimen has some of the silky filaments remaining, as in Tab. 23. Alum has not been discovered native in England. It is said to be found abroad in octaëdral crystals, which is the form of the artificial ones. Of these I have a most superb specimen, sent by the Rev. James Dalton, from Mr. Baker's alum works above mentioned; also some beautiful little crystals formed by agitation in a wine-glass, showing the lesser octaëdrons within the larger, and some curious modifications.

The crystallized specimen from Scotland has a prism.



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TAB. XXIX.

FERRUM sulphureum.

Sulphuret of Iron. Pyrites.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* 5. Sulphuret of Iron.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SYN. Martial pyrites. *Kirw. v.* 2. 76.
Pyrites martiales. Marcassites. *De Lisle, v.* 3. 208.
Schwefel kies. *Emmerl. v.* 2. 289.
Fer sulfuré. *Haüy, v.* 4. 65.

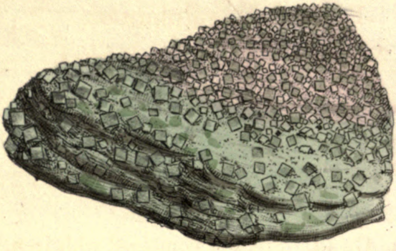
THE *upper figure* is from Cornwall.

This substance is very universal, and not rarely occurs crystallized. It is perhaps as often found in the cubic or primitive form as any thing we know of, especially among the schistose rocks in Wales, Scotland, Cornwall, and Ireland, on what Dr. Babington denominates Calp, vulgarly called Irish Diamonds. This sort was used formerly for making buttons, and was in fashion as jewellery for ladies' ornaments about half a century ago, being cut and polished by the lapidaries for that purpose, often to the destruction of the natural crystal. It is often found among coals, &c.

It forms many varieties of crystallizations. *The upper figure* shows a group of cubes: the larger one appears somewhat laminated in the structure, and is nearly covered as it were with a thin case. They are often quite smooth, but are more frequently found with straight lines or striæ on the faces, alternating with the faces next to each other, but agreeing with the opposite sides or faces. The cubes are often larger than those here figured.

Under the blowpipe the odour of sulphur is very sensible, and a magnetical oxide of iron is to be produced. It scintillates with steel.

The lower figure from Redruth, in Cornwall, with little cubes, piled like clubs, and somewhat varying in colour, perhaps contains a little more copper. Mr. Kirwan says a small portion of copper is always present in pyrites. The upper part being paler than the lower is a sort of indication of its holding most iron. *Spec. Grav.* 4,1006—4,7491.



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TAB. XXX.

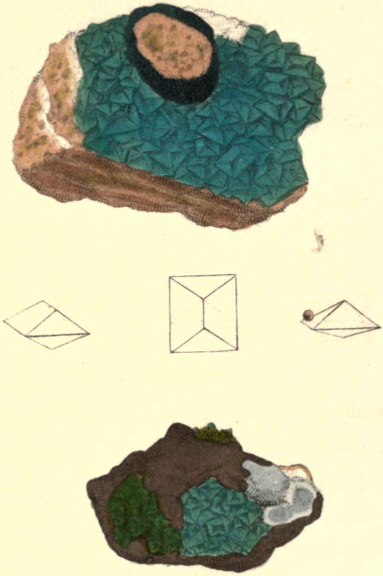
FERRUM sulphureum.

Sulphuret of Iron. Pyrites.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* 5. Sulphuret of Iron.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SPEC. CHAR. Sulphur combined with Iron.

THESE crystals were communicated by the Rev. H. Davies, from Parys Mine, Anglesea, where there is great abundance in some places, heaped together like grains of sand, so small that their lustre is lost in their minuteness, much less can the cubic form be seen without a magnifying glass. The rocks of limestone, and those passing to regular slate, contain them of different sizes. *The upper figure* is from a specimen the gangue of which is between common limestone and slate, and contains no small quantity of the crystals. The gangue is in the more chalky parts stained a little green, perhaps from some oxide of copper. *The lower figure* is a piece of undulated (otherwise common blue) slate, which is a durable sort if free from pyrites, as the common air decomposes the pyrites, decays the iron, and the slate becomes rotten. This will be further explained when we are treating of the best slate of Wales, Westmoreland, Yorkshire, Cornwall, &c.



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TAB. XXXI.

CUPRUM arseniatum.

Arseniate of Copper.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Copper. *Spec.* 9. Arseniate of Copper.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SPEC. CHAR. Arsenic acid combined with copper.
SYN. Philos. Trans. for 1801, p. 169.

WE are obliged to Mr. Chenevix and Count Bournon for the best account of the arseniates of copper. They are found at Huel Gorland mine in Cornwall. The simplest variety, according to Count Bournon, is the obtuse octaëdron. He observes that this octaëdron has, in each of its pyramids, two opposite planes more inclined than the other two; which gives a parallelogrammic form to their common base. The two planes which are most inclined meet at the apex of each of the pyramids, in an angle of 130°, and at the common base in one of 50°. The two planes which are less inclined meet at the apex in an angle of 115°, and at the base in one of 65°.

The faces are sometimes smooth, mostly bright, and occasionally show signs of the angles of the tetraëdron, or have striæ parallel to their edges, as Count Bournon observes. He also remarks that the four planes terminate in one and the same point; but more commonly the apex is formed into a ridge, the octaëdron being lengthened parallel to the lesser inclined planes. The base is then a square, or at least approaches nearly to that form. *The first figure* seems to be rare; those with the ridge are more common, particularly such as are further lengthened, passing from the right hand figure in my Plate to the left*. The gangue is an ochraceous quartz with some copper, and often approaches what is called pitch copper: *the right hand figure* has a little green globule of a waxy appearance. Such are sometimes abundantly scattered over the octaëdral crystals, and appear to be carbonate of copper, or malachite.

It is either of a beautiful deepish azure blue with a greenish cast, exactly resembling pure Roman vitriol, or artificial sulphate of copper somewhat opaque, or of a fine green; in which last case it resembles the emerald. Such specimens are most transparent, and vary in being sometimes lighter coloured. These are frequently blue within,

* The Count mentions these as the only two varieties he has observed in the form of the crystals of this species, although he had opportunity of examining a great number of specimens. I am happy to add a new, and I think interesting, variety, especially as it seems, from what has been said above, to be very rare. See tab. 32.

as the fracture readily shows. We shall now consider the present specimens chemically, with the assistance of Mr. Chenevix, who, as well as Count Bournon, remarks the rarity of this substance in any other country; and it appears that Mr. Haüy had only seen the hexaëdral variety of arseniate of copper from Cornwall, in the hands of a friend, when he was about his very ingenious work on crystallography. We therefore may safely conclude that the present and first species of Count Bournon, with all the others, are described in the Philosophical Transactions only, or in works copied from thence. We shall, however, exhibit some varieties not yet described, one of which may be seen in the next plate.

That able chemist Mr. Chenevix, having favoured the public with the analysis, found it to contain

Oxide of copper	49
Arsenic acid	14
Water	35
	98

TAB. XXXII.

CUPRUM arseniatum.
Arseniate of Copper.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Copper. *Spec.* 9. Arseniate of Copper.

Div. 1. Crystallized.

Var. The solid angles of the mutual base of the two pyramids truncated.

SPEC. CHAR. Arsenic acid combined with copper.
SYN. Phil. Trans. for 1801, p. 169.

THIS being, I suppose, a scarce variety, not having been mentioned by the experienced Count Bournon, I am happy to give a figure of it to the public. Among the clusters of grass-green crystals of arseniate of copper, we mostly find some with the corner of the mutual base of the pyramids more or less rounded. These in the present specimen form regular facets, making it a twelve-sided crystal. The facets pass the common base at right angles, cutting off the four corners: thus the mutual base is an octaëdral plane, at right angles with the four corners of the double pyramids.

They are somewhat uneven, and show evident signs of the want of a few molecules to fill up their interstices. The crystals in general seem to have been disturbed or interrupted, and show markings on their surfaces. Besides this, I have a variety with the sides of the mutual base somewhat rounding, though scarcely perceptible, which is figured in *the left hand outline.* The broken crystal in the middle, to show the blue within, was most conspicuously so, and is figured of its natural size, being larger than usual: the other two are slightly magnified. We have since met with one five-eighths of an inch long.

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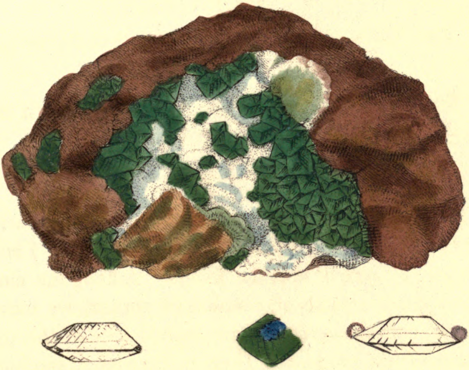

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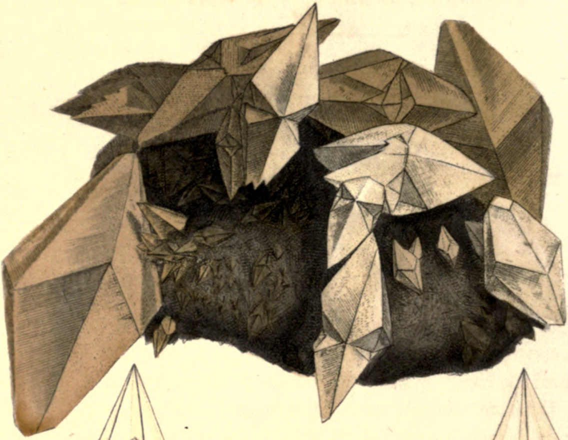

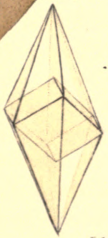

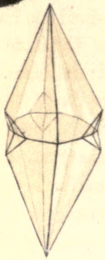

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TAB. XXXIII.

CALX carbonata, *var.* metastatica.
Carbonate of Lime, var. *metastatic.*

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 1. Crystallized. *Var.* Metastatic.

SYN. Dent de cochon. *De Lisle, tab.* 1. *p.* 530.

Chaux carbonatée metastatique. $\overset{2}{\underset{r}{D}}$ *Hauy, v.* 2. *p.* 134.

THIS form or variety of crystallization of carbonate of lime is perhaps one of the most common, and has obtained the name of Dog's tooth spar in England, and that of Dent de cochon, or Swine's tooth, in France. This crystallization is prevalent of different sizes, colours, &c., in Derbyshire, some affording good examples of the primitive rhomb, being clear, and differing very little from the true Iceland crystal, which is reckoned the most pellucid, and for a figure of which see our *tab.* 2. *The left hand lower figure* shows the usual construction, the edges of the opposite pyramids meeting on the edges of the primitive rhomb, when the obtuse ends are opposite to each apex *, the more acute angles forming three principal ones, and the obtuse three less distinct ones: thus each pyramid has six sides, the acute and obtuse meeting in alternate order at the

* The metastatic is formed by an addition of laminæ, formed of rhomboidal molecules upon the faces of the primitive rhomb, each plate decreasing in width twice its thickness. This will be more fully explained hereafter.

common base. *The right hand figure* represents two pyramids of the same, transversely cut through the middle, showing a plane of 12 sides, and turned on the axis till they meet each other in an opposite direction, exhibiting a remarkable appearance, called by some authors macling. They often seem to be two crystals passing into each other, and are then said to be twins. This is formed on a gangue or lump of manganese, or black wad as the miners term it, which seems to give the crystals a dirty tinge, especially those nearest to it. We do not know that it has any other effect on the crystallization.

TAB. XXXIV.

CALX carbonata, *var.* metastatica.
Carbonate of Lime, var. *metastatic.*

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 1. Crystallized.
Var. Crystal metastatic terminating with primitive facets.

UPPER FIGURES. The metastatic crystallization is formed, as before observed, by a particular arrangement of the molecules. These continue to form regularly, according to the supply of those molecules, which, stopping abruptly, terminate in the obtuse point of the primitive crystal, showing three faces. This termination is not very common: the outline on the left hand will help to explain it. The other lateral faces will be spoken of hereafter.

The lower figure shows the equiaxe termination, and *the right hand geometrical figure*, its formation upon the rhomb.

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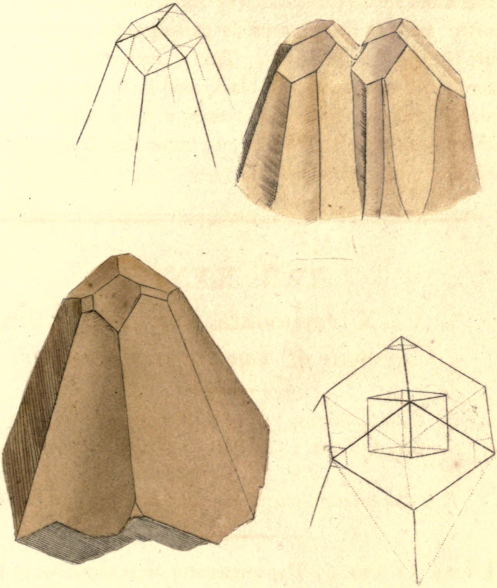

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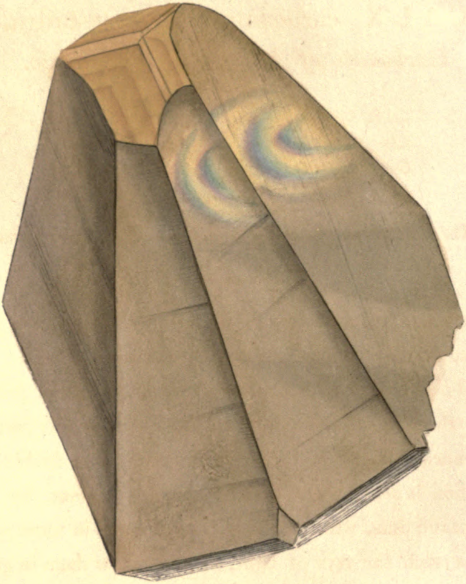

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TAB. XXXV.

C A L X carbonata, *var.* metastatica.

Carbonate of Lime, var. *metastatic.*

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of lime.
Div. 1. Crystallized.
Var. Metastatic terminating with equiaxed and other faces.

THIS fine yellowish crystal shows at the apex three polished faces, which are parts of the equiaxed crystals: several others next to them show the approach to the primitive rhomb, and three primitive faces; the rest is part of an unequal-sided or flattish metastatic. The double refraction is seen, when held in certain directions, by the prismatic tints, which are very beautiful, and in some positions catch the rays of light, so as to show them in great abundance in the numerous flaws; which flaws would be some detriment to the specimen, if this appearance did not so well compensate for them. They also serve by their direction to show how the fragments are obtained which exhibit the nuclei. See *tab*. 2.

TAB. XXXVI.

CALX carbonata, *var.* metastatica.
Carbonate of Lime, var. *metastatic.*

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 1. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 1. Crystallized. *Var.* Crystal metastatic.

This specimen shows a variety of faces depending on certain laws of increase and decrease, and seems more regularly forming the metastatic within, where it abounds with pyrites, than externally. This serves to show that crystallization may continue while one substance has another within it. The pyrites, from their colour, as well as form, should seem to hold copper as well as iron.

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TAB. XXXVII.

CUPRUM arseniatum:

Arseniate of Copper.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Copper. *Spec.* 9. Arseniate of Copper.
Div. 1. Crystallized.
Var. Crystal an hexaëdral plate with inclined edges.

SYN. Cuivre arseniaté lamelliforme. *Haüy, v.* 3. *p.* 578.

Arseniate of copper in hexaëdral laminæ, with inclined sides. *Phil. Trans.* 1801, *p.* 176.

THIS beautiful variety is described by Count Bournon in the Philosophical Transactions for 1801, and we cannot do better than profit by his description. "It is in very thin hexaëdral laminæ, the six sides alternating in an inclined position, with the broad hexaëdral planes on either side at an angle of about 135°, and the third at 115°, on the opposite side." See *fig.* 1. The crystals are more or less piled on each other, and are often to be divided, or split parallel to their surfaces, in the same manner as Mica. They are very brittle, mostly of an emerald green, and as transparent as the best glass, their lustre resembling the thin glass called frosting; or, as the Count expresses it, the lustre of those coloured metal plates known by the name of foil, and are most splendid when the light falls on the broad planes. The edges are more opaque, partly from the contrary direction of the crystal, and partly from the striæ in the direction of the laminæ. *Fig.* 2. is a general group of crystals. *Fig.* 3. shows a variety in my possession of a yellower tint *.

The lower geometrical figures show, according to Count Bournon's measurement, that if the inclined sides were to be increased by a regular set of decreasing plates placed upon the surface till they formed an equilateral triangle, they would become oblique octaëdrons, (see *right hand figure*;) and if they further continued on these planes till they were lost, they would produce a rhomboidal prism, which, as it seems to agree with the fragments, may be the primitive form. I should have observed that it not only splits into laminæ on the broad planes, but that it also readily does so with the side facets. Its fracture is sometimes irregularly conchoidal and glassy. *Spec. grav.* 2,548. Mr. Chenevix found it to contain oxide of copper 58, arsenic acid 21, water 21.

* These two are somewhat magnified.

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TAB. XXXVIII.

CALX carbonata fœtida.

Botryoidal Limestone with a fœtid smell.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 2. Imitative. *Var.* Botryoidal.

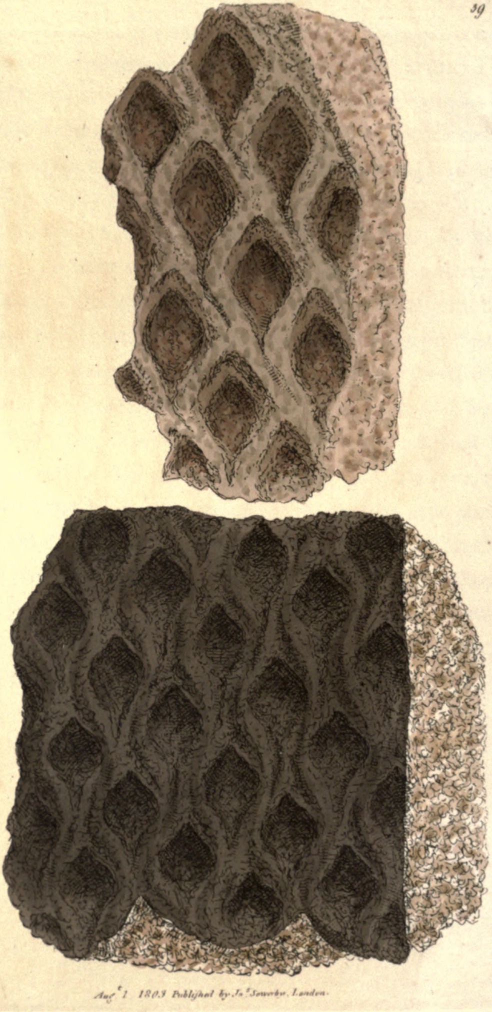
SYN. Swine Stone. *Kirw. v.* 1. 89.
Stinkstein. *Emmerl. v.* 1. *p.* 487.
Chaux carbonatée fétide. *Haüy*, *v.* 2. *p.* 188.

We have exhibited the present specimen of limestone as a very curious one, on account of its resembling a bunch of grapes. It seems to be formed by water passing through loose marly earth, and consists of smaller or larger globules, according to circumstances; sometimes in bundles resembling Ketton Stone, (see pl. 8, *upper figure*,) at other times much larger (see *the lower figure* in this plate). The globules are occasionally a little hollow, and crystallized within; sometimes nearly clear, and white, when they are destitute of smell; but they are more commonly solid and brown within, have a very fœtid* odour, easily perceived by scraping or pounding. This smell has been ascribed to

* The fœtid variety of *Limestone* is by no means rare.

bitumen, but is of a very different nature. Vauquelin considers it as sulphurated hydrogen. The colour is caused by oxide of iron with more or less clay. The odour goes off from the surface if exposed to the atmosphere; which makes it necessary to scrape it: the heat used in burning it to lime dissipates it entirely.

The lower figure is very interesting, as it shows the stratification while crystallizing, the darker parts making it evident. The top of this specimen is crystallized with the acute ends of the inverse rhomb, (see tab. 4. *upper figure*,) pointing outwards, which is not unusual in this kind of concentric construction of calcareous earths. Lady Wilson first gave me specimens of this stone, from Sunderland in the county of Durham. Mr. Winch, F. L. S. has since favoured me with many varieties of it from the same place. The Rev. John Harriman sent me a specimen from Hartlepool in the same county; and it should seem by his observations that this curious stratum may extend from Hartlepool to Sunderland, all along the coast, and perhaps much further. It is called Building Hill Stone in Sunderland.



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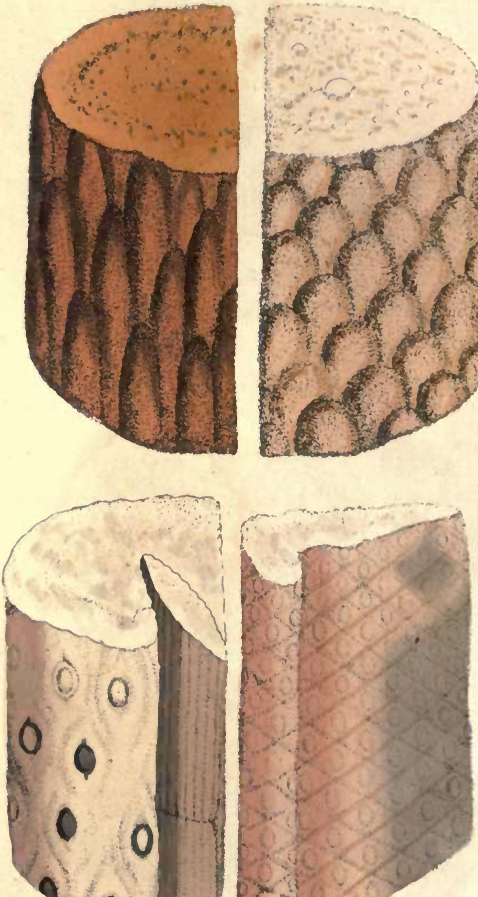

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TAB. XXXIX. and XL.

SILEX arenacea.

Siliceous Sandstone.

Class 2. Earths. *Ord.* 3. Aggregated.
Gen. 6. Silex. *Spec.* 2. Grains of Silex more or less agglutinated.
Div. 3. Amorphous.

SPEC. CHAR. Fracture granular.

SYN. Siliceous sandstones. *Kirw. v.* 1. 364.
Cos friabilis. *Linn. Syst. v.* 3. *p.* 63. 9.
— coagmentata. *Linn. Syst. v.* 3. *p.* 63. 10.
Quartz arenacée agglutinée, ou Grés. *Haüy*, *v.* 4. 464.

SANDSTONES may be said to be composed chiefly of quartz in smaller or larger particles, which, according to Kirwan, should not exceed one third of an inch in diameter. In the representation of such as are not primitive sandstones, it is thought of much utility to put those which have impressions on their surfaces of plants, shells, or other things formerly organized, that while we acquire a common idea of the substance, it may help geological purposes, which will be found extremely essential in mineralogy, as it leads to the æra of formation of different strata, distinguishing by such helps the more recent from the most remote.

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The *upper figure* is chiefly composed of irregular whitish grains of quartz, cemented to each other by a sort of agglutination of its own particles, and in some parts with oxide of iron, which gives it the brownish tinge: it has a few specks of mica, and a very little decomposed feltspar. This was sent me by the Rev. Mr. Harriman from Durham.

The lower figure is perhaps the coarsest sort of sandstone, of much the same ingredients, but of a looser texture, with more decomposed feltspar, and was given me by Lady Wilson, who brought it from Walmington in Cumberland. The coarseness of the stone shows plainly that it could not have been formed by human contrivance with the present beautiful ornament, but that it is a natural production, which equals in simplicity and elegance some of the most admired ornaments of antiquity, and may, like them, give an useful hint to modern architects.

The impressions seem to be like the leafy scales of the stem of some plant yet unknown to us. They are most like some foreign Euphorbia or Cactus.

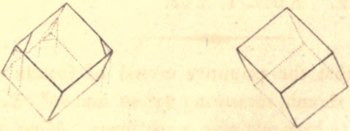
TAB. XL.

The *lower figures* in this plate are of the finest texture: the particles in *the right hand figure* are so fine as scarcely to be discerned without a magnifying glass: the fracture, which is a little shattery as well as earthy, in some parts readily shows the sand-like texture. It is more strongly cemented in other parts by means of a very little lime, and more strongly still by a siliceous cement. The original of the impression we do not at present know. The particles in *the left hand figure* are somewhat larger, but are more compactly agglutinated by the siliceous cement, and seem as if more or less fused into each other, somewhat approaching the vitreous appearance. The impression seems to belong to some vegetable, possibly furnished with spines in the order where the little ovate knobs appear, which in a specimen lent me by Sir Joseph Banks were rounder, his whole specimen not being compressed*. *The upper figure* with the long squamæ is what is called by *Kirwan* ferruginous Sandstone, see *v.* 1. *p.* 365. It is coloured with an oxide of iron, which seems to be in that state of oxygenization on the outside, which has the conglutinating power ascribed to it by Mr. Kirwan, and is consequently more compact on the outside than on the inside. Pebble stones held together in this manner are very common in gravelly places about London.

The right hand upper figure is a coarser stone of a similar nature, with some pebbles occasionally here and there about it; also some lumps of a chalky appearance resembling decomposing feltspar, if I may guess by the little remains of the crystal and fracture. Thus it is perhaps next in order

* I have figured the specimen given me by Mr. Martin of Derbyshire, as it had an impression on it resembling a bamboo stalk, although Sir Joseph Banks's was better in other respects.

to the Rubble Stone of *Kirw. v.* 1. 366. Sandstones are found in many parts of England, and are of great use. They are natural filters in the laboratory of nature, and are now become a modern branch of traffic in Derbyshire, London, and other places, for filtering water. They are brought from Newcastle for grindstones, sharpening of scythes, rubbing down copperplates, &c. Some sorts have been used for buildings, as at Windsor Castle, which is chiefly of the whiter kind and fine grained. The grey and black blotches will be explained hereafter. Mr. Martyn above mentioned has given figures of several specimens of these in his Derbyshire Petrifactions.



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TAB. XLI.

SILEX quartzum primitivum.

Primitive crystallized Quartz.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Silex. *Spec.* 1. Quartz.
Div. 1. Crystallized. *Var.* 1. Primitive.

GEN. CHAR. Rough and harsh to the touch. Soluble in the two fixed alkalis; but in no acid but the fluoric, except (as some think) when in combination with an alkali, much diluted with water; also soluble in 1000 times its weight of water.

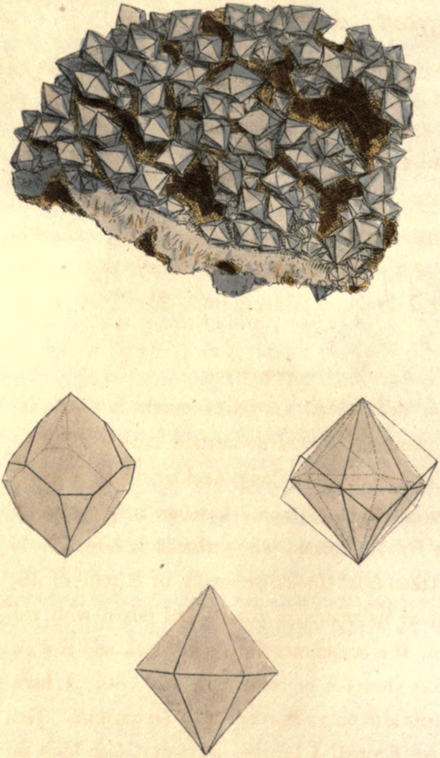
SPEC. CHAR. Nearly uncombined. Burns to an opaque white. Spec. grav. 2.64 to 2.67. *Kirw.*

SYN. Quartz. *Kirw.* 1. 242.

HAÜY says that the primitive crystal of Quartz is the slightly obtuse rhomb, measuring 94° 40′ and 85° 56′. He does not seem to have met with a specimen. Mine, which is formed in a variegated flint, from Lewisham in Kent, showing only one end of the rhomb, agrees with this description, as the primitive: some of them show signs of the other three faces, approaching the double hexaëdral pyramids. See *the left hand figure.*

Silica when transparent and crystallized is commonly called Quartz, Rock Crystal, or Mountain Crystal; the purest are generally colourless, and often very brilliant. They were formerly much esteemed, and known by the jewellers under the name of Rock Crystals, and Scotch, Welch, or Cornish Diamonds; nor do jewellers seem to distinguish between Rock Crystal and Quartz, although they chiefly use Rock Crystal.

It is sometimes found yellowish, or of a topaz colour, passing to red, purplish, brown, black, &c. Its lustre is glassy; it is more or less transparent, and is said by most authors to have a double refraction: we, however, could not discover this circumstance. The fracture is coarse, splintery, conchoidal, or undulating, the flaws frequently iridescent. Hardness 10. *Kirw*, brittle, strikes fire with steel, and scratches glass. It is the chief ingredient in making glass, when fused with potash, soda, &c. and seems to be only a purer kind of flint. Diamond has generally been classed as the first species of Silex, but it has at length been discovered to be the purest species of Carbon. Quartz seems very properly distinguished from rock crystal by Mr. Kirwan. The former if exposed to a strong red heat becomes of an opaque white: this specimen is therefore truly quartz, as I have proved by trying a fragment, which being exposed to a strong heat in a common fire became first of an opaque white, and by longer exposure somewhat opaline, or rather like chalcedony; not unlike common flint under similar circumstances. Rock crystals on the contrary, originally dark brown, &c. by the same heat become beautifully transparent, as some lapidaries and jewellers well know.



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TAB. XLII.

SILEX quartzum. *var.* dodecaëdrum.

Crystallized dodecaëdral Quartz.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Silex. *Spec.* 1. Quartz.

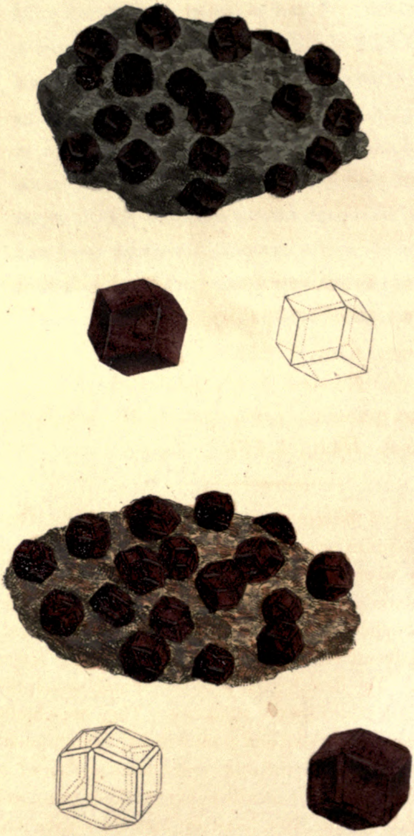
Div. Crystallized. *Var.* Dodecaëdron with triangular faces.

SYN. Quartz. *Bab.* 80.

Quartz-hyalin dodecaëdre. $\overset{P}{P}\overset{\frac{1}{2}}{e}\underset{z}{}$ *Haüy, tab.* 40. *f.* 1.

Cristal de roche dodecaëdre. *De Lisle, t.* 2. *p.* 70.

THE regular dodecaëdral crystal of quartz is somewhat rare. I at present know of no certain habitat for it in Great Britain, excepting at Craig Lackart, about 3 miles from Edinburgh, from whence I have an irregular group given me by Dr. P. Murray, who gathered it himself. It is evidently taken from a rock externally in a state of decomposition, as its matrix is porous and mixed with red oxide of iron. It is sometimes found at Bristol, and also on the Lancashire iron ore or hæmatites, *Bab.* 80. I have such specimens also on an iron ore from Devonshire. The specimen here figured, I believe, is from Cader Idris in North Wales, and seems to have been thrown off from the main rock by an ochraceous decomposition: on that side towards the rock it is extremely porous, not unaptly resembling French burr, which is used for mill stones. Quartz or silex is not only common in our primitive mountains, but also in our gravel roads. It frequently takes place of animal and vegetable substances, forming petrifactions, or running, like lava or wax, into a mould, occasionally passing into the state of chalcedony, cachalon, &c. Fragments of this specimen became opaque in burning, as did that from Scotland. Crystals of specimens nearly dodecaëdral on Lancashire and Bristol iron ore are properly rock or mountain crystal, as they burn transparent.



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TAB. XLIII.

SILEX granatus.

Garnet.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Silex. *Spec.* 13? Garnet.
Div. 1. Crystallized. *Var.* 1. dodecaëdral, or primitive.

Spec. Char. Primitive form, the rhomboidal dodecaëdron; scratches quartz.

Syn. Garnet. *Kirw.* 1. 258.
Granat. *Emmerl.* 1. 43, and 3. 246.
Borax granatus. *Linn. Syst. ed.* 13. *v.* 4. *p.* 96.
Grenat. *Haüy*, 2. 540.

Garnets are of different degrees of hardness. The Oriental and Bohemian ones are of a brighter colour, and are much harder than the British, but all want the aid of the lapidary by thinning them, to show their lustre, and when set by the jewellers are always placed upon a foil. They were much esteemed for hoop-rings, ear-rings, &c. about 40 years ago. The British garnets are commonly much the softest, and not valued by the lapidaries. They are chiefly found inclosed in micaceous and granite rocks, though sometimes otherwise. Besides the other ingredients spoken of in garnets, the British ones frequently hold particles of mica, and are of a less firm texture. We, however, have the satisfaction to find them present most of the different forms of crystallization. We here give a representation of what is reckoned the primitive crystal, (viz.) the rhomboidal dodecaëdron. These are found in great plenty in the Plum-pudding rocks, as they are called, at Huntly in Scotland. We have bought specimens at sales which are said to come from Bohemia, seemingly of the same sort, and in the same gangue as those from Huntly. The Syrian garnet is of a more scarlet hue, though I have some cut ones, said to come from Scotland, nearly of the same colour, but rather less bright.

The lower figures are from rocks near the same place in a lighter-coloured gangue (a granite), with the edges of the dodecaëdron forming 24 narrow hexaëdral facets, in addition to the 12 rhomboidal faces. I have the same sort of garnet, though lighter, in a basaltic stone, and in greenish hornstone from Scotland. Mr. Jameson has found them in micaceous schistus, *v.* 1. 219. *v.* 2. 212. External lustre casual, internal 2. 3. 1. of the brownish and blackish frequently 0. *Kirw.* Fracture of the hard ones somewhat flinty or conchoidal. Mr. Kirwan calls the oriental garnets *carbuncles*, p. 258.

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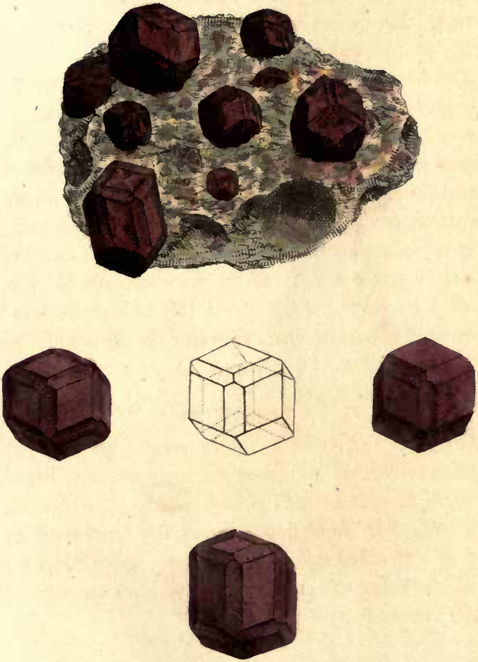
SHOWS a variety in a lighter granite gangue with the edges more deeply truncated on the 6 opposite edges, see *the right hand and middle figure*, making an 18-sided crystal. *The left hand figure* shows the truncation equally deep of a 36-sided figure. *The lower figure* forms a prism by 6 sides being elongated. These varieties are more or less distinct in the gangue above.



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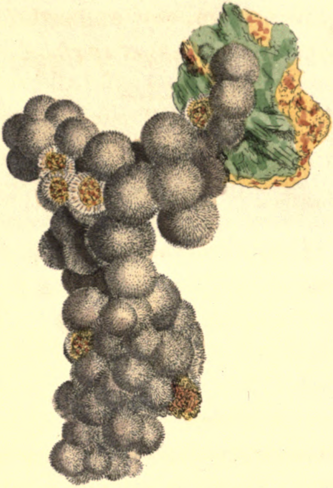

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TAB. XLV.

CUPRUM arseniatum, *var.* amianthiformis.

Amianthiform Arseniate of Copper.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Copper. *Spec.* Arseniate of Copper.
Div. 2. Imitative. *Var.* 2. Amianthiform.

SPEC. CHAR. Copper combined with arsenic acid.

SYN. Amianthiform arseniate of copper. *Bournon, Phil. Trans.* 1801, *p.* 180.
N. 2. 4th species, &c. *Chenevix, Phil. Trans.* 1801, *p.* 199.

THIS species of copper appears first to have been described by Count Bournon. The present variety is a curious example, and seems so well described by the above author, that we shall transcribe part of his own words. "This variety is composed of fibres as delicate as those of amianthus, of the flexibility of which they frequently possess a certain degree." In the present specimen they resemble the finest filaments of silk. It serves to show a variety in colour not mentioned by Count Bournon, viz. the purple hue, which more or less covers the surfaces or the points of the flexible threads. The other parts are of a lightish straw yellow. Its resemblance to a raceme of currants or a bunch of grapes made me think that each bundle was composed of fibres formed from its centre (as some of the smaller ones are): but on opening some of them we found an ochraceous gravelly substance in the middle, from which they diverged more or less regularly, often more dense and hard inwardly than outwardly. The more regular ones are commonly more white and satiny than the others, excepting towards the tips, and are more of the texture of rotten wood. The outsides are very tender, and easily bruised. According to the analysis of Mr. Chenevix, this species contains

Oxide of copper	54
Arsenic acid	30
Water	16
	100

Haüy mentions capillary arseniate of copper, *v.* 3. p. 578. and observes "that foreign mineralogists have found different regular forms of arseniate of copper, which from certain circumstances he has not yet been able to determine." *The lower magnified figure* shows some of the fibres or filaments of both sorts here mentioned, some of which are collapsing at their points as if they had been wetted, forming various reticulations and indentations of a purplish hue, apparently retaining that colour from being less exposed to rubbing or any other accident. This was found in Huel Gorland mine in Cornwall, from whence most of the other arseniates of copper come.

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The *upper specimen* is nearly of a straw colour, and diverges in a stellated manner from a common centre, with a good deal of the appearance of that kind of rotten wood called Touchwood. I have seen specimens of different shades of green, which somewhat resemble the Byssus-like carbonate of copper, see *the surface of the lower figure,* where there are also the various colours from straw to dark brown, some of which appear of the colour of darkish brown rotten wood, a little resembling the wood Tin Ore of Cornwall, but may be readily known from it by being so much less heavy than that ore. This appearance occasioned the common denomination of Wood Copper, before Count Bournon's paper above alluded to was published.

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TAB. XLVII.

CUPRUM carbonatum, *var.* byssoides.

Byssus-like Carbonate of Copper.

Class 3. Metals.	*Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Copper,	*Spec.* 3. Carbonate of Copper.
Div. 2. Imitative.	*Var.* 8. Byssus-like.

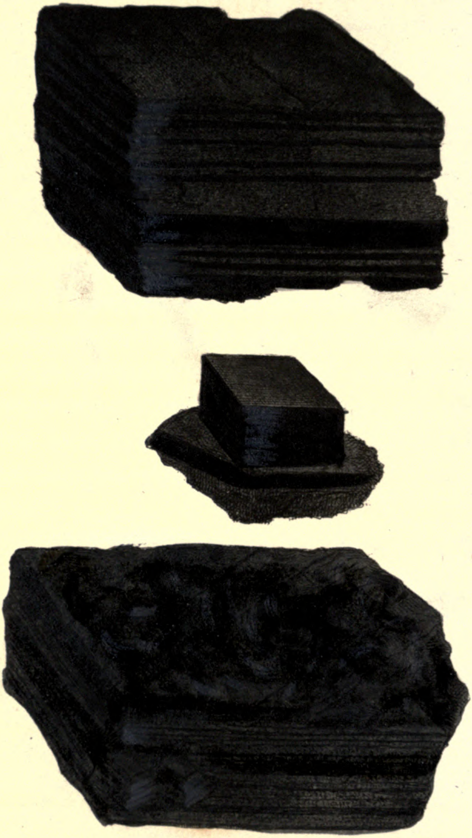
SPEC. CHAR. Copper combined with carbonic acid.

SYN. Green Malachite. *Rashleigh, fasc.* 1. *tab.* 7. *f.* 6.

Cuivre Cabonatée vert soyeuse. *Haüy* 3. 573.

Malachit. *Emmerl. t.* 2. *p.* 253.

MALACHITE Copper ore of this beautiful Byssus-like appearance has been found in great abundance at Llandidno, in Denbighshire. It has rather the appearance of a vegetable than a mineral production, and is most commonly found of a beautiful velvety appearance. The upper surface is extremely tender, and bruises on the slightest touch, assuming a whitish appearance. The sides become more or less white on exposure to the air, and when fresh broken, are of a satiny green, formed of fine thready radii, often closely compacted in stratified order, one coat over another, rightly compared by Mr. Rashleigh to the coating of an onion. It is found from a light to a dark green; the surface is sometimes tinged with, and passing into a red, or crimson. Its form is generally in protuberating knobs or mammillæ. Malachites, though well known in many parts of England, have been generally esteemed foreign productions: Dr. Babington, however, mentions the harder sort, resembling the foreign, being found at Helstone, and the Land's End in Cornwall, in the South of Wales and Yorkshire. We have it from Wheal Unity, and many parts of Cornwall. The softer sort is not unfrequent among copper ores, with the other which we have from North Wales, as before mentioned; and our friend, Dr. Ridout, was so good as to give us a specimen which he gathered himself at Doddington mine, in Somersetshire. They are said to contain from 66 to 75 per cent. copper, 19·4 carbonic acid, and 5·6 water, and sometimes a little arsenic. Hardness, 5-7. *Kirw.* *Spec. Grav.* 3·5 to 3·994.



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TAB. XLVIII.

CARBO bituminosus.

Pit-Coal.

Class 1. Combustibles. *Order* 2. Mixed.
Gen. 6. Carbon. *Spec.* 1. Bituminous.

SPEC. CHAR. Bituminous oxide of carbon, and oxide of carbon; mixed.

SYN. Mineral Carbon impregnated with bitumen. *Kirw.* 2. 51.

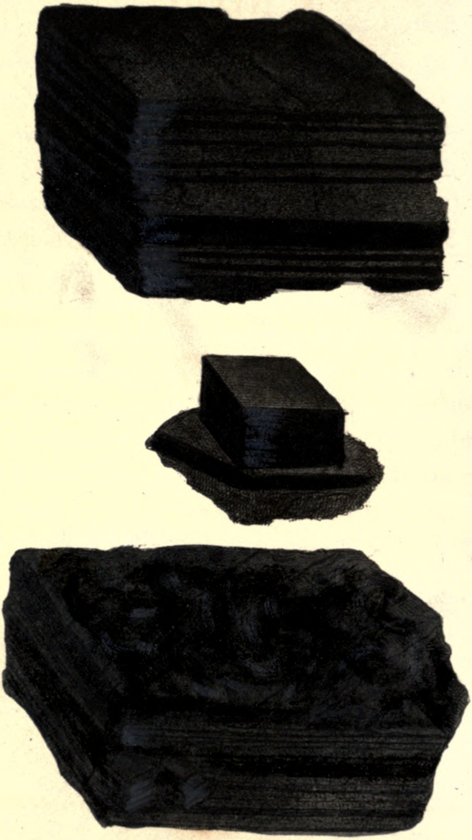
Bitumen Lithanthrax *. *Linn. Syst. Nat. ed.* 13. *t.* 3. *p.* 111.

Steinkhole. *Emmerl.* 1. 60.

Houille. *Haüy* 3. 316. *De Lisle* 2. 590.

COAL is a curious, valuable, and well-known article in Great Britain, supplying us with great store of excellent fuel. There are many varieties in different mines, and even in the same mine. *The upper figure* is taken from a common Newcastle specimen, from whence a great part of

* Linnæus included all coals under this title, describing them as schistose, which does not include all the species.



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Class 1. Combustibles. *Order* 2. Mixed.
Gen. 6. Carbon. *Spec.* 1. Bituminous.

Spec. Char. Bituminous oxide of carbon, and oxide of carbon; mixed.

Syn. Mineral Carbon impregnated with bitumen. *Kirw.* 2. 51.

Bitumen Lithanthrax *. *Linn. Syst. Nat. ed.* 13. *t.* 3. *p.* 111.

Steinkhole. *Emmerl.* 1. 60.

Houille. *Haüy* 3. 316. *De Lisle* 2. 590.

Coal is a curious, valuable, and well-known article in Great Britain, supplying us with great store of excellent fuel. There are many varieties in different mines, and even in the same mine. *The upper figure* is taken from a common Newcastle specimen, from whence a great part of

* Linnæus included all coals under this title, describing them as schistose, which does not include all the species.

England, and many parts of the Continent, are supplied. It is evidently composed of two sorts of strata, to external appearance sufficiently distinct. The one apparently the remains of wood in a charred state, like charcoal or oxide of carbon. This has hitherto escaped the notice of most authors: besides the grain and appearance of wood, common in this and most other coals, it will be known by being the only part in coal that soils the fingers. If separated, it burns like charred wood, leaving a similar residuum *; it is also soft and powdery, like burnt wood; breaks in a crumbling manner, and falls into small particles †. The other part is more compact, shining, and brittle, easily scratched with a knife. The least touch of the finger hurts its polish. It has a somewhat splintery conchoidal fracture, and seems chiefly carbon mixed with bitumen. It inflames in a moderate heat, yields much smoke, bubbles, and melts something like pitch, and helps the binding or caking, as it is called, (which is the sign of a good coal, at least for housekeeping) and leaves a cinder which lasts a great while, giving a strong heat. The small remains from a common fire are still valuable on that account for the forge. If burnt long in a violent draught of air, it forms a clinker of no value;

* We have reason to believe that it contains no alkali.

† Mr. Jameson says, "this does not seem a common appearance," when he found "carbonized wood which could not be distinguished from carbonized Fir." v. 2. p. 87. It is probably the smut of Mr. Kirwan.

which shows it to contain some silex, and, perhaps, iron. Coals are not known to crystallize, yet this glossy part in many has a regular disposition towards it in the partings; and these mostly have the same angles, forming an upright prism with rhomboidal bases, the angles of which are about 84° and 96° *.

The middle figure in this plate is a fragment of the Newcastle coal; the completest crystal-like appearance I ever saw. The upper surface is charcoaly, and it rests on a similar substance, with irregular strata beneath.

Newcastle coal loses about 35 per cent. of its weight while flaming.

Linnæus's description seems to belong to the more slaty kind.

The lower figure is from a piece of Scotch coal, which was broke through the bituminous strata, in a transverse direction: and shows the glossy fracture, with a sattiny appearance, as well as the angles of partings. This bituminous stratum is commonly somewhat shaly in this sort of coal: the other part is mostly pure charcoal, and often exhibits the shape of branches compressed, and the same transverse contractions which take place in charring or burning common deal. This coal loses 25 per cent. while flaming, which it readily does, and continues its heat with

* Most mixed coals in the common large masses break through the whole stratum more or less in this form: these breaks or cracks are called backs, cutters, and partings, by the miners.

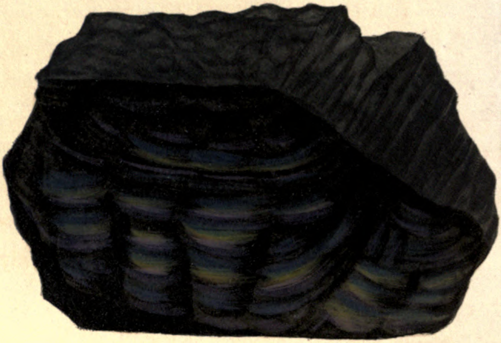
very little bubbling; flaking and falling to pieces in a slaty form, leaving a whitish ash.

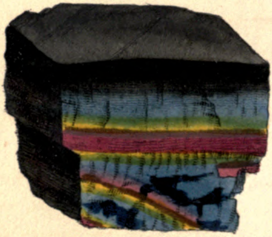
Mr. Kirwan describes Scotch coal from Irwine as "having layers in contrary directions, and being hence often called Ribband Coal. Lustre of the alternate layers 3, 2, (silky and brighter.) Fracture small grained, and coarse grained, curved, foliated. Hardness 4 to 5. *Spec. Grav.* 1·259. Its composition I have not examined."

Mr. Kirwan's description is very good, but, for the most part, will agree with any stratified coal, viz. the Newcastle, Chesterfield, Staffordshire, &c. But this we need not wonder at, from his not having examined the component parts.

I have a coal from Boroughstoneness, given me by Dr. P. Murray, of the kind above described, and some said to be passing into splint, varieties of which are found at Newcastle, Wiggan, and other places. These are often confounded with the Box Coal or Cannel Coal of Kirwan, v. 2. p. 52, the true sort, which is now very scarce. Of these we shall give a fuller account hereafter.

We were favoured by Mr. E. D. Clarke of Jesus College, Cambridge, in February 1804, with specimens of Lynn Coal, presenting pentaëdral prisms, which he has observed in it for more than a year past. Other coals present this figure, and also trihedral prisms. These are produced by a fracture parallel to one of the diagonals of the base of the tetraëdral prism.





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TAB. XLIX.
CARBO oxygenizatus.
Oxygenized Carbon.

Class 1. Combustibles. *Ord.* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Carbon. *Spec.* 2. Oxygenized Carbon.

GEN. CHAR. Hardest of all known substances.

SPEC. CHAR. Carbon combined with such a proportion of oxygen as to remain in a solid state, mostly opaque black.

SYN. Native Mineral Carbon. *Kirw.* 2. 49 *.

WE find Mr. Kirwan's description of Native Mineral Carbon *, Blende-Khole † of Werner, so well agrees with the Denbigh coal, that the chief part of his expressions may with great propriety be made use of. His specimen, he observes, is the purest known, and came from Florence; it depends much upon the choice of specimens to cull the purest; and in the same mine many varieties may be found.

* When Mr. Kirwan wrote this, common charcoal was thought to be pure carbon; it is since found to be an oxide of carbon, and that Diamond is the only *native* mineral carbon known. Mr. Kirwan's description agrees with oxide of carbon, for which we quote him.

† Mr. Jameson calls this Khole-Blend, and observes that it does not stain the fingers.

There is little doubt of the Denbigh coal being nearly as pure an oxide of carbon as is likely to be found. "Its colour is black; its lustre from 3 to 4, approaching the metallic. Transparency 0. Hardness 4 to 5: brittle: stains the fingers." It could only be the softer part occasionally found in this coal that stains the fingers; as in that from Swansea, resembling charred wood; dusty and with less lustre than above-described *, and what he denominates Culm coal of Wales; another variety which agrees with what Werner calls Glanz-Khole.

Denbigh coal is seldom stratified, and is apt to separate with a reedy structure, or impression, in irregular striæ. The cross fracture is often conchoidal and undulating. This fracture and the prismatic hues for which this coal is famous, have naturally gained it the appellation of Peacock coal; and it is no less remarkable, that a piece with the colours on it, may be heated red hot many times, and, on cooling again, will return to nearly the same appearance, retaining its prismatic hues.

We are happy to say Mr. Jameson promises to give a fuller account of his khole-blend, at some early opportunity, and has also promised, with his usual generosity, to supply us with specimens. All coals commonly so called produce a black powder.

* This, when irregular and loose, as it sometimes is, appears by the description to be the smut of this author. Culm means only smallish coals of inferior value, which do not pay duty.

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TAB. L.

CARBO oxygenizatus.
Oxygenized Carbon.

Some of the Swansea coals resemble the Denbigh coals in their structure, and are nearly the same in quality.

This *upper figure* has the charcoaly and stratified part in various directions. Some parts resemble burnt straw in regular rows: others form conical appearances, converging or diverging from a centre. We also find horizontal and oblique strata. The shining part is in various directions, with a confused and shattered appearance. Some of the striated parts were slightly covered with charcoal in fine dust, easily rubbed off, the striated impression still remaining in immediate contact with the shining part. In other parts were thick layers of charcoal in irregular strata, but somewhat horizontal to the other parts, the whole having a peculiar, yet confused, appearance. It is very brittle, and easily shattered to pieces.

The lower piece is much tougher, and the striæ have not a vestige of charcoal about them, nor will they soil the fingers. This seems altogether more indurated. These two and the Denbigh coal have nearly the same qualities as to their uses. They are difficult to ignite, and burn without flame, remaining a long while, and giving a great heat, without much apparent change; whence they have been denominated Stone Coal. They are used for malting, and for burning lime, and are frequently mixed with such coals as will more readily inflame, to assist the burning. They are supposed to contain less oxygen with the carbon than other coals, and therefore require the assistance of those which contain more oxygen. It may not be amiss to observe here that diamonds require oxygen to assist their burning, in the proportion of 4 parts to 5 in a strong heat; and in burning they pass into the black state of charcoal, continuing to burn like it, and giving out carbonic acid gas (see description, Tab. I.*) in the same way, the carbon being aërated by the caloric or matter of heat. Although diamond has always been of high value, and well-known from the earliest ages, yet it was left for Mr. Tennant in the year 1796 to prove it to be a pure carbon. See Phil. Trans. 1797. p. 123.

There are other sorts of coals about Swansea, of which we shall speak hereafter. Coals mostly appear to be the combustible remains of vegetation, provided apparently to secure whole forests for the use of after generations. They are mostly formed in the strata of plains, composed of marle, sandstones, and limestones, most of which show the remains of animal and vegetable petrifactions, or impressions. See Sandstones, Tab. XL. The blackened parts in those figures are apparently the remains of bituminous carbon, as it were in the last stage of infiltration.

* It is found native in some caverns, wells, and mines, and is called choke damp of the miners. It is often fatal to them.

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TAB. LI.

BITUMEN Gagas.

Jet.

Class 1. Inflammables. *Ord.* 2. Mixed.

Gen. 2. Bitumen. *Spec.* 1. Bitumen with oxygenized carbon.

SPEC. CHAR. Bitumen combined with about 30 per cent. of oxygenized carbon.

SYN. Jet. *Kirw.* 2. 64.

Jais. *Daubenton* 30. *De Born* 2. 79.

Varieté du Schlakiges erdpech. *Emmerl.* 2. 50.

Jayet. *Haüy* 3. 324.

Bitumen Gagas. *Linn. Syst. Nat. ed.* 13. *t.* 3. *p.* 111.

THE *upper figure* represents a curious piece of Jet, remarkable for the remains and impressions of shells about it. It was sent me from Lowestoft by Dr. Smith, President of the Linnean Society. Jet is well known to have been found on the coast at Lowestoft for many years, where amber and curious pebbles are often found. Some fishermen artists of the neighbourhood employ their leisure at convenient seasons to search for them, and form the two first-mentioned into small trinkets. We shall consider true Jet to have passed from the remains of some sort of wood, as the ligneous fibre is in some instances seen; in other specimens it is so condensed and compact as not to be discernible. This substance appears also to be saturated, as it were, with bitumen, insomuch that it readily inflames, losing about 14 grains in 20, with much smoke, and a slight bituminous odour. The remaining cinder, if continued to burn, leaves a very trifling residuum. It is well known to be of the most opaque black (witness the common saying, "black as jet*"); but it will bear a fine polish. Its surface excited by friction possesses the resinous electricity, which distinguishes it from cannel coal, a substance it very much resembles. It may be scratched by common calcareous spar, and will itself scratch amber and gypsum. The fracture is conchoïdal, occasionally retaining that of wood. Lustre 3 to 4; transparency 0. *Spec. Grav.* 1·104 to 1·744. *Kirw.* It has generally been said to swim on water. Thin pieces, indeed, laid lightly on the water, will float for a short space of time; but at length the water passes over them, and they sink: perhaps some slight trial of this kind might cause the common idea of its swimming. Of many pieces in our possession none will swim. Linnæus called it *Bitumen Gagas,* from the river Gages in Lycia, near which it was found. The presence of

* The streak or powder is always brown.

shells, and the impression of the *Cornu-Ammonis*, indicate its former less indurated state.

The lower piece has some signs of incumbent strata having been on the upper surface, in an obsolete impression, and also some obscure crystals of carbonate of lime underneath. The fracture is in part largely conchoidal. With some difficulty we may observe the woody stratification. It is truly black. I have a piece where the woody texture is very evident, with small cubic pyrites on one side. With heat and water I decomposed a bit of it, so as very satisfactorily to expose its woody structure. It comes very near to the most indurated Bovey coal and surturbrand *, evidently belonging to that division.

* These also produce a brown powder.

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TAB. LII.

AURUM nativum.

Native Gold.

Class 3. Metals. *Ord.* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 2. Gold. *Spec.* 1. Native.
Div. 3. Amorphous.

GEN. CHAR. Malleable, sonorous, reddish yellow, Spec. Grav.

SPEC. CHAR. Uncombined.

SYN. Native gold. *Kirw.* 2. 93. *Phil. Trans.* 1796. *p.* 45.
Aurum nativum. *Waller, t.* 2. *p.* 355.
Gediegen gold. *Emmerl., t.* 2. *p.* 111.
Or natif. *Haüy* 3. 374.
Aurum nativum. *Linn. Syst. ed.* 13.

GOLD is well known to be found in Peru, several parts of the East Indies, and Hungary, often crystallized in octaëdrons and their modifications. It has also been found in Scotland. We have specimens from Cornwall and Ireland. We received a letter from Dublin, dated Oct. 24th, 1795, which relates some curious facts that may be worth mentioning here. "It is strongly maintained in the antient Irish records, that in the courts of their kings and residences of their great men, an extraordinary magnificence was once displayed. That they feasted and drank out of vessels of gold, used it for armour, ornaments of dress, &c. In an age when navigation, and therefore commerce, were circumscribed, it is concluded, that the gold must have been found in the country. Those who doubt this judge from the disregard that has been invariably shown by the foreign settlers in this country to its mineral productions. They presume that it could not have escaped their avarice or their skill, if any thing of the kind worth regarding existed here, and they maintain that the gold must have been procured somewhere from abroad. A recent transaction has shown that there is probably much gold in this country not many miles from this city. The people of its neighbourhood have long been acquainted with it, and from time to time sold native gold to the silversmiths, but would not tell where they found it. A late disagreement about the division of their treasure caused a discovery. A stream descending from a mountain * runs along a valley at its foot: in the sand of this stream and the sand of the valley on either side are found lumps of native gold." Pieces have been found weighing 22 oz.; but they are generally much smaller, from 3 ounces to a few grains. It is said some families were in the

* Mount Groghan near Arklow in the county of Wicklow.

constant habit of procuring it*. Endeavours have lately been made to discover the mine, but, as far as we yet know, to no purpose.

The upper specimen was lent me by Sir J. Banks, who bought it of an Irishman who brought some to London to sell to the curious; and this was one of his largest specimens. It is formed of flattish pieces, or lamellated, as if it had been rolled up and beaten about very irregularly, as Sir J. Banks truly remarks, so that it may be called entirely shapeless. It was cut in two at the mint, which helped to discover this foliated appearance; and also, that it contained grains of whitish quartz and an ochraceous gritty clay (*see the cut figure*). A piece of soft lightish schistus, or slate, with a gray appearance on the inside is to be seen in it. The external colour is somewhat redder than where it is broken or cut. Mr. Blackford kindly sent me a piece somewhat paler.

The third figure on the right hand was a piece of a redder cast; that on the *left hand* was the whitest of any I have seen from Ireland. These two were purchased for me by my friend Colonel Velley.

The three lower pieces are different coloured specimens, from Lammon tin stream, near Falmouth, in Cornwall.

* We have been told that lumps of gold of a large size have been till lately used as weights in some of the common shops, and others placed to keep their doors open, in some parts of Ireland, the owners not knowing what they truly were.

Gold is much more scarce in Cornwall than in Ireland. The Irish specimen spoken of in Phil. Trans. was found to contain

Of Fine Gold	$21\frac{5}{8}$
Fine Silver	$1\frac{7}{8}$
Alloy Copper and Iron	$0\frac{3}{8}$
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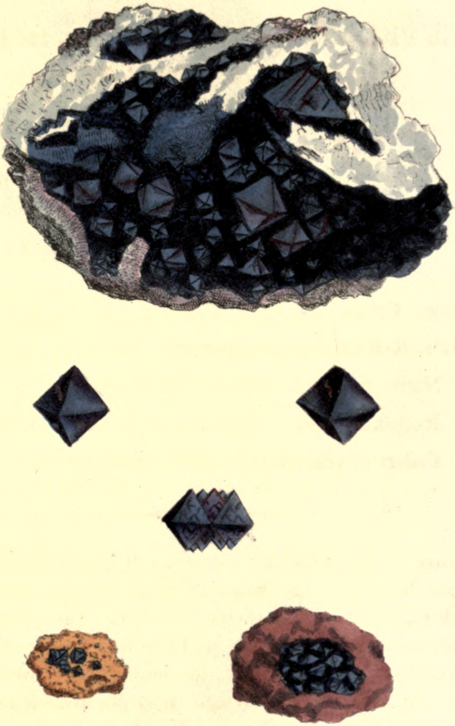
Other specimens differ a little; and thus, if we may judge by the outer aspect, the reddest probably contains most copper and iron, and the whitest most silver. More silver seems to give a greenish tinge to gold: *the little lowest left-hand figure* has that tinge.



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TAB. LIII.

CUPRUM oxygenizatum, *var*. octaëdrum.

Crystallized Red Oxide of Copper, Crystal Octaëdral.

Class 3. Metals. *Ord.* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Copper. *Spec.* 3. Oxide of Copper.

SPEC. CHAR. Copper combined with oxygen.

SYN. Red calciform copper ore. *Kirw.* 2. 135″.
Native oxide of copper. *Bab.* 174.
Roth-kupfererz. *Emmerl.* 2. 213.
Cuivre oxydé rouge primitif. *Haüy* 3.557.

SOME of the crystallized red oxides of copper deserve from their lustre the appellation of Ruby Coppers more than others, which will be shown hereafter. The present fine specimen has more of the steel-like lustre, as most of the octaëdrons have: however, the beautiful red sparkles internally with much brilliancy. It is not difficult to scrape it with a knife, and the least scratch produces a rich red powder of the colour of the gum called Dragon's Blood *.

* Known in the Pharmacopœia by the name of *Sanguis Draconis*, and extracted from *Calamus Rotang* of Linnæus.

The specimens look red most by candle-light. They are found in Wheal Unity, near Redruth, in Cornwall, and in other parts of that county, as well as in different parts of Europe. Foreign specimens, as far as I have seen described, seem not to be superior in the size or perfection of their crystals to the Cornish ones. The matrix of our upper figure is shattery quartz, supporting native copper, from which the oxide seems to proceed. It is worthy of remark, that this kind of oxygenizement should form so regular a crystallization, for it appears to be only a decomposition of the native copper from which it commences.

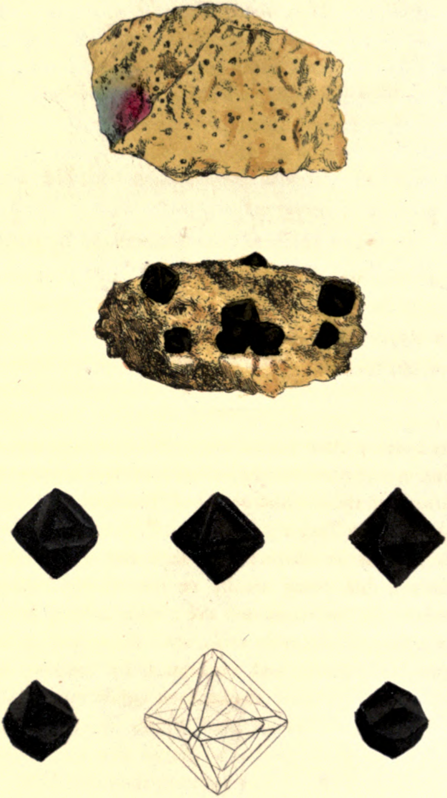
The lower figures are in different matrices,—one in a red powdery oxide of copper and iron; the other in an ochraceous matrix, chiefly oxide of iron.

It agrees with the following parts of Mr. Kirwan's description: "It is often cochineal red, or intermediate between blueish-gray and carmine red. Found massive, investing, disseminating:" he does not mention its being found crystallized. "Fracture even, approaching to the minute conchoidal, sometimes earthy. Hardness 4 to 5, brittle. Effervesces with nitrous acid, to which it gives a green tinge, and a blue to caustic volalkali."

Thus much till Mr. Chenevix had shown that there was only one proper oxide of copper of a black colour, and that the present species is rather a suboxide of copper, containing

Copper	88·5
Oxygen	11·5

whereas the black oxide contains 20 per cent. of oxygen.



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TAB. LIV.

FERRUM suboxygenizatum.

Magnetic Iron Ore.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Iron, *Spec.* 2. Magnetic.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SPEC. CHAR. Iron in combination with but a small portion of oxygen *.

SYN. Iron in a calcined state mineralized by pure air. *Kirw.* 2. 157.

Magnetischer Eisenstein. *Emmerl.* 2. 278.

Fer oxydulé. *Haüy* 4. *p.* 10.

Ferrum tesselare. *Linn. ed.* 12. *t.* 3. *p.* 136.

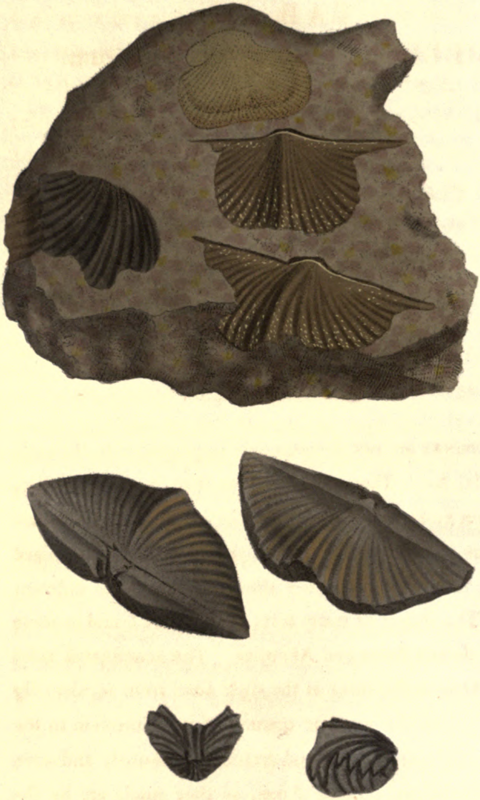
I WAS much pleased when I discovered this curious crystallization in a pyritaceous copper ore sent me, among other favours, from the neighbourhood of Tavistock, by my kind friend Mr. John Taylor junior.

The crystals are dispersed through the ore in tolerable abundance; but being small, do not readily distinguish themselves to the unassisted eye: with a lens, however, they are very satisfactorily seen, with the variety of modifications here figured, and sometimes, by breaking them, we find them curiously casing each other 2 or 3 times. They are most readily attracted by the magnet, and will support a part of the gangue of pyrites that may chance to be attached to them, of 8 or 10 times their own bulk. The gangue is said to be rich in copper, and is commonly of a bright and pale golden colour, sometimes with a greenish hue, and often iridescent.

* 15 to 24 per cent. *Kirw.* vol. 2. 158.

I do not know that this crystallized variety of magnetic iron ore has been observed in Great Britain before. Dr. Badham gave me a fine octaëdron of the Swedish sort, from Fahlun (where such specimens are not rare), which is above half an inch in diameter: but this is not more strongly attracted by the magnet. It is coated with mica, and, within, is of a more or less deep-brown red, as are ours, sometimes approaching steel-gray and black, partly shining, and metallic. Fracture uneven, somewhat earthy. The crystals are arranged in convenient order, to see the additions that assist in modifying the different crystallizations, (viz.)

The upper figure on the right hand exhibits the regular octaëdron, the faces of which, by the addition of the laminæ of superposition, or superior coating, form long six-sided facets, which are those of the dodecaëdron with eight triangular faces parallel to those of the octaëdron, see the *middle figure*. These are the nearest approach we have seen to the octaëdron in our specimens; with more laminæ, it keeps the same form which is shown, but with smaller triangular facets in the *left hand figure* and the *right-hand lower figure*. In *the lower figure on the left hand* the laminæ have advanced so far as to form the complete rhomboidal dodecaëdron. *The geometrical outline* shows this manner of casing over each other; but we must beg our readers to substitute the octaëdron in lieu of the dodecaëdron in the centre, as we find is the case upon further examination since the engraving was finished.



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TAB. LV.

SILEX quartzum, *var.* arenaceum.

Sandstone.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.

Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* 1. Quartz.

Div. 3. Amorphous. *Var.* 2. Graniform.

SYN. Ferruginous Sandstones. *Kirw. v.* 1. *p.* 365.
Cos colorata. *Linn. Syst. Nat. ed.* 13. *v.* 3. *p.* 64.

SANDSTONES are not uncommonly impressed with the casts of shells, &c. They are little else than granulæ of flint, with iron more or less oxidated: the oxidation is most conspicuous in the crevices where the shell has been mixed with a little lime, or other things, giving them different tints. The shapes of many sorts of shells are found in these stones, mostly Arcas and Anomias. The acuminated sides of the Arca on the stone at the *right hand* seem accidentally formed, from the peculiar manner of its immersion in the mass. They are often found detached as figured, and serve to undeceive us. These Arcæ, as they surely are by the length of the hinge, apparently contain many denticulations, or teeth *, the distinguishing character of the genus. The singular rising in the middle of the upper shell, of about 5 pleats wide; and the corresponding cavity in the under one, is a curious character, common, with some variations, to both these and the Anomia, with which they have generally been confounded. The little Anomiæ at the bottom are darker, and probably contain more iron. Their structure is certainly remarkable, especially as we, in the present age, have no recent shells in this part of the world at all corresponding with them. We think these the more interesting on that account, as they help to indicate, that at certain periods there were some animals very different from those now existing.

These were sent me from the Tees by the Rev. Mr. Harriman, and also by Mr. Winch, in large fasciculi. They are found in other parts, but I do not know how near the present surface of the earth.

They are but little crumbly in their fracture, rather condensed, and approaching to the conchoidal, like flint: they are often very tough, but too heavy for building, and not of any known utility at present: they, perhaps, might be liable to decay, as the ochraceous substance is somewhat scattered through them. They sometimes contain more or less clay.

* See Arca, t. xv. p. 35.

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TAB. LVI.

FERRUM oxygenizatum, *var.* radiatum.

Radiated Oxide of Iron, or *Hæmatites.*

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* 3. Oxide of Iron.
Div. 2. Imitative.

Syn. Red Hæmatite. *Kirw. v.* 2. 168.
Rother Glass-kopt. *Emmerl. v.* 2. 313.
Hematite. *Haüy, v.* 4. 105. *De Born, v.* 2. 287, XI, F. c. b. 1.

The Hæmatite Iron ores are found near Silverstein in Lancashire in great variety and abundance. The upper specimen is somewhat singular, from the separating and divaricating radii. *The lower figure* shows more of the usual structure of these ores, which often form large roundish or irregular nodules, sometimes kidney-shaped, botroidal, &c. the masses radiating from one or more centres, 6 inches or more in length, and casing or coating one over another. They are mostly of a brick red colour, easily staining the fingers, particularly the powdery parts:—the harder parts also stain the fingers much, and by a little rubbing give a black tinge with a bright lustre not unlike black lead. Those parts which have lost the red appearance, and approach the metallic or iron lustre, do not so readily stain the fingers. On being ground these give a deep red colour; whence this ore has been called Blood Stone. Sometimes the harder black sort with this property is cut into burnishers for gilders.

These ores are said to contain from 40 to 80 per cent. of iron. The harder kind is sometimes a little magnetic, if reduced to powder, particularly if heated on charcoal; which deprives it of a certain quantity of oxygen. "Fracture coarse or fine fibrous, parallel or diverging, earthy." Hardness, from such as may be easily scraped with a knife to such as will strike fire with steel. Spec. Grav. from 4 to 5, Kirwan.

"This ore contains, besides some manganese, a large proportion of argill, which renders the iron it affords *red-short*, that is, brittle when red hot." Kirwan.

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TAB. LVII.

SILEX Analcimus, *var.* compactus.

Compact Analcime.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* 8. Analcime.
Div. 3. Amorphous.

SYN. Analcime. *Haüy*, *v.* 3. 180.

THIS curious substance is not uncommon in Great Britain, wherever basalt and trap are found. We have some specimens from different parts of Scotland, which contain it in nodules. The present specimen came from the Isle of Isla. It is somewhat stalactitical, and extremely various in its shapes, sometimes forming roundish drops from the size of a pin's head to that of a large pea, and often of a knotty elongated figure like a potatoe. It seems to be a transition from quartz, and decomposes into filaments forming zeolite. This specimen exhibits it beginning to form filaments. The bottom of the larger mass, which somewhat resembles the humerus, or thigh bone, of an animal, appears once to have been in a thick fluid state, and might give some idea of the forming of the flints in chalky rocks, (see page 15.)

which however is not quite satisfactory to me. More of this will be mentioned in another place. They may be found somewhat various in their colours. The most common are nearly as here represented; transparent white or glassy, and often pearly or greyish within; the outside being coated with a light brown crust often nearly opaque, which gives an idea of fresh cast wax. The fracture is irregular, glassy or flinty. Analcime may be found in most of these appearances so hard as to resist a knife, like quartz; but in the state of compact zeolite, or passing into fibres, it may be scratched with a knife or any steel instrument, though it resists iron and brass.

We are not sure that this is the true hyalite of Kirwan; who says it does not fuse per se at 150°. Ours fuses per se at the heat which turns carnelian white, which Kirwan observes was 160°.

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TAB. LVIII.

SILEX Analcimus, *var.* fibrosus.

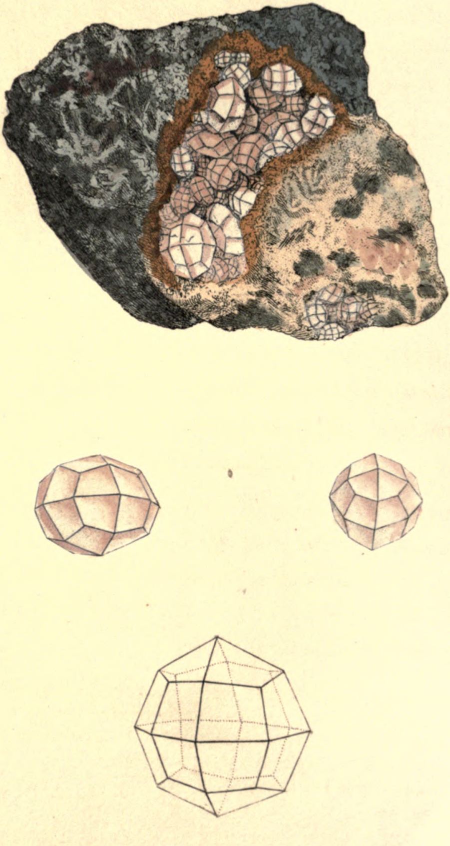
Fibrous Analcime in Trap.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* 8. Analcime.

SYN. Zeolite. *Kirw. v.* 1. 278.
Analcime radié. *Haüy*, *v.* 3. 182.

ZEOLITE, formerly so called, is often found in trap, as if passing from opaque hyalite of Kirwan (see our Tab. 57.), at length leaving the spaces where it was first formed empty, and giving the stone the appearance of a scoria or basaltic lava. This is a red variety of basaltic trap, which has hyalite of a pebble-like appearance in one part. In some cavities it has partly fibrous zeolite; in others the zeolite appears in fine filaments, sometimes of a silky lustre, filling the holes like cotton or with loose threads, which are often scattered more or less in irregular bundles, somewhat radiating. The hollows which contain these are mostly lined with small crystals. These at first sight look like quartz, such as often sparkle in common flints, but if examined with a glass their structure determines what they are. See Tab. 59. and magnified figure at the middle and bottom of this plate.

We use the old term of zeolite, as being most familiar; at present it is synonymous with analcime.



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TAB. LIX.

SILEX Analcimus.

Analcime.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* 16. Analcime.

SPEC. CHAR. Primitive form, the cube. Spec. Grav. about 2. Electricity difficult to excite by friction. Vitreous. Fusible per se into a transparent glass.

SYN. Vesuvian or white Garnet. *Kirw. v.* 1. 285.
Wurfel zeolith. *Emmerl. v.* 1. 205.
La zeolithe cubique. *Broch. v.* 1. 304.
Analcime. *Haüy, v.* 3. 180.

VESUVIAN or white Garnet* is the only substance mentioned in Kirwan that at all agrees with this species†: but in this, as in many other substances described by that great author, he does not observe whether he had ever seen any thing like it found in Great Britain.

* The substance commonly called *Vesuvian* should not be confounded with this, as it is a very different substance which is called *Idocrase* by Haüy, 2. 574. and is mostly of a dark colour, but is probably included under Mr. Kirwan's 18-, 36-, and 50-sided crystals of *Vesuvian Garnet.*

† Including only his 24-sided crystals.

The specimen here figured came from Kirkleston, 8 miles west of Edinburgh, and seems always to present the same crystallization more or less compressed. The crystals vary in transparency from translucid to nearly opaque white, and are often of a pale red, sometimes of a dull salmon colour. I was favoured with some of these from Calton Hill near Edinburgh by Mr. Neale. The fracture is often very confused, and somewhat like quartz after being dropt red hot into water. I however had the good luck to find one, among many specimens sent me by Mr. J. Murray of Edinburgh, with the proper cubic fracture, which leaves me no room to doubt that the crystals here figured belong to the cubic zeolite of Brochant. The Dumbarton crystals that I have seen are also the same species. Mr. J. Murray, who sent them to me, is of the same opinion. The rock however in which they are found differs, as well as the manner of their immersion. Those figured are in grunstein* of Werner, (see Kirwan 1. 353.) and situated in hollow cracks or fissures. Those of Tab. 58. are lying in hollows or moulds, and are apparently the residuum of the substance which previously filled the space. Mr. Kirwan speaks of Vesuvian garnets from the size of a pin's head to that of an inch. We have some which differ in appearance only by a dirtier hue, the gangue often partly sticking about them, which is of a muddy brown: the mould or holes they were in are some smooth and some rough. This is the amphigene of Haüy, and might be confounded with the analcime: but the latter

* Hornblende and felspar.

can be fused by the blowpipe; and if of the transparent kind, it at first becomes opaque: if the heat be continued it becomes transparent, and at length fuses. The opaque first become transparent, and then fuse. Mr. Kirwan says the Vesuvian garnets fuse per se: but our Vesuvian garnets appear to agree with what Haüy says of his amphigene, (viz.) that it is infusible, although the analcime may be fused: both sorts are said to be found at Vesuvius. The hyalite, zeolite, and analcime of these 3 plates seem nearly allied*, and by some are thought to be varieties of each other. We hope, however, analysis will soon clear up the point. Haüy takes his name from the weak degree of electricity this mineral receives by being rubbed; and we have found it just capable of holding a hair for a short time.

* As they are all fusible per se by the blowpipe, and agree somewhat in this particular with the Scotch phosphorescent zeolite, of which the analysis is given by Mr. Kennedy in the Phil. Magazine; it is desirable for that gentleman to examine the difference, and favour the world with the result.

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TAB. LX.

FERRUM oxygenizatum, *var.* radiatum.

Radiated Oxide of Iron, or *Hæmatite.*

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* 3. Oxide.
Div. 2. Imitative. *Var.* radiated.

SYN. Brown Hæmatites. *Kirw. v.* 2. 163.
Brauner Glass-kopf. *Emmerl. v.* 2. 323.
Fer oxidé Hæmatite. *Haüy, v.* 4. 105.

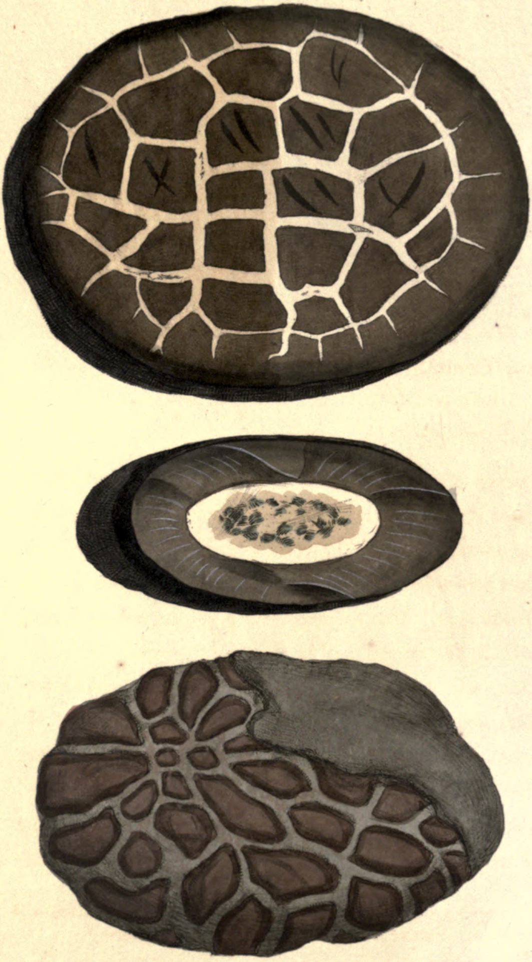
THIS variety of hæmatitic iron ore, with which I was favoured by Mr. Murray, comes from near Edinburgh, and has not long been discovered. It has much the appearance of crude iron, with nearly the same shining fracture in the direction of the radii, but blacker and duller in the opposite direction. These radii sometimes terminate like brushes in the matrix, which is a brown clay. It is not magnetic.

Some of the variety figured at Tab. 56. is occasionally found about it. The ends are some of them terminated beyond the matrix, like the ends of a bunch of wires, or obscurely crystallized with the ends approaching those of Tab. 62. and 63. Mr. Kirwan says, " seldom steel grey.

" External lustre 2, 3. Internal lustre 2, 1.

" Spec. Grav. from 3·789 to 3·951. Streak reddish or yellowish brown." In ours the powder is the same colour as the streak. " It is not magnetic until calcined. Before the blowpipe, it blackens, and gives to borax a yellow tinge with some effervescence."

We do not know that this has been analysed.



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TAB. LXI.

FERRUM argillaceum.

Argillaceous Iron Ore.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 2. Mixed.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* 1. Argillaceous.
Div.

SYN. Common argillaceous Iron-stone. *Kirw. v.* 173.
Lowland Iron Ore. *Bab.* 199.

AMONG other iron ores a great deal of the sort above figured is used. It is chiefly iron mixed with clay, producing 30 to 50 per cent. as we have heard. This variety is admired for its being divided into polygonal columns by calcareous spar. It is found in round or compressed lumps, called by the miners cats' heads or cats' scalps.

It appears that the iron clay in lumps has cracked internally, and that calcareous earth has crystallized in the fissures*. *The upper figure* shows it as it commonly appears when cut. Bitumen is sometimes contained in the cracks, as are various other substances. *In the middle figure* the calcareous spar is mixed with blend, and is more concen-

* These divisions depend on the vicissitudes of wet and dry, hot and cold, and approach to the nature of the Giant's causeway in Ireland, &c.

trated. It was brought to me from Scotland by Dr. Peter Murray.

The lower figure is similar to the uppermost, except being externally in a state of decomposition, probably from exposure to the atmosphere among the tumblers (as they call the stones in common) in the river Tees. We received it from the Rev. Mr. Harriman. Its redness is caused by the oxygenization of its iron. The outside is so far decayed as to expose the divisions of carbonate of lime. These are called septariums, of which there are various sorts; and besides those of iron stones there are to be found some of marle of various sizes, at Bristol, the Isle of Sheppy, Richmond, and many other places.

The sort in the upper figure is often so much admired after being split that it is frequently cut and polished. The fracture is conchoidal, earthy, and the component parts more or less regular in their mixture, holding

Iron,
Clay,
Lime,
Silex, and
Manganese.

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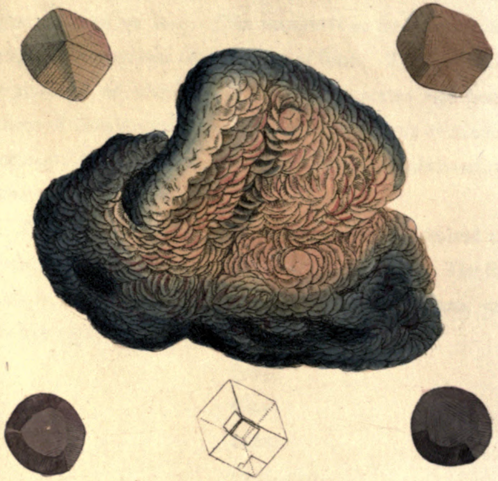

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TAB. LXII.

CALX carbonata ferrifera, *var.* lenticularis

Spathose Iron Ore; Lenticular crystallized Carbonate of Lime.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 2. Lime. *Spec.* 4. Carbonate of Lime.

SYN. Calcareous or Sparry Iron Ore. *Kirw. v.* 2. 190.
Spathose Iron Ore. *Bab.* 201.
Spathiger eisenstein. *Emmerl. v.* 2. 329.
Chaux carbonatée ferrifère lenticulaire. *Haüy, v.* 2. 178.
Mine de fer spathique. *De Lisle, v.* 2. 281.

THIS singular group of spathosè iron ore, as it is often called when gathered with the iron ores of Devonshire, may with as much propriety be called a calcareous spar. The crystallization is found to be as it were intermediate between the latter and the former. *The top left hand figure* shows the primitive rhomb somewhat flattened, formed by aggregations of the primitive rhombs of calcareous spar. See Tab. 2, 3, and 13. *The right hand upper figure* differs only in having the apex truncated, and the edges having rounded facets. *The lower left hand figure* shows the same with the rounded facets having become the principal faces of the crystal. It is altogether rather flatter and rounder. *The lower figure on the right hand* is still flatter and rounder, and approaches more to the irony appearance.

The first is a pearl spar of the usual light appearance, the second more coloured with iron, the next more so still, and the last most of all. They may perhaps contain a little manganese. The outline shows the position of the primitive rhomb in the *upper figures*, in the others it is situated as in the æquiaxe. Some specimens of these were sent me by Lord Heathfield from Devonshire. I have had others of nearly the same nature from the Isle of Man by favour of the Duke of Athol and Lord Henry Murray. They seem to indicate iron in their neighbourhood, and may be useful in smelting it; but are themselves very deceitful, their appearance giving a stronger indication of iron than belongs to them; which will in general be detected most readily by breaking, as the fresh fragment discovers them to be a mere limestone with a slight pearly tinge, which on being exposed to the common air and water will assume the same deceitful tinge as the former exposed parts. These have generally been reckoned among the lenticular ores, and may have deceived many by their external appearance.

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THIS is nearly the same, with very flat lenticular crystals standing edgeways, of a dull rusty appearance, the matrix nearly of a similar substance, with some lustre. The whole shows the gradation of tints, and the fresh fractures are lightest, as is common in these varieties. *The left hand figure* has some signs of the triangular and other faces partly remaining; in *the right hand figure* they are entirely lost: *the middle figure* exhibits a transverse section, fresh broken, with signs of the confused rhomboidal fracture.

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TAB. LXIV.

FERRUM oxygenizatum.

Foliated Oxide of Iron.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* 3. Oxide of Iron.

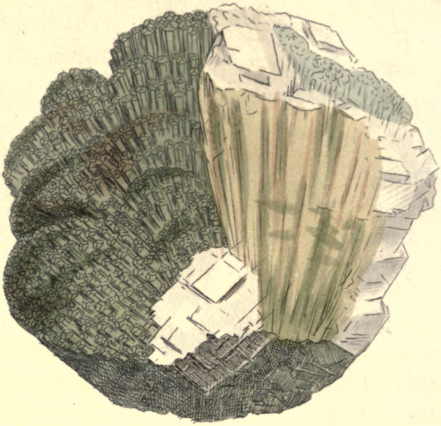
SYN. Plumbaginous or Micaceous Iron Ore. *Kirw. v.* 2. 184.

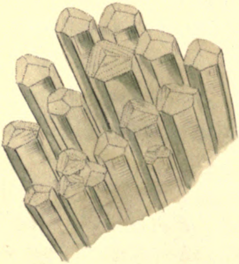
Eisen-Glimmer. *Emmerl. v.* 2. 306.

Fer oligiste écailleux. *Haüy, v.* 4. 45.

THIS curious variety of iron ore is found in Wales, Scotland, Cornwall and other places. It has the appearance of iron with somewhat of the gloss and the blackish grey tint of black lead, occasionally with the blue, purple, and sometimes the other iridescent colours. It is more or less flat, irregular or undulating, in very thin broad laminæ, one over another. They have two sets of parallel lines crossing each other obliquely, and forming the plain of a rhomboid. It is found in rocks of quartz, and the *upper figure* has some yellowish mica about it. *The right and left hand middle figures* show the parallel lines crossing some fragments, and the undulating structure. It is not attracted by the magnet. It is very brittle, and easily breaks into small irregular fragments.

The sparkling middle figure is known by the common name of glimmer, or scaly iron ore, and often accompanies the above, as well as the black and red hæmatites. It is blackish or red occasionally. The little bright faces of the scales reflect the light with great brilliancy, particularly by candle light, as the figures will show with the utmost nicety, as the very substance was of necessity used for its own representative. *The biggest figure* is among broken quartz or rock, covering the surface or filling little hollows in a scattered manner. *The lower figures* are aggregated bundles, which are often found much larger: they have sometimes a tendency to crystallize in small rhombs, but I have not yet seen them large or distinct enough to be measured. The angles appear to be the same as in the foliated part above, to which the lower evidently belongs. It is found in Devonshire, whence we received it by favour of Colonel Montague and the Rev. A. Neck. The same was also sent from Scotland by Mr. Winch. *The upper one* was received from Wales, by favour of the Rev. Mr. Williams.





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TAB. LXV.

STRONTIA carbonata.

Carbonate of Strontia.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 5. Strontia. *Spec.* 1. Carbonate.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

GEN. CHAR. Soluble in 200 parts of water at a temperature of 60°. Separates from a saturated solution in nitric acid, in the form of rhomboidal crystals. Promotes the fusibility of most other earths. Most of its salts tinge flame red.

SPEC. CHAR. Combined with carbonic acid.

SYN. Strontian earth combined with fixed air. *Kirwan, v.* 1. 332.

Strontian carbonaté. *Haüy, v.* 2. 327.

THIS curious mineral was found some time since at Strontian in Scotland, in a lead mine which is now given up, as it would not answer the purpose of the proprietors; but seems not to have been suspected to contain a new earth until Dr. Craufurd sent it to Mr. Kirwan in 1790. It was afterwards examined by Dr. Hope and others. We do not know that it has been found any where else. Its crystals are confusedly grouped, more or less diverging from a centre. They sometimes show the appearance of a six-sided prism, as Haüy has observed.

The specimen figured was sent me by my friend Mr. Sims of Norwich. It has 6-sided prisms, terminated at one end with three faces, resembling those of carbonate of lime, with the obtuse æquiaxe termination. We have a specimen with six-sided bars quite relieved crossing an hollow: three faces of the prism are generally broader than the other three, showing faint longitudinal striæ and fractures parallel to them; but most readily to the three broader faces with transverse striæ, which continue to the apex of the pyramid, and occasionally form an equilateral triangle. The pyramid may be divided in a direction contrary to its faces; therefore the nucleus is a dodecaëdron with rhomboidal faces.

They vary in colour from a brightish watery green to a palish brown. It differs from carbonate of barytes (with which it was once confounded), by its weight, as well as by dissolving quickly, and with great effervescence, in nitric acid, without leaving a precipitate: and it is curious that a bit of paper or a wick of a candle, dipped in this solution, after being dried, causes the flame to burn beautifully red; or the substance itself in fusion by the blowpipe will do the same thing. Spec. Grav. from 3.4—3.675. Hardness 5, according to *Kirwan*. Scratches carbonate of lime, and is scratched by fluate of lime.

Analysis by Pelletier:

Strontia - -	62.
Carbonic acid -	30.
Water - -	8.
	100.

It is accompanied by carbonate of lime, sulphuret of barytes, sulphuret of lead, and harmotome of Haüy, or staurolite of Kirwan.

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TAB. LXVI.

FERRUM oxygenizatum, *var.* crystallizatum.

Crystallized Oxide of Iron.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* 3. Oxide of Iron.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

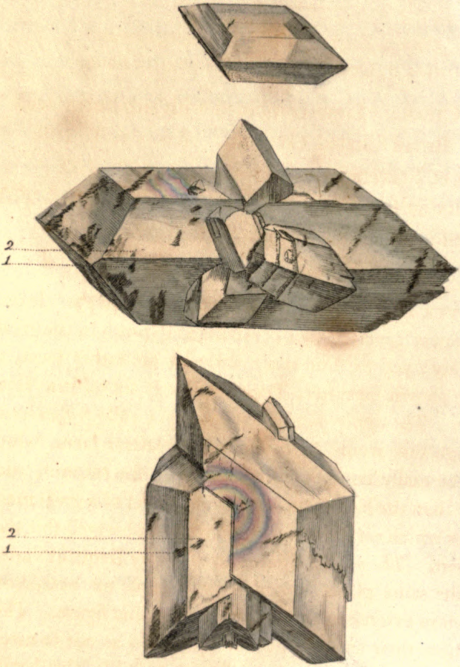
GEN. CHAR. Colour grey. Harder than most other metals. Attractible by the magnet. Spec. Grav. 7.2—7.84. *Kirw.* Capable of combustion by collision. *Bab.* Soluble in all the acids; precipitable from its solutions, the precipitate being of a blue colour, by prussiate of potash.

SPEC. CHAR. In combination with above 24 per cent. of oxygen.

SYN. Specular iron ore. *Kirw. v.* 2. 162.
Fer oligiste. *Haüy, v.* 4. 38.

THE peculiar form of this minute crystallization I could not pass over, especially as it may be a very proper one in arranging the varieties of the species to which it belongs. The sort of iron ores from Lancashire, on which these crystals are sometimes found, is not uncommon: there are also minute quartz crystals, frequently very transparent, attached to this ore; which on the dark ground deceive us with the idea of crystallized iron ore: however, with the help of a lens, it may often be discovered whether we are right or not, by the form of the crystals. The latter, although a seeming modification of carbonate of lime, appear to be slightly magnetic. It is a very curious circumstance that this should so generally resemble, in the form of its crystal, the carbonates of lime, this being like a flattened æquiaxe with various modifications. Romé de Lisle's, *p.* 4. *f.* 62. is the nearest resembling it, wanting only the 6 alternating narrow faces. The fracture is intermediate between glassy and splintery, and when fresh broken it shows an iron or steel-like lustre. The outsides of the crystals are of a darker iron or steel-grey with much gloss or polish; the edges of some resemble blued steel, and sometimes reflect other colours. They stand edgeways on the matrix; which makes this hue more conspicuous, and adds much to the beauty of the specimen, especially when magnified.

We presume this is the same as the beautiful iron ore from Elba, now first noticed in England.



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TAB. LXVII.

CALX sulphata*.

Crystallized Sulphate of Lime, or *Gypsum*.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 3. Lime. *Spec.* 6. Sulphate of Lime.

Spec. Char. Lime combined with sulphuric acid.
Syn. Broad foliated Gypsum. *Kirw. v.* 1. 123.
Gips et Fraveneis. *Emmerl. v.* 1. 527. 540.
Chaux sulfaté trapezienne. $\overset{2}{C}$ $\overset{1}{E}$ P. *Haüy, v.* 2. 270.
Natrum selenites. *Linn. Syst. Nat. v.* 3. 91.

Shotover Hill, Oxfordshire, seems to afford the clearest and cleanest specimens of crystallized gypsum in the greatest variety: yet we find some varieties are rather local, as shall be shown hereafter. They are mostly found in a clayey gangue. *The upper figure* is what Haüy calls *trapezienne*. Although this would by extending the lateral faces, which might be easily done by piling plates on the summit, each smaller than the last, form an octaëdron; yet of a great many varieties which we have seen we have not observed this modification. *The middle figure* shows a very frequent variety from the same place, heightening towards an octaëdron; but seldom extending much further than this figure. They often have their angles a little irregular, so as not to meet: *see the left hand corner near figures* 1 *and* 2, also having other crystals sticking in them in different directions. If

* The specific name at tab. 21. should be read *Calx sulphata*, and not *sulphurata*.

the laminæ are opened in the manner of a flaw or crack, when not too wide, they admit the prismatic rays: *see the upper face of middle figure and middle face of lower figure.* They are said to admit of double refraction by most mineralogical writers.

Fig. 1. is a darkish spot of clay or soil naturally in the subject, and *fig.* 2. is the same seen a little duller through the other face at the same time: but this is common to all transparent substances. It is somewhat curious that the clayey stripes or spots have a particular direction diagonally to the acute angles. Spec. Grav. 2.2642—2.3117. *Kirw. and Haüy.* They are laminated, the laminæ somewhat flexible; easily separated.

Hardness,—yields easily to the finger nail.

The bottom figure shows three crystals mixed together, and forming what is commonly called a macle.

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Is a variety from Bedfordshire, sent me by favour of the Rev. T. O. Marsh, showing a tendency of the laminæ to separate and bend, which they will generally do in the longitudinal direction. Thus, a plate of gypsum will be found to break less readily in this direction, always bending before it breaks, and then generally ruggedly. In the other directions, it is either glassy or foliaceous. When these crystallizations spread like *the lower figures,* they are commonly called Lions' paws. Crystallized selenites are the moonstones of Gesner and Agricola. See *Plott's Oxfordshire, p.* 81.

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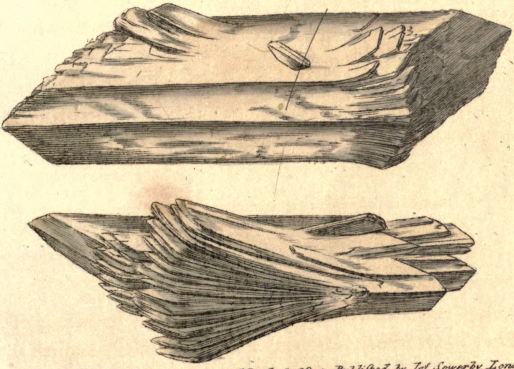

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TAB. LXIX.

ARGILLA durissima.

Scotch Corundum.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 2. Argil. *Spec.* 8. Corundum.

GEN. CHAR. Unctuous to the touch. Easily diffusible in water. Adheres to the tongue. Spec. Grav. 2. *Kirw.* Combines difficultly with acids, forming with most of them deliquescent salts, soluble in borax. *Bab.*

SPEC. CHAR. Nearly pure argil, hardest of all minerals except the diamond. Divisible parallel to a rhomb, the angles of which are 86° 26′. 93° 34′.

THIS curious substance was sent me among other things from a dealer at Aberdeen, under the name of Red Schorle from Achen-door. I figure it here, because it is a substance which appears to be new to British writers. Upon inquiry I found it was very little known, nor was it to be found in any mineralogical collection in London, nor scarcely in Scotland. I therefore was glad to present a few of my friends with it. Even Mr. Jameson had not previously obtained it. From him I hope for a good account of it. It occurs in long columns or bars from an eighth to three quarters of an inch thick, mostly confused, often diverging and with transverse flaws, having the matrix intervening abruptly. Its fractures are longitudinal and splintery. The columns are four-sided, with faces replacing the edges in the centre of the angles: on one, two, or more sides, the ends approach towards a pyramid (in such as I have seen) with four rhomboidal faces. Among a tolerable quantity, I found very few with crystallized terminations, as figured: the faces however are very distinct.

We find this fossil has been taken for a rubellite, and Kirwan's description in a great measure accords with that idea. See *Kirw. v.* 1. 288. but in many respects it has been confounded with the titanite of Kirwan. See his description. May the radiating variety be the substance of which Macquart says the garnets are formed? He describes it as consisting of straight fibres diverging from a common centre. See *Kirw. v.* 1. 261. Its common appearance resembles garnet much, but it is not fusible by the blowpipe, whereas garnet is fusible into a black enamel.

Kirwan mentions red schorl, *p.* 271, and says rubellites are also so called. Another substance resembling this, according to the short description of Mr. Kirwan, was found by Morveau in Poitou, *v.* 1. 336, which he presumed to be adamantine spar. Again, as Haüy observes, another mentioned by M. Morveau, found in Le Forez, resembles it greatly, and which is of great hardness. See *Kirw.* 337.

Hardness of ours nearly the same as that of spinelle. We found that the harder spinelles would scratch it; but the softer ones are scratched by it. This seems undoubtedly the "Spath adamantin d'un rouge violet" of Bournon, which he described in the year 1789 from specimens found in Le Forez, (*Journal de Physique* 453.) and now considers as a variety of corundum. Other authors have had a similar idea. We here subjoin a part of his description: see

Phil. Trans. for 1802, 323. where quoting *Haüy, v.* 4. 562. who observes "that it scratches quartz; that its specific gravity is 3·165, and that it is infusible by means of the blowpipe;" Bournon observes, "that it is red with a purplish tinge*; that the appearance of the substance was entirely different from that of felspar; and that where it came in contact with the felspar it seemed to mix itself with it in such an insensible manner, that after having sawed and polished a piece composed partly of felspar and partly of the substance here spoken of, it was impossible by the eye to distinguish exactly where the felspar began, or where the other substance terminated." Ours is readily distinguished from felspar, which it invests occasionally so that it is formed round it like a tube, *see the middle figure at the bottom:* it is also often running among it in the directions of the fragments, often passing abruptly across it. The nearest approach to mixing insensibly is by fibres, which in ours are however sufficiently distinct. The Count continues to observe, "that the pieces he had collected varied considerably in their degree of hardness, although all of them were harder than felspar usually is, for many of these pieces would scarcely scratch felspar; whereas others could scarcely be scratched by the greatest number of gems, or precious stones. The characters of the last-mentioned or hardest pieces appeared to be very similar to those of the imperfect corundum from China, a crystal of which Romé de Lisle had sent him a short time before. The above observations, joined to the remarkable manner in which this substance was mixed with the felspar, made him adopt the erroneous opinion mentioned by the abbé Haüy in his obser-

* Some of ours are also of a greenish tinge, especially when between the ey and the light.

vations upon corundum; namely, that this substance might be nothing more than a dense variety of felspar. He soon however entirely gave up this idea, after he had it in his power to examine more particularly the nature of corundum."

Upon comparing the mechanical divisions of the corundum of Ceylon with the Scotch one, we find that it is not only parallel to the six faces of the rhomb, as described both by Bournon and Haüy, but also parallel to eight other faces, all which are mentioned in Haüy's description of his felspath apyre, two of which are mentioned by him in his Telesie, and the other six not mentioned any where as existing in the corundum of Ceylon, but which we find in some of our specimens. These faces are not so neat, or so easily obtained, as those parallel to the rhomb. The gangue is chiefly composed of a coarse granite intermixed with indurated asbestos.

Mr. Jameson mentions the corundum of Tirie; which however must be very different from this, and he quotes Mr. Greville's memoirs in Trans. of Royal Society for 1798, page 40, who observes that it scratches glass readily, but not rock crystal. Jameson says, "I believe there are specimens of this corundum in the Museum of the University, and of these I shall probably communicate an account in the close of this volume:" but as he does not seem to say any thing more about it, we hope we shall have it settled in his work now coming out. We presume that this is no more thought of as a corundum, as C. Bournon in Phil. Trans. 1802 makes no mention of it as such: therefore ours is the only thing known at present as a corundum from Scotland.

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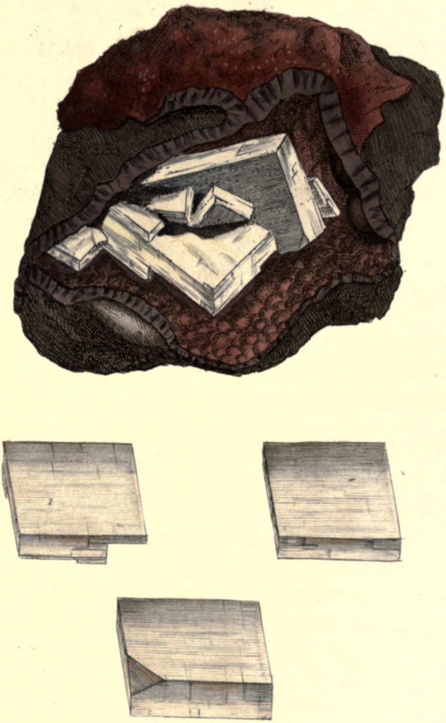

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TAB. LXX.

BARYTES sulphata, *var.* primitiva.

Sulphate of Barytes.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Barytes. *Spec.* 2. Sulphate.

SPEC. CHAR. Combined with sulphuric acid.

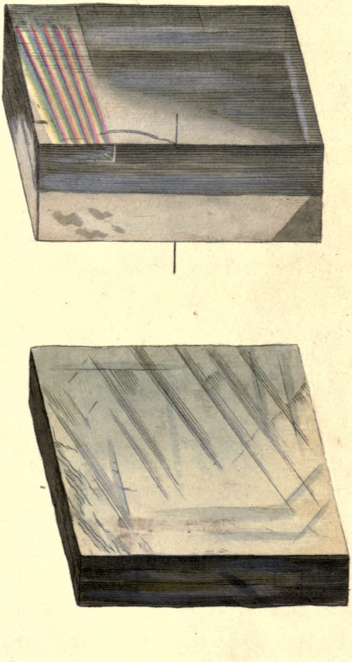
SYN. Baroselenite. *Kirw. v.* 1. 136.
Schwer-spath. *Emmerl. v.* 1. 550.
Baryte sulphatée. *Haüy, v.* 2. 295.
Natrum cristatum. *Linn. Syst. Nat. v.* 3. 90.

PONDEROUS Spar, as this was commonly called in England, agrees with the Greek term *βαρυτης, heavy*. The uncommon weight of this substance in comparison to that of other stones has very naturally obtained it this appellation. It is frequent in or near lead or iron mines in many parts of the world, as well as in many places in Great Britain, as Derbyshire, Cumberland, &c. — When transparent, it is generally crystallized and separable into laminæ, much resembling carbonate of lime, and gives a double refraction through the rectangular faces only, but somewhat weaker than that of carbonate of lime. This is a curious circumstance, and perhaps has not yet been noticed. It may lead to the true nature of double refraction. Haüy had recourse to the ingenious method of forming artificial faces to discover this property.

Our specimen is on an iron ore from Lancashire, and is as near the primitive as is generally seen in Great Britain.

TAB. LXXI.

The upper fragment is in the form of the nucleus, or an upright parallelopiped; and as the faces are the same with the primitive, it is placed with the upright faces on a line, to show the refraction is not double in that direction: and it is to be observed that it requires a large depth of crystal to see the refraction through the other faces without the assistance of a lens. The flaws show the prismatic tints, like other laminated crystals; this shows the depth of the flaw, and it is so sufficiently elastic that we can, by pres-



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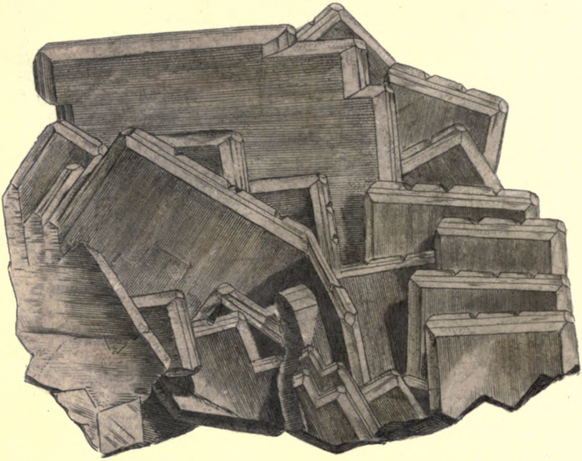

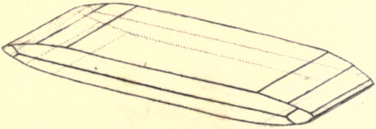

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sure, dilate the prismatic hues, so that one or two sets may take place of the 5 sets represented.

We received this specimen from Durham, by favour of Messrs. Harriman and Oliver, some few years since—but did not know how valuable it was until lately—having now discovered that it contains many small drops of water or some other liquid in little hollows, which as far as we know have never been discovered in any other substance except quartz, or rock crystal.

The lower one is another fragment with a curious pearly appearance, and has somewhat the appearance of sulphate of lime or gyps, but may be readily discovered by the weight.

TAB. LXXII.

Tabular sulphate of barytes is the most common variety. The finest specimens generally come from the neighbourhood of Cumberland.

The tabular crystals are sometimes transparent, and often more or less stained with ochre; they mostly stand upon their edges, often very distinct and in every direction. It may be observed that their edges are parallel to the diagonal of the nucleus, therefore it becomes rectangular. The present specimen has small corner facets, parallel to the faces of the primitive or nucleus. One end has bevelled faces on either side, the angles measuring about 128°, which are parallel to the small triangular facets on the lower figure of Tab. 70. The other has three bevellings. See the geometrical figure.

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TAB. LXXIII.

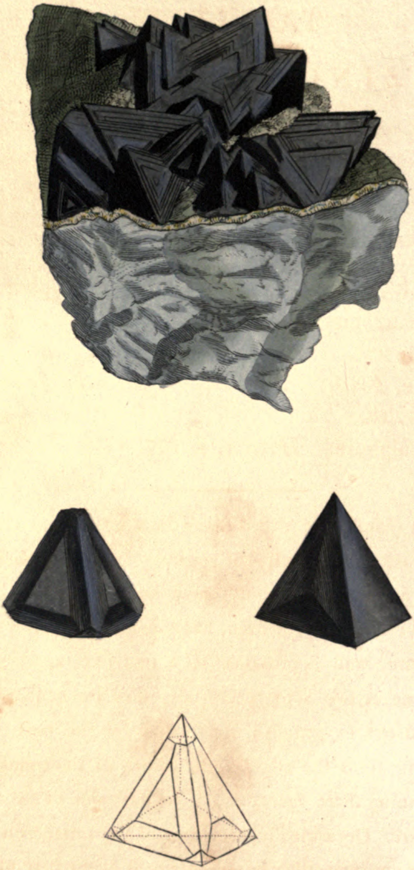
CALX Fluor, *var.*

Fluate of Lime, or *Fluor.*

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 3. Lime. *Spec.* 3. Fluate.

THESE specimens are among the rarest of the fluors known in Great Britain. *The upper one* is in the possession of my very generous friend Philip Rashleigh, Esq. F.R.S. &c. of Menabilly in Cornwall, whose work and grand collection of British minerals are well known. It is an instructive specimen, having the form of a purple octaëdral nucleus withinside, and the green modification in order about it, which adds to its beauty as well as curiosity. One side of this octaëdron has many small but perfect cubico-octaëdrons (or cubes with the corners truncated) of pyrites. The next specimen in value I have the pleasure to possess myself. It is somewhat rougher and rather duller, standing on a confused octaëdron, the corners of which are rather prominent, forming, as it were, irregular steps; it includes a small octaëdron greener than the rest, but rather obscure, within which is a smaller purple one, but which is not to be seen without turning the specimen about many ways. They both come from St. Agnes in Cornwall.

The lower geometrical figure explains this modification complete, in a position to make it familiar, and to show the placing of the octaëdron, which is in the position of the common fractures of all fluates of lime. See Tab. 27. and the latter part of the corresponding description. The upper middle four-sided face in all the figures will be found to agree with the face of the cube common to fluate of lime; the four sides of which are bevelled off, and the corners, as before mentioned, are parallel to the faces of the octaëdron, they forming six square faces of the cube, eight faces of the octaëdron, and 24 bevellings; in all 38 faces.



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TAB. LXXIV.

ZINCUM sulphuratum.
Sulphuret of Zinc, Blend.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. Zinc. *Spec.* Oxygenized.

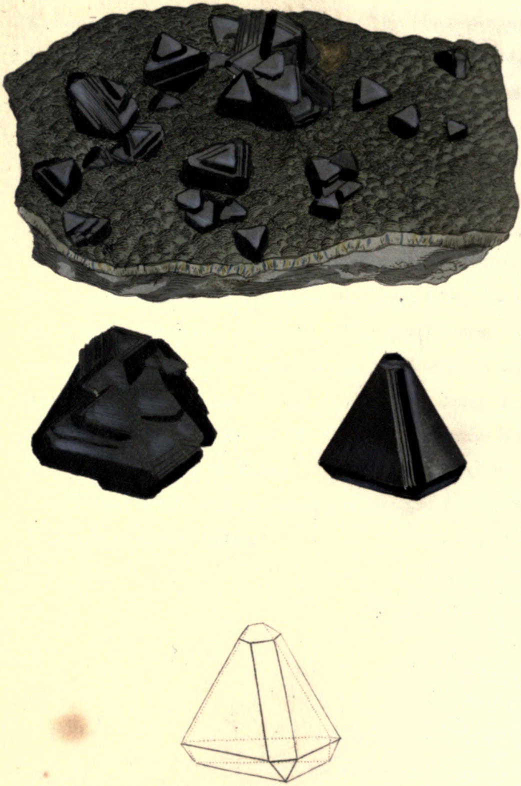
SPEC. CHAR. Zinc in combination with sulphur.

SYN. Zinc mineralized by sulphur with iron. *Kirw. v.* 1. 237.

Blende, *Emmerl. v.* 2. 443. *Syst. Min. Jameson, v.* 1. 16.

Zinc sulphuré. *Haüy, v.* 4. 167.

BLENDE (commonly called Black Jack by the miners) is often found crystallized, but generally in a very confused manner, and most frequently of a deep jet-black. The tetraëdral variety, here figured, has something of a less deep black lustre, and approaches to a lead-like appearance. Except one or two solitary crystals, they are generally in plated clusters or groups; the plates, for the most part diminishing from the edges to the centre of the triangular faces, forming three faces, as on the dark side of *the right hand figure*. Occasionally, each face of the tetraëdron will differ; and one may either be seen plain, as at the base of the *lowermost geometrical figure,* or have the above-mentioned three faces terminating in a point like the dotted faces on the distant side, or with another triangular face like the *right or left hand sides of the same figure.* The truncation of the four solid angles, in the *left hand and the geometrical figure,* are parallel to the octaëdron. These modifications are all evident in the present specimen, which is a Cornish one. They rest on a greenish chlorite, on a light sort of schist or slaty rock, commonly called killas by the Cornish miners. They are often accompanied with rock crystals and copper pyrites. The nucleus is a rhomboidal dodecaëdron, and the integrant molecule is a tetraëdron with isosceles triangular faces, according to Haüy. The modification called *encadré* by that author, among his sulphurets of copper, resembles this very much; but he does not seem to have known such in sulphuret of zinc. Its specific gravity is 4·1665 according to Brisson. It may be scratched with a knife, and it will scratch sulphate of barytes, but not fluor. Refraction simple, *Haüy.*



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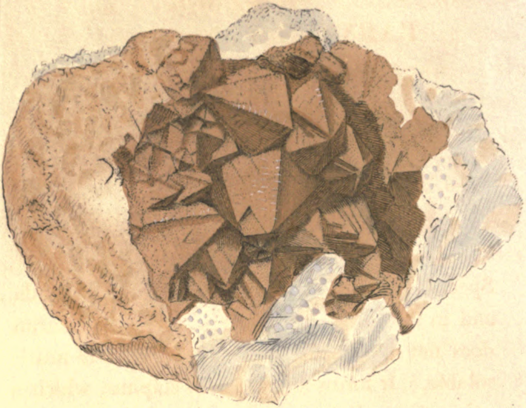
TAB. LXXV.

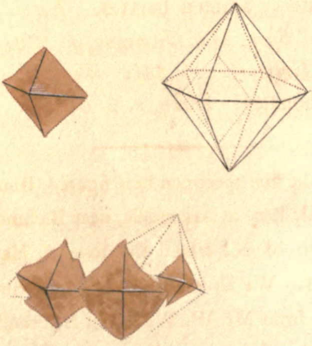
Is the same substance as the last. The crystallization is a very curious one. The edges being truncated adding 6 faces, which, with the truncations and the solid angles spoken of in the last, make 14 faces. The latter faces may be triangular, like the three bottom ones, or hexangular like that at the top.

These are on a gangue of somewhat dirty green chlorite and quartz, with pyrites.

The nature of the accumulation will be seen when we take occasion to figure the primitive form.

The well known semimetal zinc, often used as a principal agent in galvanism, for making of brass, &c. is extracted from this ore.





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TAB. LXXVI.

BARYTES carbonata.

Carbonate of Barytes.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Barytes. *Spec.* 1. Carbonate of Barytes.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

GEN. CHAR. Pulverulent, white, somewhat pungent. Spec. Grav. 400. Soluble in most of the acids, and in 900 times its weight of water. Its nitrate does not tinge flame red. Its sulphate is nearly soluble. It forms a hepar with sulphur, which is poisonous. *Bab.*

SPEC. CHAR. Combined with carbonic acid.

SYN. Barolite or aërated barytes. *Kirw. v.* 1. 134.
Witherite. *Syst. Min. Jameson, p.* 573.
Witherit. *Emmerl. v.* 1. 546. *Werner.*
Baryte carbonatée. *Haüy, v.* 2. 308.

WE received the fine specimen here figured, from the lead-mine of F. Hall, Esq. at Arkendale, near Richmond, Yorkshire, by favour of our friend the Rev. J. Harriman, in December 1803. We have since received specimens, from the same place, from Mr. W. Watson of Bakewell, which he gathered in September 1803. It was first found at Anglesark in Lancashire only, but has since been observed at several other places.

Carbonate of barytes, it appears, was first discovered by Dr. Withering (see Phil. Trans. for 1784, 301.), when it was called aërated barytes; but Mr. Werner, wishing to honour Dr. Withering for his abilities and accuracy, named it Witherite. It has since very properly been called carbonate of barytes. Radiating carbonate of barytes, in its weight and appearance, very much resembles carbonate of strontia: however, it differs from it in never being of a greenish colour, and in having its radii larger, more compact, and flatter.

The upper figure represents carbonate of barytes in dodecaëdral crystals, formed of two hexaëdral pyramids joined base to base, like quartz.

These are the largest I have seen, and are very rare at present. They are covered with a light ochraceous substance, perhaps calamine. The matrix is carbonate of barytes, in part decomposed, and of a chalky appearance. *The figures below* show the geometrical plan, and in what manner one of the solid angles of the base has been mistaken for part of an octaëdron, or has given the idea of two four-sided pyramids joined base to base, which many have described as one of its forms of crystallization.

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TAB. LXXVII.

CUPRUM sulphuratum.

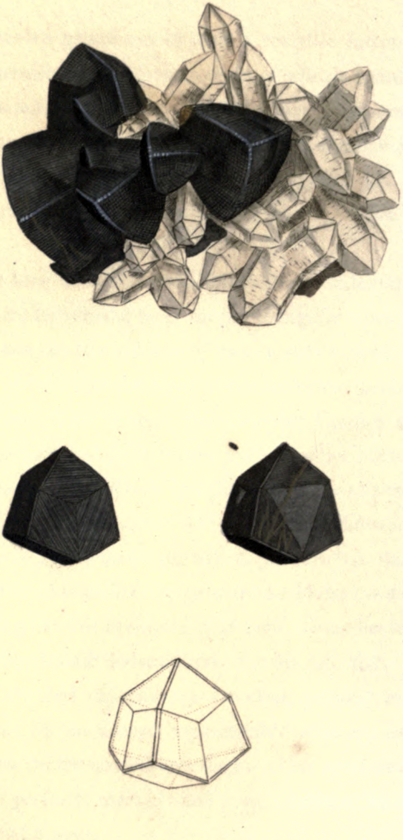
Sulphuret of Copper.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 10. Copper. *Spec.* 4. Sulphuret of Copper.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SYN. Yellow copper ore. *Kirw. v.* 2. 140.
Copper pyrites. *Syst. Min. Jameson.*
Kupfer-kies. *Emmerl. v.* 2. 232. *Werner.*
Cuivre pyriteux. *Haüy, v.* 3. 529.

THIS copper ore is not uncommon; but the form of the crystallization in this specimen is either rare, or has been hitherto overlooked by most mineralogical writers. Tetraëdrons have been spoken of, but not with lenticular convex faces, which seems a character of this ore when crystallized in tetraëdrons; at least most British specimens have some inclination to convexity. These appear to be always inclined to tarnish, very often assuming a coat, either of the colour of blued steel, or blueish black; and it often has the green patina, or oxide of copper, on the surface, which count Bournon speaks of in his description of yellow copper; *Phil. Trans. for* 1801. When fresh broken it is of a bright greenish yellow colour with a metallic lustre, and the flaws tarnish to the various colours of what is commonly called Peacock Copper Ore. The fracture is smoothish, having more or less of a fine-grained surface, sometimes like the finest sand, as count Bournon has observed. The crystals are brittle, and too tender to strike fire with steel.

The left hand sides of the two figures show the inclination to form three trapezoidal faces on the triangular ones; and *the figure between two columns of quartz* shows them more plainly, as it does also the signs of the triangular laminæ of superposition. This is taken from another Cornish specimen. *The geometrical figure* shows the somewhat obtuse tetraëdron, each face of which is replaced by three trapezoidal ones, making a dodecaëdron. The nearest modification to this kind is in Romé de l'Isle, *tab.* 1. *fig.* 28. but this has twelve additional isosceles triangular faces. Haüy has a crystal something like this in sulphuret of zinc, which he derives from the rhomboidal dodecaëdron. See his fig. 197. The rounded tetraëdral crystals are therefore passing to the dodecaëdron, in an almost imperceptible manner, as the three figures on the second line show. This specimen has some more perfectly marked, and some truncated like the *two left-hand figures*.



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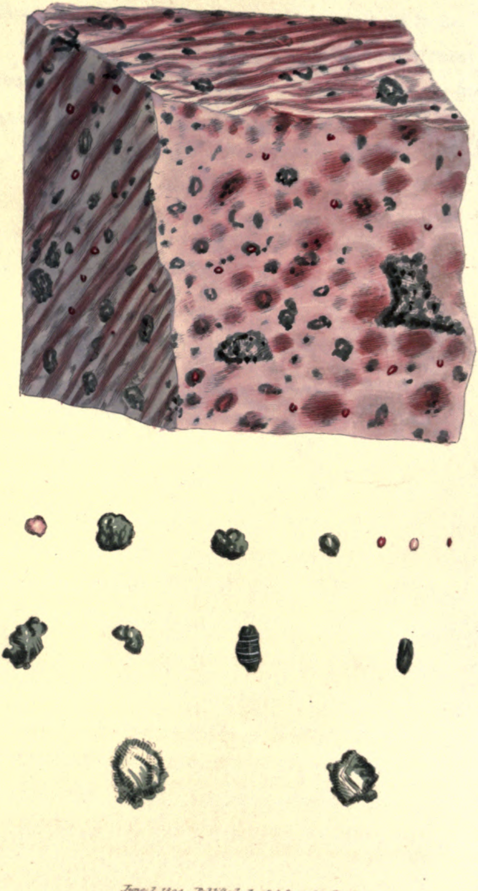
We continue this modification with a very curious variety of the same substance, probably less rich in copper, although differing very little in the lustre or colour of the fresh fracture.

The outward aspect resembles the grey or vitreous copper ores, being of a dull grey colour, and very roughly formed, as it were of certain nuclei, which viewed in the direction of the solid points, or angles, give a peculiar bright shining glare. Its faces are more determined and flatter than in the last: the three trapezoidal ones of the same are not finished (see the *right-hand middle figure*), but leave a triangular face, transverse to the original face of the tetraëdron, forming one equilateral and three isosceles triangular faces on each side, which makes altogether a new sixteen-sided figure. This is a modification very different from any before mentioned. Haüy only finds the modification from the bevelling of the edges of the tetraëdron, as in his grey copper and copper pyrites, tab. 70 and 71, fig. 78 to 89. However, the faces *o* on figs. 81, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89 approach it; but the angle of incidence is that of the rhomboidal dodecaëdron, or 120°; whereas ours is that of the dodecaëdron with isosceles triangular faces. Most of the crystals in this group are truncated at the edges, like *fig.* 27

of Romé de l'Isle (see our *geometrical figure* at the bottom). These sloping truncations add 12 narrow pentagonal faces; and thus we have a new figure with 28 faces.

Copper pyrites may be known from iron pyrites by its brassy colour, smooth fracture, and not striking fire with steel.



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TAB. LXXIX.

CALX carbonata; *var.* petrosa.

Variegated Limestone; or *Tirie Marble.*

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 3. Lime. *Spec.* 4. Carbonate of Lime.
Var. 3. Amorphous.

SYN. Common compact limestone. *Syst. Min. Jameson,* 477.

THIS beautiful variegated limestone comes from the hill of Belephetrich in Tirie, one of the western islands of Scotland. It is said to be a primitive limestone, but is not mentioned in Mr. Kirwan's Geological Essays. It has all the common characters of a limestone, with a fine splintery fracture*. It is admired for the white and red, blending and softening into spots, blotches, and undulating striæ, more or less interrupted by bright little red stones sticking within it like little garnets†, which are somewhat transparent, smooth, irregular, and seem to be quartz (see *the lower red-coloured figures*): also white transparent calcareous spar with the common rhomboidal lamellar fracture is occasionally mixed with the stone; but more especially a light or dark olive green substance, either of an earthy or

* Primitive limestone is not always white, nor is the grain of it always very perceptibly scaly or lamellar; but approaches, by reason of its minuteness, so nearly to the compact as to pass for such: nay, it is said sometimes to discover a splintery fracture, but very rarely; sometimes its texture approaches to the fibrous. *Kirwan's Geol. Ess.* 215.

† Jameson says it contains little garnets: we do not find any in the quantity of some tons which we have had the opportunity of examining.

shining appearance. The earthy sort at first sight resembles chlorite, but is more or less rhomboidal in its fracture. It seems to be mixed with quartz, and is irregular as to hardness. This green substance is mostly very irregular as to shape. We could only discover a small inclination to hexangular columns with irregular ends: these are sometimes smooth and shining, and have whitish transverse striæ, which give them the appearance of an onyx: these striæ are softer than the other parts (see *the middle figures*): some of these have a resemblance to jade, as Raspe observed, but perhaps only from their outward smooth aspect. The lighter ones, we presume, differ only in colour, and are probably the same substance; indeed, Jameson calls them all hornblendes. We have had the pleasure, through the kindness of Mr. Hatchett, of seeing the corundum from Tirie, spoken of by Mr. Jameson, and find it the same substance with these crystals, only much lighter in colour: but, as Mr. Greville observes, they are not fusible, as Kirwan and Jameson say hornblende is, therefore they cannot be hornblende; nor are they now supposed to be corundum, although the external appearance of the lighter varieties much resembles that substance. We, at present, only mention these crystals because they occur in the Tirie marble, but must show larger specimens, and explain them further hereafter.

Mr. Jameson in his Mineralogy of Scotland, v. 2. 30. describes the red-coloured marble of Belephetrich as follows:

Colour, pale blood red, light flesh red, and reddish white.

Lustre, none, except from a number of dispersed shining foliæ.

Fracture, fine splintery.

Transparency: transmits light freely at the edges.

Hardness: yields pretty easily to the knife.

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TAB. LXXX.

STANNUM oxygenizatum.

Oxygenized Tin.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Tin. *Spec.* 2. Oxygenized Tin.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SPEC. CHAR. Combined with oxygen.

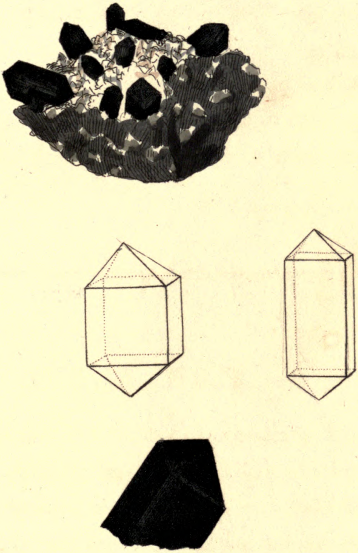
OCTAËDRAL crystals of oxygenized tin, destitute of any truncations, bevellings, or other modifications, I understand have never been yet found; those here represented are among the nearest known to that simple figure. My friend Mr. Richard Phillips, who possesses one of the finest and earliest collections of tins, &c. from Cornwall, lent me one of his best specimens for this figure, and I am possessed of a similar specimen. They seem in every thing so very like each other, as readily to imply that they came from the same place. They are very black, with much lustre, lying in every direction; some are macled or transposed with various truncations, bevellings, &c. *The middle figure* at the bottom shows the most perfect octaëdron I have yet seen. The edges of the pyramids are truncated more or less; the prism is perhaps shorter than here represented. *The left-hand outline* shows what it should be as a perfect octaëdron. The angles of the base of the two pyramids are 90°. Those of the face at the summit are 70° 31′ 44″, and at the base 54° 44′ 8″.

There have been two opinions concerning the primitive form of oxide of tin: the one, thatit is an octaëdron; and the other, that it is a cube. We have obtained very neat fractures parallel to four faces of the latter, and signs of faces inclined upon them, so as to form a rhomboidal dodecaëdron.

TAB. LXXXI.

Good specimens of oxide of tin with the proper four-sided column and corresponding pyramid, if the edges are not bevelled, or truncated, are somewhat rare. Some crystals on the present specimen are of this form, and others are truncated on the edge of the column, making a fifth face; which truncation is generally continued up the edge of the pyramid.

A four-sided column without truncations, or a pyramid, would be a great curiosity.



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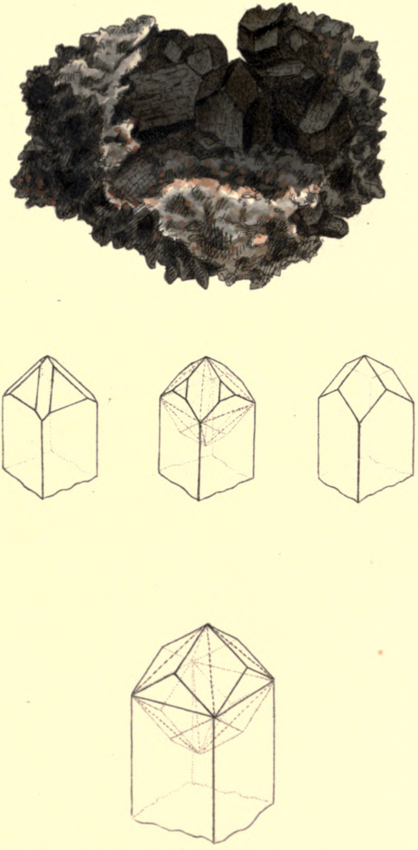

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TAB. LXXXII.

The figures here represented approach the dodecaëdron as nearly as any that I have yet met with of British origin. It will be readily seen that the edges of the four-sided pyramid, as truncated on *the left-hand figure,* if continued so as to obliterate the octaëdral faces, would form, with the help of the four-sided column, eight of the faces of the dodecaëdron, the other four faces being hid in the gangue; and, if with a short column, the faces would be all rhomboidal; but if the column be long, the columnar faces will be hexagonal. As yet we have not seen a dodecaëdron with both pyramids complete. These specimens are not so black as most, and are modified very roughly. They have also somewhat of a rusty ochraceous hue, probably holding more oxidated iron than usual.

We are obliged for this specimen to our friend Mr. Richard Phillips. We have some like it, but much smaller.

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TAB. LXXXIII.

SILEX Quartzum.

Agate Pebbles.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* 1. Quartz.
Div. 3. Amorphous.

SYN. Quartz agathe spheroidal. *Haüy, v.* 2. 423.

AGATE appears to be a very antient name given to this kind of quartzose stone. It is found on many parts of our shore, as at the Bill of Portland, Lowestoft, and on the Welsh, Scotch, and Irish coasts. It is sometimes found inland, about the lochs in Scotland and Ireland; and, occasionally, in the gravel-pits about London, &c.

This species has been much admired for its resemblance to many oriental stones; and differs from our common pebbles by its toughness, which preserves it from large internal flaws. According to its transparency or colour it is more or less valuable, depending on the taste of the owner. Such productions often become pledges of regard, or memorandums of past hours employed in gathering them; and are thus more esteemed than for their intrinsic value.

Exclusive of these social ideas, they are often equal to the best foreign agates, and bear cutting and polishing equally well. We shall speak of the striped and otherwise marked stones hereafter.

The agates found on the sea-coast, being rolled and jumbled together by the force of the waves, are roughened; but being hard, this roughness penetrates but a little way, and the utmost force they experience seems only to make little circular flaws; or, if I may be allowed the expression, more frequently little crescents or semi-circular flaws, from the impulse of the blow coming in a lateral direction.

The right hand specimen is from the Bill of Portland. Its outer surface is generally as here represented, but sometimes whiter. *The left hand top specimen* came from Lowestoft, and was, perhaps, formed by aggregation, as most agates seem to be (possibly in a trap rock, see Tab. 58), as the cloudy appearance within seems to indicate.

The next figure is of a rougher formation. It was sent by the Rev. H. Davies of North Wales. *The smooth one on the right hand*, with a little red about it, has been called a carnelian. It was found at Lough Neagh in Ireland: but it must be observed that agates, especially British ones, should not be confounded with oriental carnelians, the fracture of the agate not being so shining, and the stone much harder*. *The next specimen on the left* is a rather pellucid fragment

* This is well known to lapidaries, seal engravers, &c. as it costs them more labour and diamond dust to work them.

with the edges partly blunted. *The inner figure on the same line* was given me by Mrs. Abbot of Bedford, who picked it up in Derbyshire. The smallest of the two lowest ones is apparently a fragment, remarkable for the resemblance to part of a septarium; the inner part resembling *the upper right hand figure* with a coat of a different colour. *The largest figure at the bottom* has a resin-like appearance, which these stones occasionally have, and was given me by D. Turner, Esq. who brought it from Ireland. Agates that are found in Scotland resemble all these; but what are found there, especially near Perth, are admired for being striped, zoned, forming onyxes, or speckled with various blots, &c. resembling eyes. Mocoas are a sort of agate with dendrites or figures like sprigs, trees, &c. which seem to be iron, some say manganese, formed in a peculiar manner with the stones, especially the oriental ones, which are durable; but those called German Mocoas by the lapidaries, seem to have had the branching figures introduced by nature or art into their flaws, and such are apt to disappear, often to the great disappointment of the wearer. We digress a little in speaking of these, which are foreign subjects, as we do not yet know of any stones worthy to be termed Mocoas found in Great Britain.

We consider agate to be nearly of the same nature or a variety of chalcedony. It is said to contain Silex 84, Argil 16.

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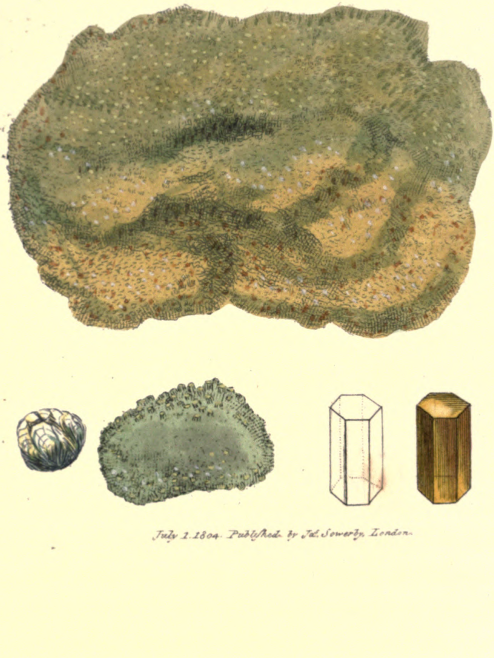

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TAB. LXXXIV.

PLUMBUM phosphatum.

Phosphate of Lead.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 14. Lead. *Spec.* 3. Phosphate of Lead.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SPEC. CHAR. Combined with Phosphoric acid.

SYN. Phosphorated Lead ore. *Kirw. v.* 2. 207.
Grun-bleyerz. *Emmerl. v.* 2. 394.
Braun-bleierz. *Ibid.* 383.
Green Lead ore. *Syst. Min. Jameson.*
Plomb phosphatée. *Haüy, v.* 3. 491.

THE yellow phosphates of lead of Wanloch-head mines, Scotland, are found coating Galæna in the Bellan-grain vein, from 20 to 30 fathoms below the surface, but gradually disappear at greater depths. From this mine our specimens came by favour of G. Laing, Esq. They are found in other parts of Great Britain besides Scotland, as Wales, Cornwall, Ireland, &c. The purest phosphates seem to be of the brightest yellow, and the crystals are generally very small, being mostly hexaëdral columns and their modifications. The present is in very perfect hexaëdral columns, and its yellow varies in intensity, with a greenish and brownish cast. The crystals are soft, brittle, easily scraped with a knife, and the powder* corresponds with the colour of the crystal. The crystals will easily scratch carbonate of lead. Fracture splintery and conchoidal. "Integrant molecule an irregular tetraëdron. Primitive form a bipyramidal dodecaëdron."—*Haüy*. We find these at first, by exposure to the blowpipe, turn green; then they assume a pearly cream colour, and afterwards become irregularly fibrous. The heat being continued, these fibres unite in a somewhat concentrating manner, forming various polygonal facets in an irregular sort of crystallization: see *the left hand figure* at the bottom. This substance is sometimes situated on an amorphous matrix of its own nature, or on quartz, ochraceous quartz, galæna, &c., as before observed.

* It is said to be gray by Haüy, let the colour of the mass be what it will.

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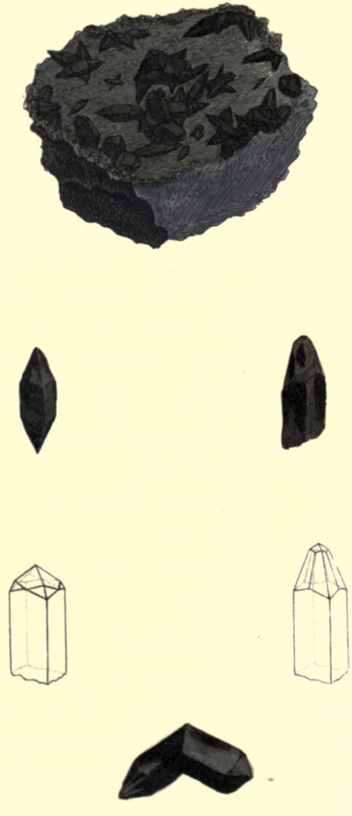

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TAB. LXXXV.

STANNUM oxygenizatum.

Oxide of Tin, in Crystals with 8-sided Pyramids.

Etain oxydé opposite. *Haüy, v.* 4. 141.

THIS is a rare modification. It is an incomplete 8-sided pyramid placed upon a 4-sided prism, at an angle of 155° according to Romé de l'Isle, and of 158° 45′ 27″ according to Haüy.

This pyramid is always terminated by another 4-sided one parallel to the octaëdron. They either stand on the gangue upright, with one end only finished pyramidally, as appears from the *middle figure on the right hand,* which is a large and curious detached crystal: being broken at the top, it gives an indication of a point, but on examination we find it cased on an octaëdron, which probably it once covered regularly; or they lie on their sides and are pointed at both ends: see *the left hand figure.* They are seldom large. The gangue is as usual to tin crystals, viz. rock crystal, chlorite, and chlorite schist, or *killas* of the Cornish miners. *The geometrical outline on the left hand* shows the commencement of the 8-sided pyramid on the edge of the prism. There are many varieties of this modification on this specimen, and sometimes of two them meet base to base, and form a mackle: see *the bottom figure.*

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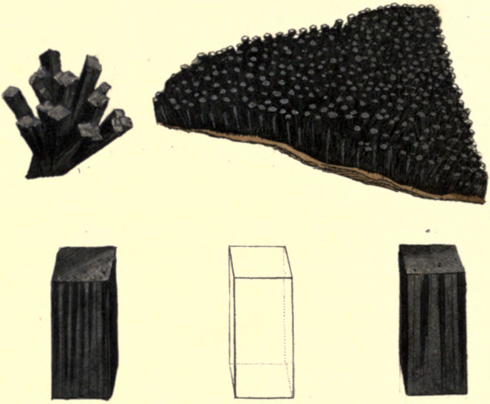

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TAB. LXXXVI.

MANGANESIUM oxygenizatum, *var.* Primitivum.

Oxide of Manganese.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 2. Manganese. *Spec.* 2. Oxide.
Div. 1. Crystallized. *Var.* 1. Crystal primitive.

GEN. CHAR. Spec. Grav. 6.85, somewhat malleable. Colour grayish white, very difficult of fusion, even more so than iron. Colours glass violet. Does not combine with sulphur.

SPEC. CHAR. Combined with oxygen.

SYN. Manganese mineralized by oxygen, *Kirw. v.* 2. 291.

Gray manganese ore, *Syst. Min. Jameson.*

Braunstein. *Emmerl. v.* 2. 522.

Manganese oxydé. *Haüy, v.* 4. 243.

MANGANESE (which was first discovered to be a new metal by Bergman), and which has since been found in a native state by Mr. La Perouse, in the valley of Vicdessos, near Sem, in the neighbourhood of Foix, Pyrénees, who says it is imbedded in oxide of manganese; is of a silver gray colour with a metallic lustre; divergingly foliated texture, somewhat malleable, and that it soils the fingers. Not knowing of its being found hitherto in Great Britain, we give this short account of it, and shall be glad to be favoured with any specimens which may be met with hereafter. We describe with much pleasure the present specimen of crystallized oxide, as propitious to an expectation that Great Britan nearly includes all that is essential to a knowledge of mineralogy, very few genera being excepted.

Mines have been worked in many parts of Great Britain for oxide of manganese. I have some specimens from Mendip Hills in Somersetshire, crystallized in small short rhomboidal prisms. The one figured is crystallized in elongated ones, which have striæ on their sides that agree with the fracture. We also find the apex show signs of a diëdral or tetraëdral summit.

The upper right hand figure is nearly the natural appearance and size of the specimen; the prisms standing irregularly and joining near the base, where they stand upon sulphate of barytes, &c. The gangue is a sort of stratified micaceous grit, through a stratum of which it runs in veins. In a mass sent me from Aberdeen, the manganese includes crystallized sulphate of barytes, &c. as trap sometimes does other stones. *The left hand upper figure* is magnified, and shows how irregularly the crystals stand on the mass in some parts. *The left hand bottom figure* shows the upright striæ on the prism, and the apex exhibits the diagonal striæ, and on some crystals a slight beginning of the two faces which sometimes meet on the centre. *The left hand figure* shows these striæ meeting in four directions to the centre, with the cross diagonals, giving signs of 4 or more faces. The prism is sometimes truncated so as to form eight sides. Haüy knew of no other than these eight-sided ones, with 2 or 4 summits at the apex.

We first read of short tetraëdral prisms of oxide of manganese in *Catal. de Raab. v.* 2. 130, from Naila, in the margravate of Bareith, in Germany, and soon after of rhomboidal tetraëdral prisms, neatly truncated at their extremities, from Ilmenau in Saxony. These of course are in Mr. Greville's matchless collection; we find the latter mentioned, as from Ilfield, in Dr. Babington's catalogue of the collection, now belonging to sir John St. Aubin, p. 255. We are glad to be possessed of British specimens from the works near Aberdeen, which I have been given to understand were first discovered by the Rev. Mr. Smith. My friend, Mr. James Reid, among other similar favours, procured me the specimen figured, some time in the year 1803. It agrees exactly with the two last specimens mentioned in *Catal. de Raab.*, in which the word truncated is certainly superfluous, rhomboidal prisms simply, being assuredly meant. This is considered as the primitive form by Haüy.

Oxide of manganese is used in glass-houses in small quantities, to clear and discolour glass by giving up some of its oxygen, and so completing the vitrification of the iron or other colouring ingredients. It is used as a pigment or an ingredient in printer's ink, and to procure oxygen gas from, for many purposes, viz. as a medicine; or for oxygenizing muriatic acid for bleaching, &c. About two quarts of this gas may be obtained from an ounce of oxide of manganese.

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TAB. LXXXVII.

FERRUM arseniatum.

Arseniate of Iron.

Class 3. Metals. *Ord.* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Iron. *Spec.* 8. Arseniate.

Div. 1. Crystallized. *Var.* Primitive.

SPEC. CHAR. Combined with arsenic acid.
SYN. Arseniate of Iron. *Bournon in Phil. Trans.* 1801.

THIS was mostly confounded with arseniate of copper until the celebrated Chenevix, by analysis, ascertained it to be an arseniate of iron: see Phil. Trans. for 1801. Count Bournon observes that it crystallizes in cubes rarely a little flattened: I may add rarely lengthened. I, however, have it a little so, perhaps the fourth of its diameter; and his figure conveys that idea, although I suppose unintentionally. The sides, he observes, are smooth and brilliant. I am happy to add another character, that they are diagonally striated in alternate order on each face; this is readily seen in most of my specimens*. They are often a little concave in the centre, and rising to the edges in the longitudinal direction of the striæ, and also show signs of being formed on cubical nuclei. I have them from a light yellowish

* See Ferrum sulphureum, tab. 63, in which the striæ are parallel to the edges of the cube; and Count Bournon has discovered a new species of cubic oxide of iron with the striæ at right angles, parallel to every edge of the cube: perhaps these striæ may become marks of importance

green to a bright perfect green, apparently neither inclining to yellow or blue, passing on to deepish blue green, and thence to an olive colour, being heightened, as it were, with red; then, the yellow and red prevailing, they are of a brownish resin colour: some are very pellucid and transparent, and all so in some degree. *The upper figure* shows them of their common natural size in a gangue of quartz mixed with oxides of copper and iron, &c. *The middle figure* is magnified to show their construction more readily; and *the right hand geometrical figure* shows the striæ. *In the left hand bottom figure,* the only modification known of this substance, according to count Bournon (to use his own words), "Four of the eight solid angles of the cube are replaced by an equal number of equilateral triangular planes, situated in such a manner that every one of the sides of the cube becomes an elongated hexagon, having two angles of 90° each, and four of 135°. Crystals modified in this way are very scarce. I have never seen but one specimen, which is in the collection of sir John St. Aubin. Its crystals are pretty large and well defined." I therefore consider as a great rarity a specimen in my museum, which exposes two crystals thus truncated. It is easily scratched with a pin, but it scratches common calcareous spar. By Chenevix's analysis it was found to contain

Silica - - -	4
Arsenic acid -	31
Oxide of Iron -	45·5
—— of Copper	9
Water - - -	10·5
	100·0

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TAB. LXXXVIII.

SILEX Quartzum.
Flint Pebbles, &c.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* 1. Quartz.
Div. 3. Amorphous.

SYN. Flint. *Kirw. v.* 1. 301.
Feuer Stein. *Emmerl. v.* 1. 143.
Quartz agathe pyromaque. *Haüy, v.* 2. 427.

FLINT pebbles, so universally known in the vicinity of London, are not so well known every where, even in Great Britain, since one may travel many miles in some counties without finding any.

The forms and colours of common flints are extremely various, and they give strong indications of being formed by infiltration and aggregation among the softer argillaceous rocks; as the agates, &c. seem to be among the harder rocks of a similar natrue; see p. 170: the siliceous infiltration being more or less coloured by oxide of iron, gravitates, or aggregates, into various forms.

The upper pebble at the right hand is white at one end, gradually becoming grayer towards the other end, with a line or two of interruption, and at length assuming the colour and texture of common gray flint*. The uncoloured part is sometimes less indurated, but insoluble in acid, and seems only destitute of the colouring matter. The coat appears to have been formed when the process was nearly complete; as drops of coloured water, or turpentine, will, in general, form a margin in the same manner on substances on which they are put: the others seem formed in a similar way, varying as to regularity. An approach to yellow, with a border of dull crimson, is seen in the next stone, and the coat is nearly black with very little variety.

The next right hand figure was given me by a friend who found it near Norwich. It is remarkable for the uniformity of the ochraceous tint all through it, and the dark coat penetrating it in the cracks, which seems to confirm the idea of the margin being formed as the substance was beginning to harden. The next stone is very regularly formed. In this, one of the circles is of as true a yellow, and nearly as bright, as I have ever found in flints. The faces of broken flints sometimes become of a brighter yellow when they have been exposed to the air. The upper central one is more irregular, but is in the middle as bright a cinnabar, or vermilion, as can perhaps be found in these sort of stones, and resembles red jasper. The fragment beneath has been

* The common ingredients are Silex	-	80
Argil	-	18
Lime	-	2
		100

irregularly modified. It is of the brightest crimson in the centre. *The lower left hand figure* is uniformly of a red jasper colour, which is not very frequent. Its fracture shows it to be not so tough and hard as jasper. This is rather partially covered with an ochraceous hue. The grey and black flints are not very rare: they are mostly found in wet clayey places, and are often very black, sometimes shining, or blotched with grey or a whitish hue; and, when so, are mostly lighter within under the black outside, and darker under the grey outside.

Pebbles, if of a fine ochrey hue, from the size of a horse-bean to that of a Windsor-bean, are used for making foot-ways or walks in our best gardens; and are sold in the vicinity of London from 10 to 12 shillings per load, under the name of gravel; the coarser sort are used to mend the roads*.

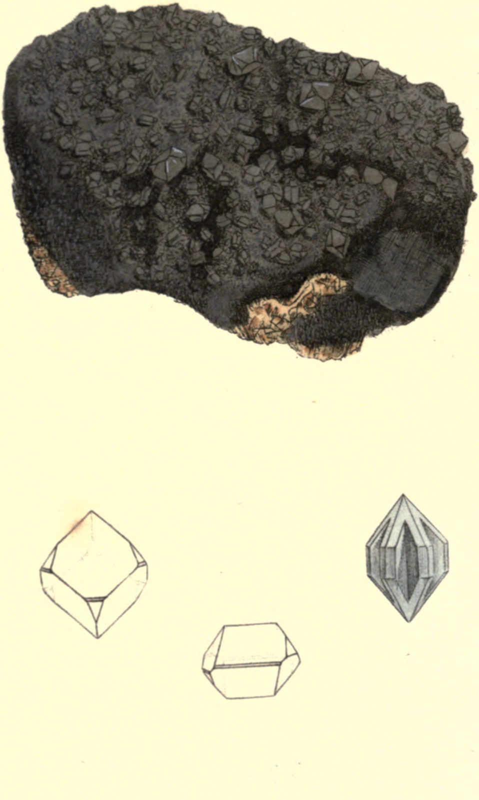
They are often useful, as at Sandown Castle, near Deal, to defend the coast from the encroaching ocean. They are certainly of more use than they are imagined to be in agriculture†; and protect the vegetable earth from the violence of the high winds, while they retain the night-

* It might be observed that they should not be brought from the damp pits in which they are found to sudden heat or cold, as it makes them rotten, unless intended to be rendered so for manure.

† Soil may be amended by the judicious farmer by adding or diminishing their quantity according to what he wishes to cultivate; their composition, size, sponginess, softness, hardness, and even shape, are of much consequence.

fallen dews and moisture necessary for vegetation. They also defend the roots from the too sudden and scorching heat of the sun in the day. They seem admirably suited for this purpose, as their texture is such as to imbibe heat rather slowly. Thus their being common is a happy providence, and it is very reasonable to suppose that every pebble has its destined use.

A great deal more might be mentioned respecting their utility in agriculture; but if what has been said is attended to, it will be found sufficient in this place. We may observe that, when free from flaws and of a good colour, they will bear cutting, engraving, and polishing, as well as the oriental carnelians, which they partly resemble in their shining fracture, and almost equal hardness.



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TAB. LXXXIX.

PLUMBUM carbonatum.

Carbonate of Lead.

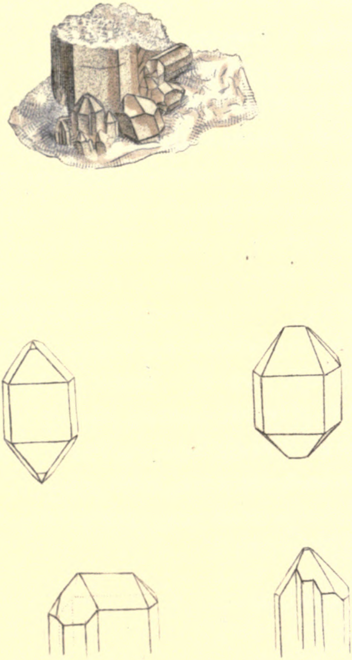
Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 13. Lead. *Spec.* 2. Carbonate.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

Spec. Char. Combined with carbonic acid.

Syn. White lead ore. *Kirw. v.* 2. 203. *Jameson.*
Weisses bleierz. *Emmerl. v.* 2. 388.
Mine de plomb blanche. *De Lisle, v.* 3. 380.
Plomb carbonaté. *Haüy, v.* 3. 475.

Carbonate of lead has often a great resemblance to carbonate and sulphate of barytes. It has, however, the advantage of weight, is generally more milky in its appearance, and is mostly shorter in the cross fracture; it is also softer. When crystallized, it is more deceptive, assuming the double pyramidal dodecaëdron of quartz. It is however most readily to be scratched with a knife, which quartz will not admit of; and when carefully examined, there are very few specimens of this sort that do not indicate a very curious tendency to forming one crystal out of many plated ones. These plates are often so placed that it is difficult to see the modification, especially to an unpractised observer. They often imitate the plated crystals of sulphate of barytes. The present specimen is a very fine one, obtained some years since. This shows that they sometimes originate from the decomposition of galæna, and they are here yet coloured with it. The matrix is composed of galæna mixed with fluor. This very curious specimen has the first modification of the quartz-like crystal, deduced from the primitive rhomb (see *the left hand outline*), with the column just visible: these pass into regular dodecaëdrons, with very short columns, or rather octo-decaëdrons; and also form the same figure in plates, which, if regular, show the surfaces of 12 intersecting planes or facets: see *the right hand lower figure:* but these are seldom quite regular, and they may be so confused and indeterminate that we cannot make them out: see *tab.* 90. *The under figure* is a modification seen on the same specimen, formed by the primitive before spoken of, having a larger deposition on some of the faces than on others, which gives it a lengthened appearance.

Analysis by Westrumb:	Oxide of lead	81·2
	Carbonic acid -	16·0
	Lime - -	0·9
	Oxide of iron -	0·3
	Loss - -	1·6
		100·0



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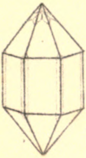

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TAB. XC.

THE specimen here represented would, very naturally, be taken for one of quartz, which it much resembles; and perhaps it might be passed over by casual observation as such. It came from the lead hills near Glasgow, and is very valuable. It is figured of the natural size, and has part of a large hexaëdral column very distinct, with many eighteen-sided crystals, either like the outline in the middle at the right hand, or like the lower figure at the right hand, with the column interrupted as it were in its formation, giving them the appearance of the buttresses often used in Gothic architecture, and adding many faces to the sides of the crystal, as well as giving additional angles to the faces of the pyramid. They vary much; one is nearly like *the left hand bottom figure* with 13 faces, having a pyramid at one end only.

TAB. XCI.

THIS specimen, lately sent me, by favour of Mr. Laing, from Wanlock Head mines, near Glasgow, shows the disposition of the last mentioned substance to form plated octo-decaëdrons and other modifications, inclining to the appearance of sulphate of barytes, by forming a sort of truncation on the edges. Thus *the left hand figure* is truncated on the edges of the original six-sided column, forming six-sided faces : see the dotted lines on the column of *the right hand figure*, and also the apex which is terminated by six trapezoidal faces. Thus we should have 48 faces if they were regular; this is certainly a curious modification. Mr. Laing judiciously observed, that the sulphuret of lead, or galæna, in most cases, where it is decomposing to form carbonate of lead, has a blue tarnish. It sometimes also becomes dusty or crumbly.

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TAB. XCII.

SILEX Quartzum, var. aggregatum.

Quartzose Pudding Stone.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 3. Aggregated.
Gen. 2. Silex. *Spec.* 1. Quartzose.

SYN. Pudding Stone. *Kirw. v.* 1. 360. *Bab.* 131.
Quartz-agathe breche. *Haüy, v.* 4. 461.
Poudding. *R. De Lisle, v.* 2. 481.

THIS is not rare, in gravel-pits, in many counties of England; Hertfordshire is however most famous for producing it. Pudding Stone is little known abroad, and is therefore esteemed in Germany, and other parts of the continent, as an English rarity. I believe it is not found either in Scotland or Ireland *.

The most perfect and most esteemed specimens are those which have the closest and finest siliceous cement, with the greatest number of variegated pebbles, sometimes with fanciful representations: see *left hand part of the figure.*

They are much the same in texture and hardness throughout, as the flint pebbles figured in *tab.* 88, and bear a polish equally well with them.

The upper figure is one of this sort, but is better in some parts than in others. The sides show an imperfection, as

* Though in Scotland they call some of the rocks by this name.

some of the pebbles are broken out, having been rather moulded than cemented, and almost loose when found. This specimen, I believe, is from Hertfordshire, where some people assert that they grow! This kind of stone was greatly sought after about a century ago, to be cut into trinkets, snuff-boxes, coat-buttons, &c.

The lower specimen came from South-end, Essex, and was given me by Lady Wilson. The opposite shore, at Sheppy Island, Kent, has many varieties of it, probably washed out of the curious marle clifts of that place. This specimen is somewhat too sandy, and not close-grained enough to bear a polish. They are sometimes found very large, and I have seen fragments of them that must have been several feet in diameter, which had been formerly worked into querns to grind corn.

Probably the name was given by English lapidaries; and, as Mr. Kirwan observes, they meant, by the appellation of Pudding Stones, to express flint pebbles of any colour cemented with a substance of the same or a similar hardness, so as to make an equally compact stone for polishing,

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TAB. XCIII.

CUPRUM arseniatum.

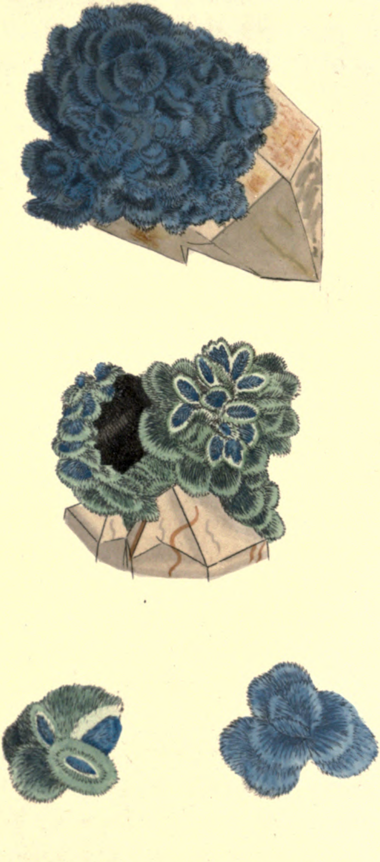
Arseniate of Copper.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 9. Copper. *Spec.* 8. Arseniate.

SYN. Bournon. *Phil. Trans. for* 1802.

THIS beautiful specimen of Arseniate of Copper was lent me by my good friend Philip Rashleigh, Esq. of Menabilly. It comes from near Gwenap. The crystals are spoken of by Count de Bournon as his third variety, "perfectly regular for a part of their length, and fibrous at their extremity." The present specimen has these crystals with apparently four sides of the octaëdron, lengthened into filaments, and divaricating a little from a centre, forming altogether a sort of brush, narrow at the base, widening towards the apex, and terminating a little abruptly in a sharp or angular point. They are of a dark dull green, somewhat transparent, the ends being generally more opaque and lighter, owing to their fibrous nature: some crystals are of a darker green colour and more confused: see *the left hand figure.*

The gangue is chiefly quartz, somewhat plated and ochrey, and has intermixed with it bright green arseniate? of copper in irregular granulæ: see *the right hand figure.*



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TAB. XCIV.

CUPRUM carbonatum.

Carbonate of Copper.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 9. Copper. *Spec.* 3. Carbonate.
Div. 2. Imitative.

THE present specimen is a very rare and curious modification of carbonate of copper.

At present I know of only two specimens; one belonging to P. Rashleigh, Esq., and the other in the possession of Mr. R. Phillips.

The upper figure, which belongs to the former gentleman, is, as he observes, remarkable for being on the broken end of a large milky rock crystal. The other stands on the crystallized ends of the rock crystal, and is a much larger specimen; part of it only being figured.

This mineral was first considered as an arseniate of copper, but we have every reason to suppose it to be a carbonate.

The spiculæ are curiously disposed like radii round the edges of a thickish lenticular nucleus.

Both specimens are accompanied by a few crystals of each variety of arseniate of copper, figured at *tab.* 31.

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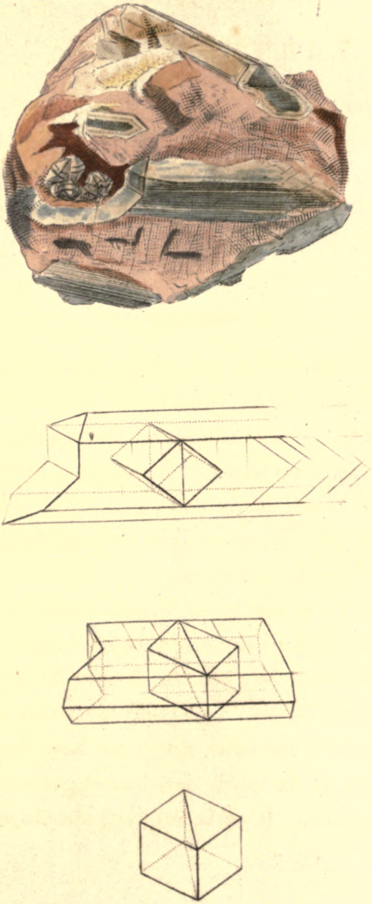

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TAB. XCV.

BARYTES sulfata.
Sulphate of Barytes.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Barytes. *Spec.* 2. Sulphate.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

THIS curious specimen was sent me from Cumberhead lead mine, at the head of the Nethan river, in Ayr-shire, by G. Laing, Esq. It is remarkable for the crystallized sulphate of barytes being immersed in amorphous sulphate of barytes. Not having before seen a fracture that indicates the integrant molecule, we are glad to make use of this specimen to show the form of one.

It is certainly very rarely to be fractured parallel to all its faces, some of which are not at all to be seen, and it should seem that Haüy had only observed them by the scintillations within the crystal. To explain the nature of the crystals formed in *the upper figure,* we have drawn a distinct outline in *the middle one,* including the nucleus, to show its situation. It will be easily seen that the perpen-

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dicular face at *the left hand* end* is parallel to the diagonal division of the nucleus, and the oblique fracture is parallel to one of the faces of the rhomboidal prism; the perpendicular lines indicate a continuance of the diagonal fracture, the others a continuation of the rhomboidal fracture. These are extended in the specimen more or less perceptibly until lost in small nuclei, at the right hand end of the crystallization.

The third figure may help to familiarise these things by its being placed in another position, and showing similar facts. *The lower figure* shows the geometrical divisions of the nucleus into two molecules, by means of this fracture parallel to the shortest diagonal of the rhomb.

Having seen this, we cannot doubt the opinion of Haüy, that there may be a fracture parallel to the longer diagonal, dividing the molecules above mentioned into two: thus four upright triangular prisms form the rhomboidal prism or nucleus, each being an integrant molecule.

* The faces at this end are all fractured ones.

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TAB. XCVI.

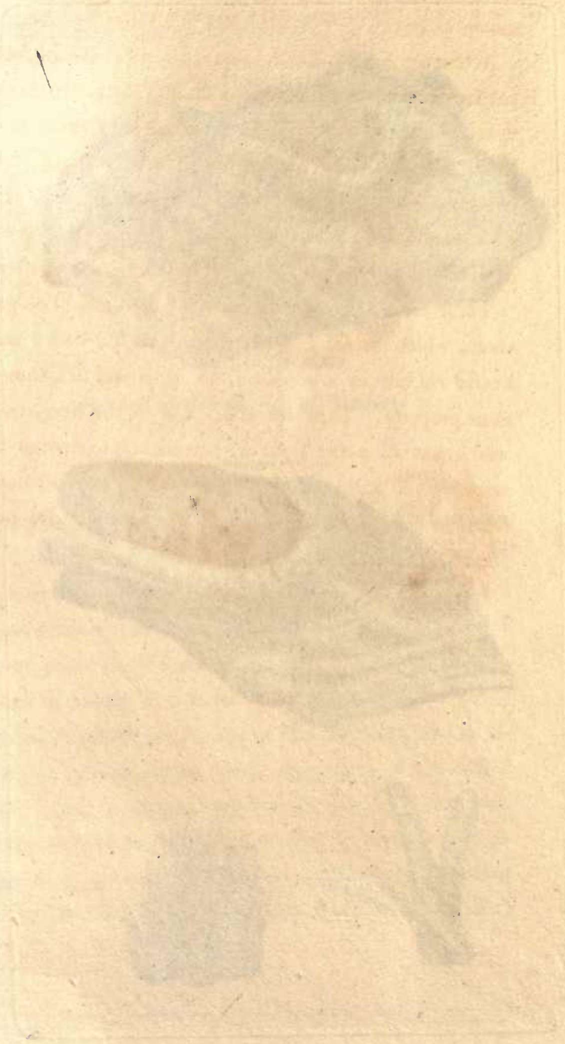
Div. 2. Imitative.

This variety of sulphate of barytes has obtained the name of cauk among the miners; for what reason I do not know. It has also been called terra ponderosa. The sort here figured is very frequent in Ecton mine, Staffordshire. It is not uncommon in other places, but of a less regular sphærical form. It is generally accompanied by carbonate of lime, fluor, galæna, blend, iron and copper pyrites, &c., and is most frequently white. Sometimes it is coloured by oxide of iron, and is then either yellowish, or mostly reddish. The specimen represented in the *upper figure* came from Ecton mine, and is accompanied by calcareous spar and pyrites of various forms and hues. The internal structure is confusedly laminated, showing signs of crystallization, arranged in the form of a sphere; these laminæ are extremely close, and often confused, or so thin that no determinate form can be made out, having only the appearance of segments of circular plates, sticking edgeway by the side of each other: see the *bottom figure:* at other times they are the edges of plates with the faces usual to tabular sulphate of barytes: see *tab.* 72. The whole are sometimes attached by a greater or smaller base, so as to be nearly detached spheres; at other times only half a sphere or less.

At Buxton, Derbyshire, however, detached balls are found, not far under the surface of the common earth: see *the three figures in the middle*. They seem to be formed among loam, and partake of an ochraceous hue; the edges are frequently more separated, and less regularly rounded. They have occasionally attached to them single cubic crystals of fluor in a decomposing state; of which more hereafter.

These are somewhat related to the celebrated Bolognian stone, which shines like phosphorus in the dark; and if heated red hot in a common fire, it is said to assume the same property. They are allied also to the liver-stone *, which has its name from its hepatic scent, derived from sulphuret of ammonia or liver of sulphur. Varieties are found in Great Britain, which, when rubbed, give nearly the odour of stink-stone: see *tab*. 38.

* Found in Adrarium, in Scania.



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TAB. XCVII.

FERRUM arseniatum.

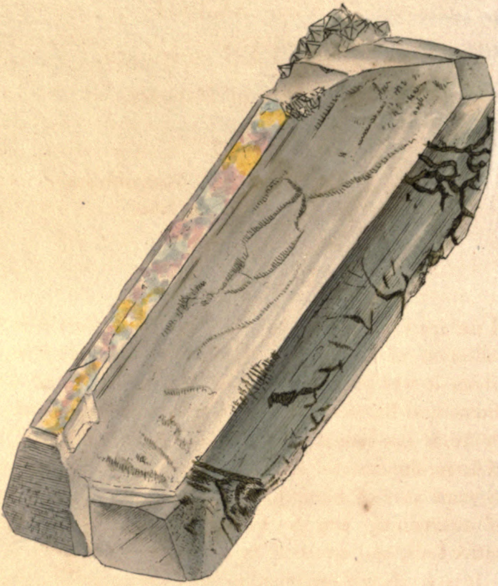
Arseniate of Iron.

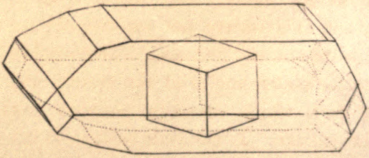
Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Iron. *Spec.* 8. Arseniate.
Div. 1. Crystallized. *Var.* 7. Primitive.

THIS arseniate of iron is one of the richest that has been seen hitherto; and what adds much to the beauty of the specimen is, that the lighter green cubes are accumulated in groups, forming threads, lying on darker ones, all of which are very pellucid. To add to the rarity of this specimen, we find extremely fine fibres of an oxide of iron? partly encircled by a band as it were of the arseniate, which relieves the reddish brown dusty appearance of the oxide; and this last, in return, relieves the glittering arseniate. The fibres of the oxide are so fine that it requires a high magnifier to see them; we could not discover any other than simple fibres. *The top figure* is of the natural size;

the middle one, somewhat magnified; *the lower* are more magnified. The gangue is chiefly quartz, with various coloured ochres and some arsenical iron, or what has been called mispickel: see the metallic parts in *the upper figure.*

This is one of the many fine specimens in Mr. Rashleigh's collection.





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TAB. XCVIII.

BARYTES sulphata.

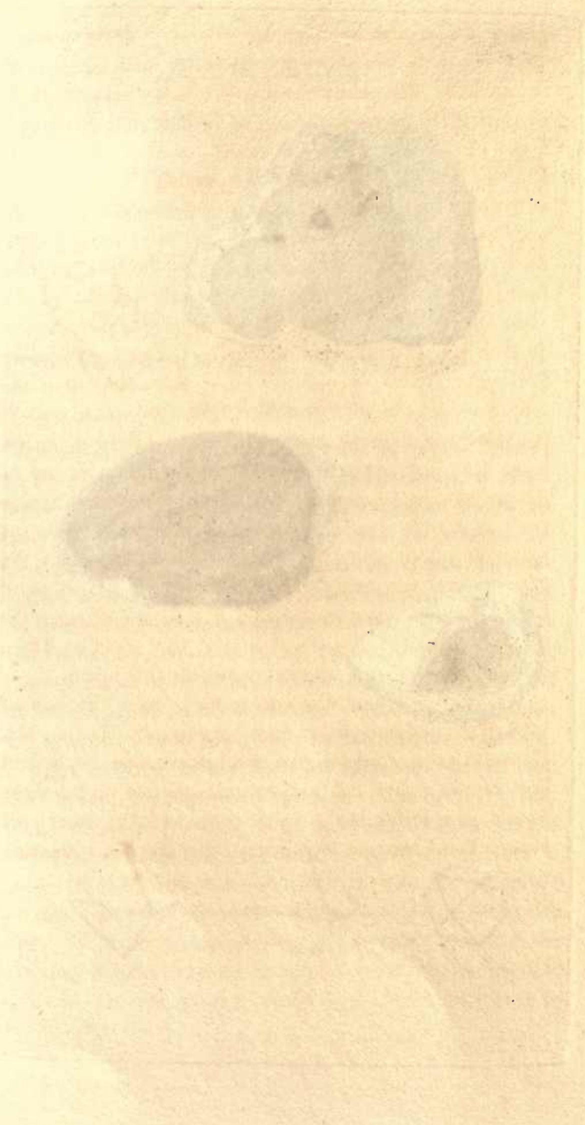
Sulphate of Barytes.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Barytes. *Spec.* Sulphate.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

The specimen from which this figure was taken is in the collection of Mr. Professor Hailstone at Cambridge, to whom it was presented by John Probart, Esq., of Copthorne near Shrewsbury, in whose interesting museum the Professor saw several other crystals of the same kind, but of larger dimensions, and understood that they were found in some part of Shropshire; but he had no opportunity of ascertaining any further particulars respecting their native beds, and situation in the earth.

It is a valuable specimen, to show the nature of a crystal terminated on all sides, and independent, or not fixed on any gangue. This is not common to sulphate of barytes. It has only a few quartz crystals at the upper corner, as expressed in the figure. The modification is altogether singular, and is a variety not yet figured; we find it has 23 faces, some scarcely distinct. The crystal is lengthened parallel to the obtuse angles of the rhomb, and the upper primitive face, which shows the prismatic hues somewhat below the surface. It has little hollows as it were unsupplied by molecules; this is the case also in other parts, giving the crystal a rough appearance. These hollows agree very well, when narrowly examined, with the shape of the nucleus. The general form will be better understood by examining *the geometrical figure* at the bottom, containing a figure of the primitive or rhomboidal prism: see *tab.* 70; allowing for the perspective, and conceiving the sharp angles as the obtuse ones, viz. *the right and left hand angles;* the upper and lower faces and the four corners are primitive faces corresponding with the six faces of the nucleus. The four larger octangular faces are evidently parallel to the acute corners of the rhomb (allowing for the perspective). In their formation, the laminæ are (as it were) arranged on the upper and under primitive faces, decreasing from the four acute angles of the nucleus from four obtuse angles; the same also forming 2 long quadrangular faces at the left hand end, and 2 large hexangular ones at the other end of the geometrical figure coming in contact with the primitive faces at the corners, at an angle of about 123° with the upper or under primitive faces. Next to these, on the same angle of the nucleus, are two other 4-sided faces above and below, the larger at an angle of 140° 59′ 2″ upon the primitive, and the smaller at one of 162° 2′ 44″. These may be distinctly seen on the top of *the upper figure.*

The Cumberland specimens seem to have the face of 123°, which appears not to have been seen by Haüy. Mr. Hailstone's specimen has two small faces marked by dotted lines on the right hand front corner, and one on the right hand corner at the back, which agree with the faces *y* of Haüy. This I have not seen in any other English specimen.



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TAB. XCIX.

FERRUM sulphureum.

Sulphuret of Iron; Iron Pyrites.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Iron. *Spec.* 6. Sulphuret.

Div. 1. Crystallized. *Var.* Octaëdral, &c.

Syn. Fer sulfuré octaëdre. *Haüy*, *v.* 4. 69.

Octaedral Pyrites is not so common as cubical Pyrites; we have it however along with various substances, as calcareous spar, limestone, coal, &c. The present figures are designed to show this modification from the cube passing into what Haüy calls the cubo-octaëdre, thence into the perfect octaëdron. At the commencement of this change the corners of the cube are replaced by triangular faces—see *the left hand figure*—which, as the modification goes on, become planes of six sides each—see *the middle figure*—and at last the primitive faces are lost. These six-sided planes are reduced again to triangular ones, forming the octaëdron.

I am indebted to the late Lady Elizabeth Noel of Bath for *the upper* and *right hand specimens*. The first is the cast of a shell of the *Trochus* genus; and it should seem that the crystals are on the cast in place of the shell, as the rock is about the thickness of the shell from the cast, and is a mould of the outside of the shell. *On the left hand side* remains a bit of the rock, and on *the right hand* are exhibited the thickness and calcareous remains of the shells, sufficient to indicate the species to a conchologist, which appears to be different from any shells of the present age. This is taken from another specimen which also came from Bath by favour of T. Walford, Esq. The pyrites on this are octaëdrons, some of which have their solid angles slightly truncated. It nearest resembles *Trochus niloticus Linn.*, but we do not consider it as that species.

The cast of the shell on *the right hand*, of a golden hue, being covered with pyrites, generally deeply truncated, seems a species of *Mytilus* cut off in the manner of *Donax denticulata Linn.* The shell on *the left hand* seems to be a *Tellina*, and includes pyrites, chiefly of a cubo-octaëdral form—see *left hand bottom figure*—as it were hermetically sealed in, and of course not discovered till the shell was broken. How these crystals came there may excite wonder; but, were we sufficiently acquainted with nature's operations, we should see every natural cause as well as its effect. This shell most nearly resembles Lister's *Tellina lata rugosa*, *tab.* 390. *f.* 229.

These fossils are in great abundance above the sand quarries at Woolwich and Charlton, about nine feet from the surface of the hill, in a loose marly stratum, from one to six feet thick.

How long they have been preserved there is not known; they however will soon rot and decay after exposure to the air. The other sorts of shells are two species of *Turbo*, probably of the same date; these will also fall to pieces. Of oyster shells there is great abundance, which do not, to my knowledge, differ from those at present known, nor do they decay so readily as the others. There are other shells in this curious place, and in Lady Wilson's park at Charlton, with specimens of which I have been favoured by her ladyship. I have gathered the more common ones myself.

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TAB. C.

CUPRUM oxygenizatum; *var.* cubicum.

Cubical Red Oxide of Copper.

Syn. Cuivre oxydé rouge cubique. *Haüy, v. 3. 557.*

Good cubical crystallizations of Red Oxide of Copper are much rarer than octaëdrons: see *tab.* 53.

This specimen came from near Redruth in Cornwall. It is crystallized in distinct cubes sometimes, but oftener in rather irregular groups, yet with their edges and planes parallel to each other, seldom like Fluor, *tab.* 73, or Galæna, *tab.* 24, &c., which are generally more confused. It rarely forms large cubes, although I understand that some have been found a quarter of an inch in diameter. They are often truncated at their solid angles, forming the cubo-octaëdre of Haüy, *t.* 63 and 71. *The magnified figure* represents a group somewhat like one on the specimen, which has a large cubo-octaëdre at *the left hand corner,* and the rest consists of various sized cubes, and one or two of another group, showing that the different groups may stand in different directions.

These are more generally of a more beautiful Bohemian or Scotch garnet* colour than the octaëdrons. We know of no difference in their substances.

* Now called *Pyrope*, differing from the common garnet in colour, transparency, and in never being crystallized. It should seem also that they may be still further subdivided.

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* The miners' name for Galæna.

* Rhomboidal coal (commonly called dice coal), in contradistinction to coals which do not break in rhombs.

* Werner's name for compact limestone.

† Werner's name for corundum.

‡ Werner's name for chalk.

§ Emmerling's name for amphigene.

* Werner's name for quartz.

* Townson's name for analcime.

† The common French name for analcime.

* Werner's name for strontia.

† Hope's name for strontia.

‡ Werner's name for sulphate of iron.

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CORRIGENDA.

Page 7 Line 5, *from the bottom, read* Chaux carbonatée.
9 —— 2, *for* inversus *read* inversa.
10 —— 1 and 2 *to be erased.*
11 —— 2, *after* Calx *insert* carbonata var.
13 —— 9, *for* stalactites *read* carbonata var. stalactitica.
— —— 8, *for* lime stalactites *read* stalactitical carbonate of lime.
15 —— 2, *for* creta *read* carbonata var. cretacea.
17 —— 2, *after* calx *insert* carbonata var.
21 —— 2, *after* calx *insert* carbonata var.
35 —— 2, *for* Silex arenacea var. calcarea *read* Quartzum arenaceum var. calcareum.
37 —— 2, *after* Argentum *insert* nativum var.
41 —— 2, *after* Cuprum *insert* nativum var.
— —— 7, *for* v. *read* p.
44 —— 17, *for* species *read* variety.
52 —— 11 *from bottom, after* soda *insert* muriata var.
53 —— 2, *for* sulphuratum *read* sulphatum.
55 —— 2, *for* Galæna *read* sulphureum.
— —— 3, *for* sulphure *read* sulphuret.
— —— 5, *for* sulphate *read* sulphuret.
59 —— 3, *asterisk on this line is to be placed next to*, white part *on line 5 from bottom.*
65 —— 2, *for* sulphuratum *read* sulphatum.
70 —— 2, *for* sulphuratum *read* sulphatum.
83 —— 2, *for* arenacea *read* Quartzum var. arenaceum.
87 —— 16, *for* 40′ *read* 4′.
107 —— 2, *for* Gagas *read* Carburetum.
112 —— *last, for* Groghan *read* Croaghan.
120 —— 3, *for* pleats *read* plaits.
121 —— 8, *for* glass-kopt *read* glass-kopf.
123 —— 3 *from bottom, for* humerus *read* femur.
145 —— 2 *from bottom, for* ey *read* eye.
153 —— 5, *for* oxygenized *read* sulphuret of.
171 —— *last, for* chalcedony *read* calcedony.
191 —— 2, *for* Silex Quartzum *read* Quartzum farcimen.
197 —— 2, *for* sulfata *read* sulphata.
209 —— 7, *from bottom, in the first column, for* 5 *read* 4.
— —— 12, *do.* *do.* *for* 4 *read* 3.
— —— 26, *from bottom, in the second column, for* 6 *read* 5.
— —— *in the first column, after last line, read* inversus, t. 4.
210 —— 25, *in the second column, for* 3 *read* 5.
— —— 29, *do.* *for* 5 *read* 3, *and transpose lines* 29, 30, 31, 32, *before* 25, 26, 27, 28.
— —— *in the second column, after line* 49 *read* carbonatum, t. 89,
—————— 90,
—————— 91.
215 —— 28, *for* Eisen-erse *read* Eisen-erde.

When sulphuratum *is used as a specific name, read, instead of it,* sulphureum.

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As for the Earth, out of it cometh Bread, and under it is turned up as it were Fire. The Stones of it are the Places of Sapphires; and it hath Dust of Gold. JOB xxviii, 5, 6.

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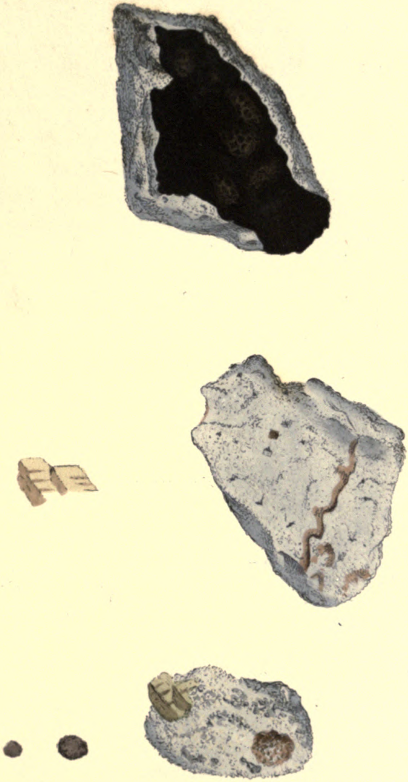

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TAB. CI.

FERRUM nativum*.
Meteoric Iron.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* 1. Native Iron.

SPEC. CHAR. Malleable, and nearly uncombined.

SYN. Ferrum retractorium, granulis nitentibus, matrici virescenti immixtis, (*Ferrum virens* Linn.) cujus fragmenta, ab unius ad viginti usque librarum pondus, cortice nigro scoriaceo circumdata, ad Plann, prope Tabor, circuli Bechinensis Bohemiæ passim reperiuntur. *Lithoph. Born. pars* 1. 125.

Stones said to have fallen from the Clouds. *E. King's Remarks on, &c.* 21.

Certain Stony and Metalline Substances which have fallen from the Atmosphere. *Phil. Trans.* 1802. *part* 1. 174. 183.

To introduce a substance, however curious, as having fallen like a meteor from the skies, or as Phaëton from the heavens, might seem absurd in a work on British Mineralogy. But, whatever may be the extent of this term mineralogy, it is

* We have arranged this as a native Iron, which is its great characteristic ingredient. It must come near the Iron of Siberia, Bohemia, &c., and be followed by the suboxides.

pretty universally understood to include a knowledge of stones and metals; among the latter of which we place this production, and feel much gratified in adding so great a rarity to the British catalogue. But we ought, in charity, to wish such may still continue to be rare, as otherwise the consequences might be dreadful. It is particularly to be noted that the same substances are only found under similar circumstances. Many of these stones haves fallen abroad in different places, but only two are known to have fallen in Great Britain; the first in Yorkshire, part of which is here figured; and the other in Scotland.

They have been found to contain

1. Silex.
2. Iron in a malleable state.
3. Magnesia.
4. Martial Pyrites.
5. Nickel.

The *silica* is lightish grey, in some parts rather vitreous, with rectangular yellowish fragments:—see *the left hand figure.* It is in very numerous but minute particles, which require the aid of a magnifier to be distinguished.—The iron is grey, much dispersed in particles of different sizes, mostly very small, often in rows, and sometimes in veins.—The magnesia seems combined with the silica, and the nickel chiefly with the iron.—The pyrites are dispersed in particles among the whole, some enclosing malleable iron, and some looking, when magnified, like particles of quicksilver; others are more distinct, and tarnished like common pyrites. They emit a blue blaze if projected on red-hot charcoal, and are easily fusible, becoming magnetic. The coating appears to be fused together, is very thin, and somewhat less magnetic than the rest; in some parts entering and forming veins within the stone. The whole is in texture like a compact sandstone, and may be crumbled into little pieces by the nail. The fracture is irregularly conchoidal, sandy or earthy. There are dispersed through the whole several spherules of a laminated texture, which were first observed by Mr. Howard.

The upper figure is a fragment showing the coat and the indentations common to most of these stones, also the little reticulated cracks sometimes filled up with the whiter parts of the stone.

The right hand middle figure shows the other side of the same fragment, with a vein of iron, somewhat oxidated, since being broken; also little knots of iron, of a metallic lustre, which are irregularly scattered among the more minute particles of the same, with pyrites in the mass of the whitish earthy substance, composed of silex and magnesia.

The left hand figure shows the vitreous substance found in some parts of the stone, highly magnified. Count Bournon has found the same in the Sienna one. It is to be scratched with the nail, else we should have compared it with the peridot of Bournon, or chrysolite of Werner, which is found in the Siberian iron. It is remarkable, that besides this substance I have some crystallized pyrites adhering to a piece of Siberian iron in my possession.

The lower right hand fragment is magnified. It shows the granular formation of the stone, with somewhat tarnished pyrites, and the particles of iron in circular rows.

The two bottom left hand figures represent the earthy shperules*.

The following account of the Yorkshire stone was communicated by Major Topham:

The man who, by some fortuitous circumstance, happens to possess any extraordinary curiosity, has a very troublesome companion. He is liable to have his time occupied in

* These agree partly with those found by the Count de Bournon in the Bohemian stone.

answering letters from any stranger that may choose to ask questions, his house searched, his grounds ransacked; and, if the circumstance be very singular, he has the additional pleasure of having every word he says disbelieved on the subject. It was my good fortune to tumble into this predicament by a stone falling near my house in the country: and though I have been called upon, both publicly and privately, for a thousand accounts, and have answered innumerable inquiries from the ingenious, and those who had no ingenuity whatever; yet, as curiosity is a stream that never ceases, I found that this said stream might flow on for ever. I made one resolution, therefore, once for all. I was resolved to consign the stone in question to some public museum, where public curiosity might be amply gratified, and to deliver with it the most accurate account I was able to take from living witnesses on the spot, as I was at that time engaged on business in London. Mr. Sowerby, the publisher of a very ingenious work on mineralogy, has now the stone in his possession; and I doubt not the delineation of it, which accompanies this account, is extremely accurate and faithful.

The stone, therefore, coming from where it may, or bringing with it, in the words of Hamlet,

"Airs from heaven, or blasts from hell,"

will no longer "blush unseen," but be subject to be examined, disputed, and commented upon by every philosopher in the United Kingdom, who may choose to visit the *Museum* of *Mr. Sowerby*; where they may, if possible, settle those points which I could never settle, though many of my inquirers seemed to think it mighty easy—viz: What projectile force could throw a stone of 56 pounds in weight from any volcano upon earth to the spot near my house where the stone fell? Whether it might not come from some volcano in the Moon? an idea to which French *Sçavans* much incline: or, Whether a flash of lightning striking into the ground might not have power to conglomerate, to form at once, and, as it were, to knead together that heterogeneous mass of sulphureous and mineral matter of which this stone, and all others that are supposed to have so fallen, seem to be composed?

Having premised thus much, lest there should be found a person who might suppose I had the smallest wish or inclination to impose upon the world a wonderful story, I shall proceed to state what circumstances attended the falling of the stone in question, which was witnessed by many people who could have no interest in fabricating a false account, and were far too simple to have done so. What is most singular is, that it should have been so well attested, because on the high wolds of Yorkshire thousands of stones might have fallen, and there might not have been even a solitary shepherd, or his more solitary dog, to have witnessed the occurrence.

It was on Sunday, about three o'clock, the thirteenth of December, in the year 1795, that the stone in question fell within two fields of my house. The weather was misty, and, at times, inclining to rain; and though there was some thunder and lightning at a distance, it was not till the falling of the stone that the explosion took place, which alarmed the surrounding country, and which created so distinctly the sensation that something very singular had happened.

When the stone fell, a shepherd of mine, who was returning from his sheep, was about 150 yards from the spot; George Sawden, a carpenter, was passing within 60 yards; and John Shipley, one of my farming servants, was so near the spot where it fell, that he was struck very forcibly by some of the mud and earth raised by the stone dashing into the earth, which it penetrated to the depth of twelve inches, and seven afterwards into the chalk rock,—making in all a depth of nineteen inches from the surface.

While the stone was passing through the air—which it did in a north-east direction from the sea-coast—numbers of persons distinguished a body passing through the clouds, though not able to ascertain what it was: and two sons of the clergyman of Wold Newton (a village near me) saw it pass so distinctly by them, that they ran up immediately to my house, to know if any thing extraordinary had happened.

In the different villages over which the stone took its direction, various were the people who heard the noise of something passing through the air, accurately and distinctly, though they could not imagine what was the cause of it: and in many of the provincial newspapers these accounts were published at the time from different persons.

In fact, no circumstance of the kind had ever more concurrent testimonies: and the appearance of the stone itself, while it resembles in composition those which are supposed to have fallen in various other parts of the world, has no counterpart or resemblance in the natural stones of the country.

The stone in its fall excavated a place of the depth before mentioned, and of something more than a yard in diameter. It had fixed itself so strongly in the chalk rock, that it required some labour to dig it out.

On being brought home, it was weighed; and the exact weight, at that time, was 56 pounds; which has been diminished in a small degree at present, by different pieces being taken from it as presents to different *literati* of the country. Mr. King, the antiquarian, in his account of *Sky-fallen Stones*, has published an account of this, with many curious and learned remarks on those which have fallen at different periods.

All the three witnesses who saw it fall agree perfectly in their account of the manner of its fall, and that they saw a dark body passing through the air, and ultimately strike into the ground: and though, from their situation and characters in life, they could have no possible object in detailing a false account of this transaction, I felt so desirous of giving this matter every degree of authenticity, that, as a magistrate, I took their accounts upon oath, immediately on my return into the country. I saw no reason to doubt any of their evidence, after the most minute investigation of it.

While Mr. Sowerby delivers in the work he is editing a very accurate delineation of the stone itself; at his request, I have transmitted to him this account of the circumstances attendant on it, to accompany the publication. But I mean not to enter into any literary warfare with those sceptics, who think it much easier to doubt every word of this account than to believe such an event could take place. Hume held the same language on miracles of a more sacred nature. There is no shorter way of disposing of any thing than to deny or disbelieve it: but sometimes

"They who come to scoff, remain to pray."

To perpetuate the spot where the stone fell, I have erected a pillar, with a plantation around it. The pillar is built over the exact place which the stone excavated, and has this inscription on a tablet:

Here
On this Spot,
December 13th 1795, fell from the Atmosphere
An extraordinary Stone!
In Breadth 28 Inches,
In Length 30 Inches,
and
Whose Weight was 56 Pounds!
THIS COLUMN
In Memory of it was erected by
EDWARD TOPHAM
1799.

Through the kind interference of my friend, G. Laing, Esq., Mr. Craufurd was so good as to send a part of the stone which fell in Scotland to compare with the Yorkshire one. It appears to consist of similar substances, and has the same sort of coating, though the pyritaceous particles are perhaps somewhat less conspicuous.

This stone was seen to fall into a small drain of water, at Possil Quarry, by two men, two boys and a dog, April 5, 1804. Among these was the overseer of the quarry, who was talking to a man in a tree near the place. At the time of its fall a noise was heard, which continued about two minutes, beginning in the west, and passing by the south, round towards the east, with as much noise at first as if three or four cannon had been fired near the bridge, which conducts the canal of Clyde and Forth over the river Kelvin, a mile and half westward of the quarry; and afterwards a violent rushing whizzing noise ensued*.

The overseer, upon observing the atmosphere, was alarmed at seeing a misty commotion, and called to the man in the tree, desiring him to come down, saying, "I think there is some judgment coming upon us." The man was scarcely got down, when something fell into the drain, splashing the water about 20 feet round. The eldest boy observed the appearance of smoke, and something reddish moving rapidly through the air from the westward. The younger boy, at the instant before the stroke against the ground, was heard to call out, "*O such a reek!*" He says he saw the appearance of smoke near the place where the substance fell. The overseer, when he observed a hole in the drain where the substance appeared to them to have fallen, made his arm bare, and thrust it into the cavity, which was not yet filled up, the water being very shallow. It was nearly perpendicular,

* The dog ran home as if frightened. The noise was heard by many people at different places, within 20 miles, and 30 feet under ground in the Possil Quarry.

or rather inclining from the west downwards to the east, at the bottom, about 18 inches deep. The overseer felt something hard, but was not able to move it with his hand: he therefore caused it to be dug out; and it proved to be the same substance as that sent from other parts of the world, and said to have been observed under similar circumstances.

Sir Joseph Banks first observed the similarity of these substances to one another when he went to see the Yorkshire one exhibited in Piccadilly, and compared it with a fragment of what he had got from Benares; and he was so good as to indulge me with the loan of a very perfect one from *L'Aigle* to compare with the British one: it was nearly black all over; but a small fragment had been detached, probably to see how it agreed with the others; which it does in all respects with the Yorkshire and Possil stones, except that the outside is of a purer black, perhaps from its falling in more favourable circumstances. The Yorkshire one fell against a damp chalk rock, and was partly discoloured by it. The Scottish one seems a little more rusty, and lighter, in the outer coat, the inside somewhat oxidated in spots; the natural effect of its falling through water. I have been favoured by Robert Ferguson, Esq., a friend of Mr. Laing, with another bit from *L'Aigle*, which is greyer than any others, as it has more iron in it, a largish vein of which forms a sort of reticulation, with a somewhat circular elliptical appearance, like some kind of marble, or irregular meshes.

The stone which fell December 13, 1803, in Bavaria, on a cottage, is somewhat remarkable for the day and month, agreeing with those of the Yorkshire one; and it is said that the pyrites were of a *cubical* form.

It may be a satisfaction to many of our readers to subjoin some account of other stones said to have fallen from the clouds, formerly and in our times, in foreign countries, from Mr. King's ingenious account, especially as they detail particulars that may develop some circumstances that ought to be known, and show more of the nature of these substances than are to be understood from the two which have fallen in our own country.

"Tradition has handed down to us the fall of stones in antient times. The learned Grævius leads us to conclude that the image of Diana was a stone which fell from the clouds. He tells us, on unquestionable authorities, that many other images of Heathen deities were merely such.

"Herodianus says that the Phœnicians had no statue of the Sun but a great stone which they reported to have fallen from heaven.

"Clemens Alexandrinus concludes the worship of stones to have been the first and earliest idolatry in the world.

"Plutarch mentions a stone which formerly fell from the clouds; and the old writer from whom he took his account says: 'It hovered about for a long time; seemed to throw out splinters, which flew around like wandering stars, before they fell, and at last it came down to the earth a stone of extraordinary size.' Pliny tells us of its being preserved in his days, and that it was of a dark burnt colour. He mentions one also which fell at Abydos, and was worshipped at that place; and of another at Pontidæa.

"Livy (whose credulity has been censured for preserving traditions of an extraordinary kind, which have been proved in ages of more enlarged information to be founded in truth,) describes a fall of stones on Mount Alba, during the reign of *Tullus Hostilius*, about 650 years before the birth of Christ."

Mr. King very properly quotes the Royal Psalmist: "The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his Thunder, Hailstones and Coals of Fire*."

* Psalm v. At the same page he speaks of the large hailstones observed by my friend P. Rashleigh, Esq. of Menabilly, giving figures of them between 5 and 6 inches in circumference, and of which he has been so obliging as to send me a model.

And if we read from verse 7 to 15, we seem to have in the language of the Psalms a tolerable account of the manner of their falling. " At the brightness which was before him, thick Clouds passed, Hailstones and Coals of Fire."

There are many opinions concerning the origin of these stones, and the Abbé Stutz remarks (vide Mr. King's account), " There is a great step from the disbelief of tales, to the finding out the true cause of a phænomenon which appears wonderful to us. And probably," says he, " I should have committed the fault into which we are so naturally led, respecting things we cannot explain; and have rather denied the whole history, than have determined to believe anything so incredible, if various new writings on electricity and thunder had not fortunately, at that time, come into my hands, concerning remarkable experiments of reviving *metallic calces* by the electric spark. Lightning is an electrical stroke on a large scale. If then the reduction of iron can be obtained by the discharge of an electrical machine, why should not this be accomplished as well, and with much greater effect, by the very powerful discharge of the lightning from the clouds?"

Thus, some consider that these stones may have been formed or generated in the air, by a combination of the mineral substances which had risen as exhalations from the earth; and the learned Mr. King gives us a very ingenious detail how it might naturally happen—" That the ashes from volcanos, after being thrown to an immense height, may consolidate by help of the particles of iron and pyritical dust, take fire either spontaneously or by means of the electric fluid within them, producing many explosions, and, by a sudden crystallization and consolidation taking place, form stones of various sizes, which fall to the ground; but the clayey ashes not hardening so rapidly as the metallic particles crystallize, an opportunity was given for impressions to be made on the surfaces of some of the stones, by means of others."

These dents, I think, look more truly like pieces having burst from the mass, which always appears more like an irregular fragment of a rock than a conglomerated body that had gathered in the air, which most likely would have been spherical. The Yorkshire stone, which has many of these hollows, fell alone.

We can say but little about the probability of their falling through our atmosphere from any of the planets: their coming hot to the earth, with so little velocity and force, after falling from so immense a distance, and their angular form, make it more astonishing. Mr. Howard observes that the concordance of facts seems to render it most indisputable that certain stony and metallic substances have, at different periods, fallen to the earth. Whence they came, he thinks is involved in complete obscurity.

In the account of the explosion of the meteor near Benares, in the East-Indies, by John Lloyd Williams, Esq. and the falling of stones at the same time, we find a good history of the nature and manner of their fall, which happened on the 19th of December 1798, at eight o'clock in the evening; and we conclude the effect must have been very conspicuous. A meteor is said to have appeared in the western part of the hemisphere, and was but a short time visible. It was observed by several Europeans, as well as natives, in different parts of the country, who described it as a large ball of fire, accompanied by a loud rumbling noise, not unlike an ill-discharged platoon of musketry. The light came into a Mr. Davis's room, projecting the shadow of the frames of the window as in the brightest moonlight. A number of stones were said to have fallen from it near Krakhut, a village about 14 miles from Benares, many of which were picked up from the fields. They penetrated about six inches into the ground, and were spread about 100 yards from each other; one, which weighed about two pounds, had fallen through the top of a watchman's hut. At the time the meteor appeared the sky was perfectly serene, and not the least vestige of a cloud had been seen since the 11th of the month, nor were any observed for many days after. These stones accord with those described by Mr. Howard, who observes there are no volcanoes on the continent of India.

If we suppose that these stones originate in the sphere of our globe, it must follow that the substances are within our atmosphere; and no doubt they are, or we should not have been acquainted with them. It has been thought that they may arise with vapours, smoke, &c., and by the attractive power of electricity become conglomerated; and that the inflammable part may have undergone combustion in a high region; and that, as it cools, the gravity being augmented, they are no longer driven by the currents which sometimes reign in the atmosphere, but, losing part of their velocity, drop to the earth again *. It may not be amiss to consider whether any other means may not be as natural, and this by degrees may perhaps lead to the truth.

That our travelling geologists have not found any thing concordant with this substance may be, because it would not be sufficiently remarkable to claim their attention; and so it may seem, when the appearance of this substance before ignition would not be new or uncommon. The rocks, of which I have got fragments, that I think most likely to produce such a combination of substances, are found in Wales; and as Scotland, and other places, even abroad, much resemble Wales in some particulars, they may do so in this; and, as they contain most of the substances which these do, and in the proper proportions, combined with other (perhaps

* Their force when falling is not very considerable.

fortuitous) circumstances (which happily do not very commonly combine to overwhelm us in a shower of stones), may be detached by the electric fluid attracted by the iron, which is known to be pure among pyrites. Thus, if we consider a part of the atmosphere surcharged with electric fluid coming in contact with such a rock, a discharge would take place; the iron would be heated to a certain depth; the opposition of damp, within the rock, would produce a rarefaction of sufficient violence * to cause a great report, and detach a fragment or fragments; and the iron becoming so suddenly heated must set the sulphur on fire; which, while the stone was projected by the violent force necessary for detaching it, would be vivified as if blown by the bellows of a forge; till, the sulphur being exhausted, and the iron cooled, it would fall to the ground, with the scent of sulphur remaining, and sometimes a portion of heat.. As it passed, a rushing noise (like the wind of forge-bellows) would be heard; the stone would emit sparks; and the irregularities would, more or less, cause pieces to fly from it, with a crackling or gun-shot noise; and it might sometimes have a comet-like form. The parts projected foremost would be of a white heat, as the force would augment it; and the sulphur would cause flame and smoke in clouds; the sparks and detached pieces would be left behind, as it passed, and appear something like the fiery tail of a comet. Thus far for conjecture: time may bring the truth to light; and if our travelling geologists will attend to this, I see no great improbability attached to the chance of finding rocks holding these substances in due proportion; and perhaps experiments may verify the truth of this or some other conjecture, and any natural *rationale* will be more or less confided in, as it agrees with the circumstances proved. Pyrites, we know, are always in action, or ready to act, under

* The force of steam is sufficiently known.

an infinite variety of circumstances. Thus, changes of weather, even without thunder or lightning, or atmospheric electricity, may produce, by uniting occurrences, similar phænomena.

Dr. E. Clarke, of Jesus College, Cambridge, entertains a different opinion respecting the origin of those substances; and is now employed in preparing a dissertation upon this subject for the Royal Society. The result of this opinion he has communicated, referring to his Memorial for the proofs necessary to establish its truth; as the work at large is too long for insertion here. He considers all the substances of the mineral kingdom as capable of existing in a solid, fluid, or aëriform state; according to the predominance of the active or passive principle: that is to say, of the principle of repulsion, or the principle of attraction. These two powers always counteracting each other, have been variously denominated; but their most recent appellations have been *caloric*, or the fluid matter of heat, and *the law of gravity*. The last of these was completely developed by Sir Isaac Newton; who determined the agency of the passive principle, or the law of gravity, to vary inversely as the square of the distance from the centre. The first, and perhaps the most important principle, whose agency prevents the particles of the most solid bodies from coming in contact with each other, remains to be developed by the discoveries of future science. One fact respecting it is generally admitted; that the power of attraction, independent of its agency, would be infinite. Admitting this truth, we can form no idea of the degree of solidity to which matter so circumstanced might be liable.

In regions remote from the earth's surface, where light enters into the least combination with matter, and generates the lowest degree of that modification of it, to which the term caloric has been applied, the particles of bodies, resulting from the decomposition of aëriform fluids, will be brought very near each other; and the consequence must necessarily be a degree of solidity equal to that of any known substance of the mineral kingdom. The mass of iron which fell in Sclavonia of 68lb. in weight*, Dr. Clarke considers as the result of such an agency in the passive principle. If this were really true, the iron so formed would be entirely destitute of carbon; which is found to be the case. There is no body more solid than water: yet water is brought by a similar process from the atmosphere, and it becomes fluid at the temperature to which the earth's surface is exposed. Iron may result from the combination of many aëriform fluids. Like water, it is capable of combustion; and there is not more reason for supposing it a simple substance, than there was for believing water an elementary principle, before it was discovered to result from the synthesis of hydrogen and oxygen.

We now give the analyses from the ingenious account by E. Howard, Esq. in Phil. Trans. 1802, part i. page 168 and following:

Of the stone which fell in Portugal, by the Royal French Academicians,

Sulphur - - - - - -	8½
Iron - - - - - - - -	36
Vitrifiable earth - - - -	55½
	100

Stone of Ensisheim, by Mons. Barthold, gave in 100 gr.

Sulphur - - - - - -	2
Iron - - - - - - - -	20
Magnesia - - - - - -	14
Alumina - - - - - -	17
Lime - - - - - - - -	2
Silica - - - - - - - -	42
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* It is now in the Imperial cabinet at Vienna.

Stone from Benares, the outside coating of which was found by Mr. Howard to contain iron and nickel. The pyritaceous part in 16 grains contained, - - -

Sulphur - - - - - -	2
Iron - - - - - - -	10½
Nickel - - - - - -	1
Earthy matter - - -	2
	15½

The globular particles in 100 gr. contained,

Silica - - - - - - -	50
Magnesia - - - - - -	15
Oxide of iron - - -	34
Oxide of nickel - - -	2½
	101½

The earthy cement in 100 gr. contained,

Silica - - - - - -	48
Magnesia - - - - -	18
Oxide of iron - - -	34
Oxide of nickel - - -	2½
	102½

150 gr. of the Sienna stone.

Earthy part.

Silica - - -	70
Magnesia - -	34
Oxide of iron	52
Oxide of nickel	3
	159

In the metallic part,

Iron - -	6
Nickel -	2

150 gr. of earthy part of the Yorkshire stone,

		34 gr. malleable part.	
Silica - - -	75	Oxide of iron	37½
Magnesia - -	37	Nickel - -	4
Oxide of iron	48		
Oxide of nickel	2		
	162*		

55 gr. Bohemian stone.

Earthy part.

		14 gr. malleable part.	
Silica - - -	25		
Magnesia - -	9½	Oxide of iron	17½
Oxide of iron	23½	Nickel - -	1½
Oxide of nickel	1½		
	59½		

The specific gravity of the Yorkshire stone is 3508. That of the others is from 3352 to 4281.

Extracts from the hand-bill, which was given away at the time the Yorkshire stone was exhibited in London, and which is now preserved by Lady Wilson. Part is extracted from the *Oracle* of February 9, 1796, in a letter to Jas. Boaden, Esq.

The exact weight of the stone which fell, was weighed on being dug up. It was by Merlin's balance 3 stone 13 pounds: when taken up it was warm, and smoked. A labourer saw it coming down at the distance of about 10 yards from the ground; and, as it fell, a number of explosions were heard by three men at short intervals, about as loud as a pistol. At Bridlington, and at different villages, sounds

* When there is an overplus, it is from the metallic parts absorbing oxygen from the acids in the progress of analysation.

were heard in the air, which the inhabitants took to be the noise of guns at sea. When the labourer recovered from the extreme alarm into which the descent of such a stone had thrown him, his first description was, "that the clouds opened as it fell, and he thought heaven and earth were coming together."

The following is the account given by Mr. L. Wilson: "I hereby certify to the public, that while I was in Yorkshire, near Capt. Topham's grounds, I heard noises in the air like the report of a cannon at a distance, and at the same time I felt two distinct concussions of the earth, which shook the buildings and the church near the spot where I was at the time. I was very much surprised, not knowing from what such circumstances could arise: within a very short space of time afterwards, I was informed that a stone had fallen within 200 yards of me; and a servant, belonging to my uncle, Mr. Wm. Parke, who resides near to Capt. Topham, was one of the people who saw it fall."

"Charles Prestin, son of the Rev. Mr. Prestin, eleven years of age, being in the church-yard at play, on Sunday, Dec. 13, 1795, at half-past three in the afternoon, after hearing a noise as of firing of cannon, heard at the above time a hissing in the air, and was sure something fell near the cottage belonging to Capt. Topham.

Given under my hand, this 29th day of April, 1796,

WM. PRESTIN,

Curate of Wold Newton, Yorkshire."

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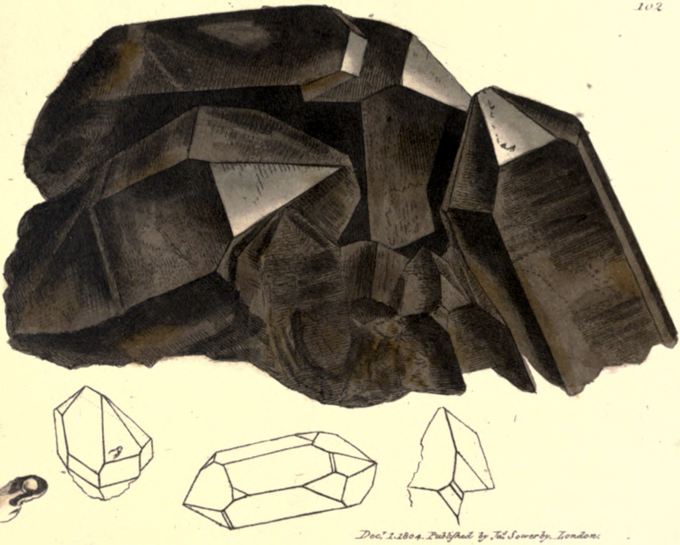

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TAB. CII.

SILEX Quartzum, crystallizatum.

Crystallized Quartz; Cairn Gorum Crystals.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* 1. Quartzum.

SYN. Quartz hyalin plagiédre. *Haüy, v.* 2. 413.
Quartz hyalin rhombifére. *Haüy, v.* 2, 413.

CAIRN Gorum Crystals have been known for some years, and are said to have first caused the lapidaries to settle in Aberdeen, where they have been constantly employed in cutting them for seals, ring-stones, &c. They are perhaps of the oldest formation, and are found of various degrees of transparency, and sometimes are coloured yellow or brown. When of a deep colour they are esteemed as topazes *, and if clear and large are sold at a high price. The brown ones are also valued if clear; but when of a bad yellow, or muddy brown, the lapidaries have recourse to their art, and prove them to be rock crystals, by dissipating their colour, and giving them a transparent lustre. See *p.* 88.

This specimen is remarkable for the face *s* of Haüy (*i. e.* the little narrow face in the middle of the right-hand outline, which is often more regularly rhomboidal), being a truncation of the solid angle of the base of the pyramid; and the oblique face on the column, which is just below it,

* Topazes are found in the Brazils, &c.

on the same outline, corresponding with the faces on *the upper figure*, so as to make them more distinct. This latter is on the right hand of the column in most of the crystals on this group, and has not been before noticed. The next outline of a whole crystal lying on its column (from Cairn Gorum) has this face on the column on the other side, and a face on the edge of the pyramid and column, *m* of Haüy; which is somewhat rare. *The left-hand outline* has a little hollow in one corner, enclosing some liquid. *The next figure* shows the water, as it is commonly called, slightly magnified; which is mostly known by a little bladder of air moving as the crystal is moved. There is something that floats in the liquid, and looks like soot, or oxide of carbon. Crystals containing water or some liquid are sold at a high price. I do not know that any substance has been observed floating in the liquid within any crystal before.

The above group is in the collection of G. Laing, Esq. of Edinburgh. The others are in my own cabinet.

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TAB. CIII.

QUARTZUM calcareum: *Var.* decomponens.

Decomposing calcareous Pudding-stone.

Class 2. Earths.	*Order* 3. Aggregate.		
Gen. 1. Quartzum.	*Spec.*	Calcareum.	

GEN. CHAR. Quartz aggregated by the help of some cement.

SPEC. CHAR. By the help of carbonate of lime.

It often happens that siliceous aggregates decompose, especially when their cement is calcareous; which is the case with the present specimen. It is perhaps now first spoken of, and gives us reason to suppose that the iron or colouring substance is disengaged from the calcareous cement by some agent capable of penetrating the inmost recesses of the stones. This cement filled the cavities of the mass, leaving them hollow, or with the porous remains of the pebbles only filling a part of the old cavity. It has been asked whether these stones are not rather forming than decomposing. We answer, that the cavities are shaped as if each had been filled by a whole stone, and the whole mass seems to be falling to pieces. In these masses some of the stones are whole, and in part soft, and may be scratched by a knife, or even by the nail, while the other part is as hard as a common flint pebble. Some of the pebbles are formed almost wholly of Carbonate of Lime, some of Silex, others partly of Oxide of Iron. I have some of the second kind from a well dug in Richmond-park, found among clay at the depth of 365 feet, taken notice of by my friend Mr. J. Murray, then gardener to Mr. Addington. I first received specimens of this nature from Warwick by chance; and the appearance of it was new to me, and to all whom I consulted about it. Lady M. Thynne, who was going to Warwick, kindly proposed to send me any mineralogical subject found in the neighbourhood. I requested her Ladyship to pay some attention to this, and was soon favoured with many curious specimens of decomposing rock; among which was that here figured. It is a piece of rock, chiefly quartz and carbonate of lime, inclining to be somewhat spongy and reddish with the oxide of iron: some of the cavities are empty, others have some remains of the pebbles, and others are nearly whole. *The lower figure* has the appearance of having been a common pebble, the colouring part of which has suffered oxygenization so as to become a loose ferruginous ochre, and the earthy parts of the stone are nearly separated. Some of the best mill-stones are of this nature on a larger scale, the quartz being left very porous; and these are preferred for grinding of corn.

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TAB. CIV.

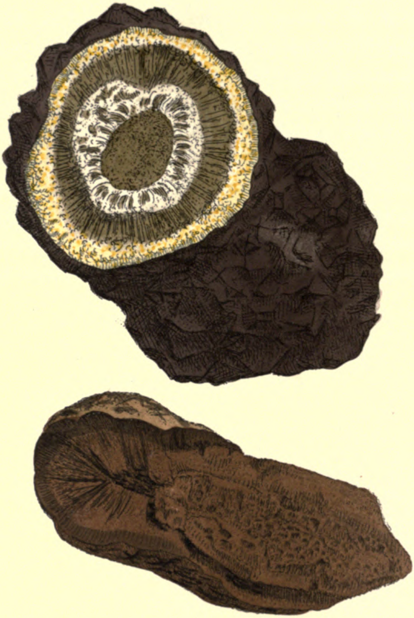
FERRUM sulphureum.

Sulphuret of Iron. Iron Pyrites.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* 4. Sulphuret of.
Div. 2. Imitative.

Syn. Sulphuret of Iron of particular Shapes. *Bab.* 204.

Sulphur and Iron in combination are very common, and the forms of such compounds are extremely various, both in regular crystallization and in the ruder states. The specimen in *the upper figure* was given me by the Rev. Mr. Charles Sutton, and it resembles such as have been formed in chalk with an ochraceous outside. It has greatly the appearance of the fruit of the *Platanus Orientalis:* the surface, however, is crystallized, in quadrangular pyramids, or half relieved octaëdrons, with or without truncations. This may convince the discerning that the form does not depend on the fruit of the *platanus,* but is a form natural to itself, and curious for its regularity of appearance. The forms of the crystallization are magnified beneath, to show how curiously they connive, sometimes giving a floriform appearance. The next was found among the marly rocks at Sheppy Island, and seems to have been of a thickish consistence like treacle, dropping at intervals, and giving this singular formation of an inverted cone. The next figure, resembling a Mushroom-button, seems formed in a similar way, with trifling differences in the circumstances; as *the lower figure* does also, which resembles an Acorn. The crystallization and metallic appearance help to undeceive. However, this is not always the case; and even this might, from its rugosity, often having the appearance of the shagginess in a Mushroom, or of the squamæ on the cup of the Acorn, mislead those who do not pay regard to the crystallization natural to Pyrites. The cracks resembling stripes in *the left-hand Mushroom-like figure* help a little to favour the deception. It may not be amiss to observe, that on Sheppy Isle Mushrooms are extremely abundant; and this may have given rise to the idea of their being petrified, though any less fugacious Fungus might have stood a better chance of being petrified. This sort of Pyrites is extremely common in argillaceous marl all over the kingdom, and it varies infinitely.



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TAB. CV.

FERRUM sulphureum, decomponens.
Sulphuret of Iron, decomposing.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* 4. Sulphuret of Iron.

SULPHURET of Iron, or Iron Pyrites, under certain changes of atmosphere, forms Sulphate of Iron, or Green Vitriol, as figured in *tab.* 23, and often falls to pieces with efflorescence; to prevent which, and to preserve curious specimens, we are obliged to keep them immersed in water. *The upper specimen* was sufficiently protected by the dark, partly crystallized, outward coat, from decomposing in the common atmosphere of a room, in a damp neighbourhood; but soon after it was broken, the more porous parts put forth curls of lightish-green vitriol, and at the edges chiefly, sulphur. It still slowly decomposes, and has continued to do so for some months: in time perhaps it may fall to pieces, or remain a porous iron ochre, like *the lower figure*. These specimens were found among a micaceous limestone in a quarry near Godstone, in Surry, where they roll down from the top in great abundance.

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TAB. CVI.

FERRUM argillaceum.

Argillaceous Oxide of Iron.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 2. Mixed.
Gen. 1. Iron. *Spec.* 1. Argillaceous.
Div. 1. Imitative.

THESE seem common in marly and gravelly land, and are abundant at Shotover hill and its neighbourhood, where they are situated so as to assist in forming the fine yellow ochre of so great value as a pigment. They vary extremely in their shape, sometimes branching like a stag's horn, or a branch of a tree, and have been taken for such petrified. They are often coated concentrically, imitating, as it were, the Medulla, Liber, Cortex and Cuticle. It may seem that the moisture in passing through loosish marl has been impregnated with the oxide of iron, and, periodically drying, leaves the marl and oxide of iron concentrated; which forms the coating, according to the looseness of the earth. They sometimes concentrate to a ball, but at other times have only one or two coatings.

The upper figure is from Charlton in Kent, and had the remains of a shell of the *Turbo* kind in it. The inside of the screw is covered with minute crystals of carbonate of lime: *tab.* 62. 63. There are other impressions of shells about it.

The left-hand figure has the form of a pebble with a lightish ferruginous ochre on the inside, and a dark crust.

The right-hand figure had loose pieces of ochre in it, of different colours, pinkish, &c., and they sometimes have wet marl and water in them. Such are called *Enhydros* by Sir J. Hill. The specimen came from Moushold Heath, near Norwich.

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TAB. CVII.

FERRUM argillaceum.

Argillaceous Oxide of Iron.

This is nearly the same as that figured in the last plate; but it has pebbles and gravel about it, which are cemented with it into a hollow box-like form. It was discovered by an endeavour to break the stone from off the top of *the upper figure*, and thus formed a lid to the box. This was given me by T. Marsham, Esq. F. L. S. *The lower figure* is curiously concentrated with light ochre and a darker umber, and serves to give an idea of the formation of some pebbles, particularly of the nature of those called Egyptian pebbles, (not the most admired sort,) of which more will be said hereafter.

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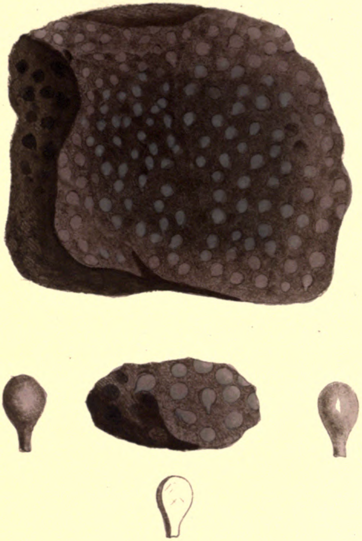

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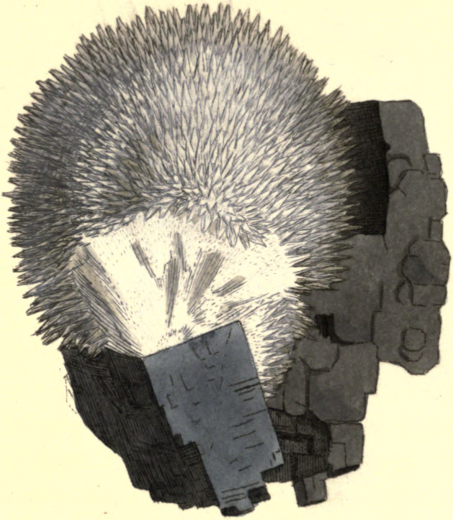
TAB. CVIII.

FERRUM argillaceum.

Argillaceous Oxide of Iron.

My very good friend the Rev. J. Harriman sent me this from the banks of the river Tees, which place seems to abound in a great variety of curious petrifactions. It appears to be a fragment of a large flat piece of a confirmed Iron-stone, and, I should suspect, a very good one of the kind. It is however rendered additionally curious, as it includes Carbonate of Lime, or Calcareous Spar, in the form of Echinus spines, but different from any before noticed.



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TAB. CIX.

BARYTES carbonata.

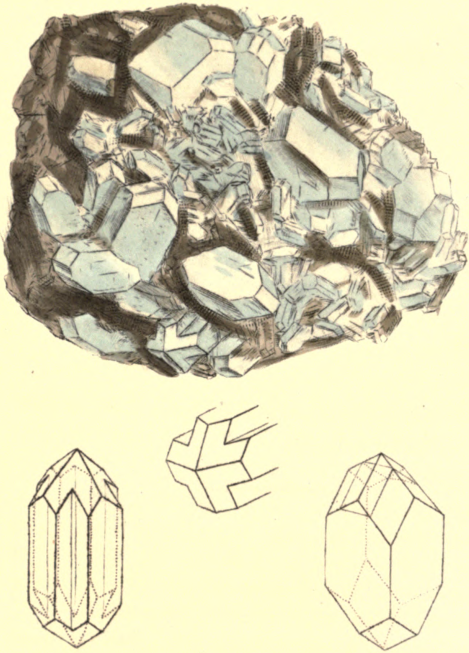
Crystallized Carbonate of Barytes.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Barytes. *Spec.* 2. Carbonata.

I AM indebted to the munificence of F. Hall, Esq., for some superb specimens of Carbonate and Sulphate of Barytes. Among them was the present specimen of Carbonate of Barytes; and as it is the first time that it has been noticed with elongated spiculæ so distinctly seen in hexaëdral pyramids, I am pleased at the opportunity of exhibiting a figure of them. They are on a gangue of Galæna or Sulphuret of Lead, forming an irregular sphere, echinated as it were with these spiculæ: see *the upper figure.*

The lower figure on the right hand is a group of the spiculated crystals: on the *left hand* is a geometrical outline distinguishing the facets, three of which are continued to the apex, alternating with three which do not reach so high: sometimes these last are scarcely to be seen, and the spiculæ seem to have only three sides.

It is from Arkendale, near Richmond, Yorkshire.



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TAB. CX.

SILEX baryticus.

Harmotome or Staurolite.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* Barytic.

SPEC. CHAR. Combined with Barytes and Argil, fusible into a frothy enamel, with a greenish phosphorescence.

SYN. Staurolite. *Kirw.* 1. 282.
Harmotome. *Haüy*, 3. 191.
Kreuzstein. *Emmerling*, 1. 209.
Hyacinthe blanche cruciforme. *De Lisle*, 2. 299.
De Born, 1. 79.

BRITISH Staurolite has only been observed hitherto at Strontian in Scotland, a place famous for Carbonate of Strontian—see *tab.* 65. It is generally found on a gangue of Carbonate of Lime, which is mostly crystallized.

Its common form is a quadrangular prism, with the lateral solid angles truncated, and forming a four-sided pyramid, alternating at each end; or, in other words, making an elongated dodecaëdron, similar to that of garnet, but not of the same angle. Two of the opposite edges of the pyramids are mostly truncated, in British specimens. The crystals are generally larger than in those of Andreasberg, and more nearly resemble those of Oberstein.

Staurolite is chiefly admired for often assuming a cruciform appearance, looking like five crystals, four being united round a fifth. It appears however to be a regularity in the aggregating of the sides, without a sufficiency to fill up the lateral edges—see *the lower figure*.

They have been called twin crystals, as if two had passed across each other.

The whole appearance is somewhat glassy, of a blueish pearly lustre, having a foliated fracture on the broader faces. In other respects it is somewhat conchoidal, and hard enough to scratch glass.

Fusible by the blowpipe into a frothy enamel. It does not form a jelly when combined with acids. But if thrown on charcoal it emits a yellow phosphoric light.

On analysis by Klaproth it was found to contain

Silex - -	49
Baryt - -	18
Argil - -	16
Water -	15
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Its primitive form is said to be an octaëdron, divisible in the direction of the diagonals of the mutual base of the pyramids, so as to form four irregular tetraëdrons, or separate four solid angles, leaving a rhomboidal dodecaëdron, which might perhaps with more propriety have been called the primitive, to save confusion.

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TAB. CXI.

SILEX Quartzum; *Var.* opalinum.

Opal.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* 1. Quartz.
Div. 3. Amorphous.

SYN. Quartz resinite opalin. *Haüy*, 2. 434.
Opale. *De Lisle*, 2. 145. *De Born*, 1. 81.
Edler Opal. *Emmerl.* 1. 277.
Calcedoine irisée, Opale. *Daub.* 3.
Halb-opal. *Werner.*

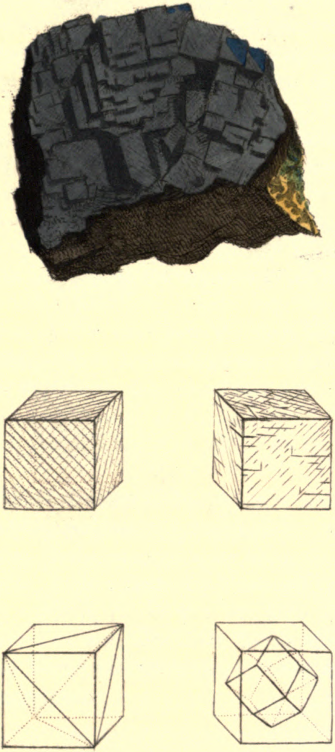
WE cannot, I believe, boast of very beautiful Opals in England.

The rarity of this gem makes it worthy of notice, and the present specimen shows it passing from Calcedony to Cacholong, and from thence to Hydrophanous Opal, or what has been called *Oculus mundi.* Lastly, it forms the Semi-opal or Common Opal. The Calcedony is hardly to be distinguished in a drawing, it is the darker part mixed with Copper Pyrites in the figure. The name Cacholong applies to the opaque whiter and softer part, which may be scraped with the finger nail, and will, like all Agates and Calcedony, become more transparent in water. Hydrophanous Opal is the less opaque part, of a greenish hue, and in water becomes like the opal or blueish green part. In this state it resists the finger nail, and, while in water, is not to be distinguished from the Opal, but becomes opaque again when dry.—Common Opal is nearly the same in appearance, either wet or dry, and comprises the grayish, blueish, greenish, and yellowish parts with a milky or waxy lustre, (like the Semi- or Halb-Opal of Werner,) with a vitrescent effulgence or yellowish fiery glare, in some lights, especially in the flaws. Fracture glassy. Hardness sufficient to cut glass.

The most beautiful specimen ever discovered of this substance is in the possession of J. M. Cripps, Esq. of Lewes, in Sussex. It was presented to that gentleman at Constantinople, by his excellency Count Ludolf, envoy from the court of Naples to the Porte. It belonged originally to the Capudan Pacha, and was found in Bulgaria. Unlike the common specimens, in which Opaline Wood appears in small veins intersecting the common Fossil Wood, or in a fragile state like Pitch Stone, it has throughout the whiteness of *Cacholong*, and in some parts the lustre and colour of the genuine Opal. It is larger than a man's body, and weighs 148 lb. 9¾ oz. avoirdupois. It presents half the trunk of a large tree, with the node of one of its principal branches. The timber, the bark, and every part of the mass is perfectly opaline.

The Right Honourable Sir Joseph Banks had a Mammoth's grinder in his possession, lately found on our coast, opalized. Other bones of the Mammoth are found in this country occasionally. I saw a tooth of a Mammoth from America, somewhat opalized, in the late Mr. John Hunter's museum. There are some also in the British Museum.

Sir Hans Sloane gave 200l. for an *Oculus mundi* now in the British Museum.



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TAB. CXII.

ZINCUM sulphureum; *Var.* cubicum.

Cubical Sulphuret of Zinc, or Blend.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Zinc. *Spec.* 2. Sulphuret of.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

THE rectangular or cubical formation of these crystals of Blend is, I believe, quite new to the Mineralogical World. Two specimens have been sent from Cornwall, one marked from Tincroft, the other from Polgooth, and were probably from the stores of a miner who did not exactly know from what mine they were brought. These luckily came into the hands of my kind friend A. MacLeay, Esq., Secretary to the Linnean Society, who was so good as to give me the one here figured.

The cubes of this specimen curiously show the diagonal striæ, and indicate the accumulation of plates upon the tetraëdrons, or more common modification*. *See these more plainly marked on the upper right hand geometrical figure.*

* It may not be amiss to remark that several other substances are striated in the direction of their principal modification; as *Fluor*, whose primitive is an octaëdron, but is generally striated in the direction of a cube; *Oxide of Tin*, &c. This arrangement of striæ is apt to mislead inexperienced observers.

The right hand figure shows these marks more faintly like the original with the marks of the fracture parallel to the edges—see *the figure beneath*, which, if carried regularly on every edge, would produce the rhomboidal dodecaëdron, one of the characters of Blend. The gangue is mostly Copper Pyrites.

Since figuring this specimen I have met with a finer one from Cornwall with smaller distinct cubic crystals, or rather separate ones, much resembling Pyrites: the diagonal striæ however help to detect it, they are nearly gold-coloured, and iridescent externally, but dark like Blend within.

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TAB. CXIII.

FERRUM oxygenizatum; *Var.* stalactiticum.

Stalactitical Oxide of Iron.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 8. Iron. *Spec.* 3. Oxide of.
Div. 2. Imitative.

THIS specimen of stalactitical hæmatitic Oxide of Iron is remarkable for being so closely surrounded with Rock Crystal, in a very curious situation. It is apparent that the Iron has been precipitated in a very moist state, and was not likely to penetrate the Rock Crystal, which therefore has surrounded the Iron, and must evidently have been formed at the same time with the Iron, or afterwards; but this latter is certainly most probable.

This is the blackest state of Hæmatites, with the radiating fracture, its common character.

This specimen is from Cornwall, the rocks of which country are generally supposed to be of primitive formation.

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TAB. CXIV.

FERRUM oxygenizatum; *Var.* stalactiticum.

Stalactitical Oxide of Iron.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 8. Iron. *Spec.* 3. Oxide of.

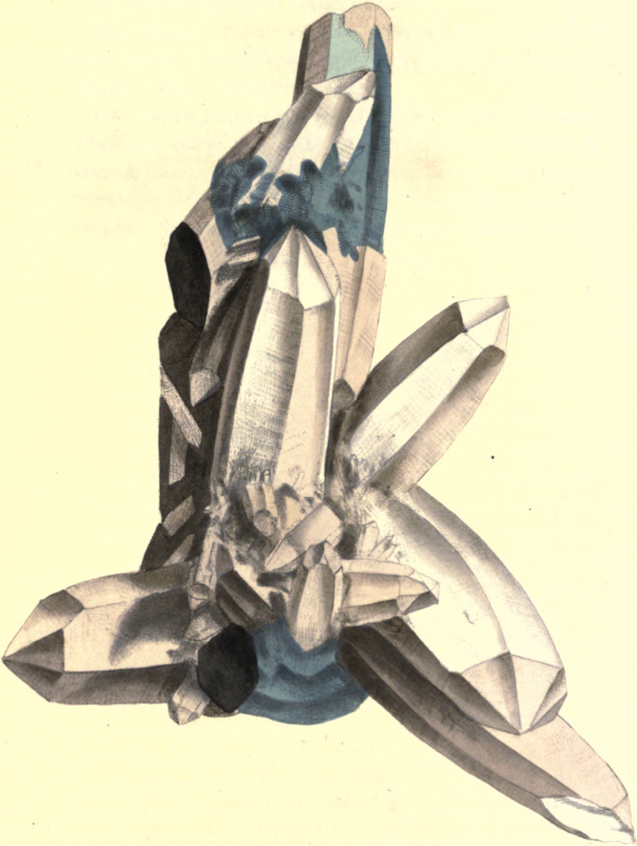
THIS is another remarkable stalactitical production from Mam-Tor in Derbyshire. It was given me by my friend N. J. Winch, Esq., F. L. S. of Newcastle, and has been taken for Mineral Pitch, as its appearance would warrant us to suppose. It is however found to be an Oxide of Iron. Its situation is nearly as remarkable, when carefully examined, as that of the last; for its being so distinctly formed above the calcareous stalactite, gives an idea of its being a lighter substance. This might appear impossible: Nature, however, is seldom at variance with herself, and by a steady observance we may reconcile these apparent difficulties. It might happen that water very readily took up the Oxide of Iron which it found in its passage through the matrix, and, by dropping into some hollow, formed a stalactite, often coated by that which follows, and which was not so soon dissolved, or so soon fitted for precipitation. Some of its coats are in such a state that they resemble Martial Ethiops.

It comes near to the appearance of Hæmatites; it however has not the striated character, but rather the conchoidal fracture of Pitch. A little heat renders it magnetic, but does not take much of the blackness off: perhaps it contains a little Manganese, as the ochraceous part becomes somewhat crimson with heat.

A small degree of heat would melt it, if it were Pitch. This is a sort of proof of a natural application of a chemical trial necessary in Mineralogy.

The ochraceous part at first sight resembles a parcel of leaves from a chalybeate spring, and is of as deep an orange-colour as any I have seen.

The calcareous part may be the Calx sinter of Werner, which is a sort of crystallized stalactite, and the fracture is more or less distinct in this specimen, as well internally as externally. It seems to have been formed after the Iron, by nearly the same process, but was retained longer by the water.



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TAB. CXV.

SILEX Quartzum.

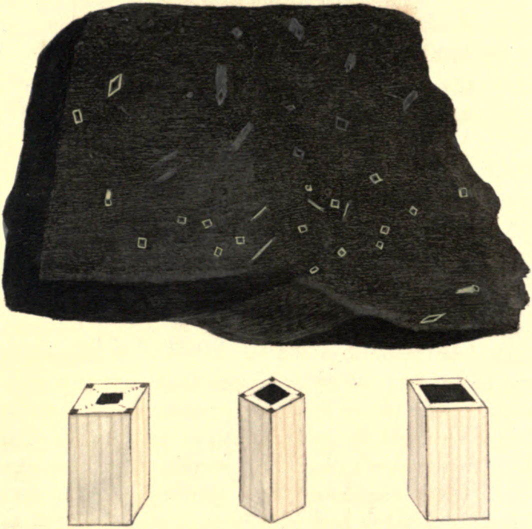
Rock Crystal.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* 1. Quartzum.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

Rock-crystals have been distinguished by many Mineralogists from the manner in which the crystals, depending on the column, swell or thicken in the middle. This mode of discrimination is perhaps tolerably correct, as I believe Rock Crystals alone are thus crystallized. It however does not determine that all Rock Crystals are thus formed, as may be seen by the Cairn Gorm Crystals, *tab.* 102. We may perhaps say that it can scarcely be otherwise determined from Quartz, unless by fire*; and it has been observed that Rock Crystals rubbed together are phosphorescent, or give light on collision in the dark, and exhale a peculiar empyreumatic odour. All stones as hard as common flint, to the consolidated aërial Diamond, will do this with very little difference.

Rock Crystal is often accompanied with Chlorite, and of so vivid a vegetable green that it much resembles moss, and has in some instances been taken for such: in this specimen, parts are impregnated with it, and seem decomposing: the whole has something besides of an opaque whitish cast, rather peculiar to this sort of Crystal. They often have the substance called Lac-Lunæ about them.

* In which Quartz becomes opaque.



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TAB. CXVI.

MACLE or *Chiastolite.*

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.

SYN. Macle Basaltique, &c. *De l'Isle*, 2. 440.
Macles. *Daubenton*, 16.
Chiastolith. *Karsten*, 28.
Macle. *Haüy*, 3. 267.
A black slate holding in it great numbers of spinulæ of an Echinus spatagus*. *Woodward's Catalogue of Fossils*, *t.* 2. 55.

MR. DAVEY having in the summer of 1804 found this substance on the summit of Mount Skiddaw in Cumberland, I am indebted to him for the power of adding it to the British list; and we had supposed it entirely new to Great Britain, had not Professor Hailstone assured us that it had not escaped the great founder of that professorship, Dr. Woodward, who, however, according to the knowledge of his time, considered it as a petrifaction. The same substance is said to have been found in some part of Scotland.

We do not know of its being mentioned by any author of the Mineralogy of Scotland, and indeed very few of the Mineralogists of the present day have mentioned it. The same sort, and in a similar gangue, has been brought to England from Bayreuth, and another sort has been imported occasionally from Lisbon, which are without a

* We have some Serpulæ petrified in marle, whose section much resembles this: the inside part is round, and the four corners more or less rounded. Found in Norfolk by the Rev. Charles Sutton.

gangue, and much larger than these. They are religiously esteemed on account of the resemblance of the black part to a cross, and are sold by the monks as of great use to the possessor, generally somewhat mutilated to humour the appearance of the cross, and to fit them for wearing, as preservatives from all evils. Mr. Humphrys has a specimen of this last sort about three quarters of an inch broad at top, and nearly resembling ours.

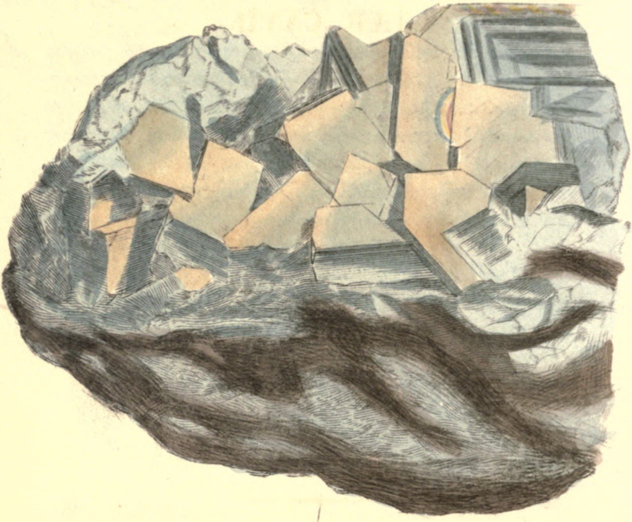
Mr. Hailstone promised to lend me that in Dr. Woodward's collection at Cambridge, if different or better than the one figured; and as I have not received it, we may conclude it is nearly the same.

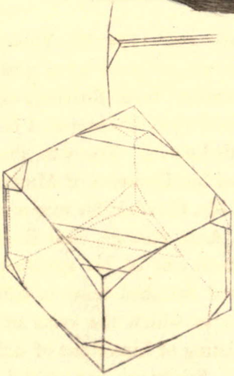
As far as we have seen, it is crystallized in slightly rhomboidal four-sided prisms of about 85° and 95°, according to De l'Isle. The laminæ seem parallel to the faces of the column, and there appears by the construction and meeting of the laminæ that there may be a diagonal division. Fracture fine, earthy, approaching to splintery. According to Haüy, it appears that the integrant molecule is the tetraëdron.

I hope we may meet with this fossil in greater perfection one day in Great Britain, so that I may be able to give a better account of it. I have something so nearly resembling it that I am apt to think they are the same, with an almost entire black centre, and merely a whiter pearly covering. The black is generally supposed to be like the shale or substance the crystals are enclosed in, so that the whiter part is chiefly spoken of; and it is very curious that they are so governed by a peculiar modification as to conjoin in such a manner as to envelope each other, yet retaining the rhomboidal form.

Spec. Grav. 2·9144.

As we have seen no analysis, we could not determine its systematic name or place; but we hope to attain more knowledge of it at some future period.





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TAB. CXVII.

STRONTIA sulphata.

Sulphate of Strontian.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Strontia. *Spec.* 2. Sulphate of.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SPEC. CHAR. Strontian in combination with Sulphuric Acid.

SYN. Schewefel Saurer strontianit. *Emmerl.* 3. 312.
Strontiane. *Daubenton, tab.* 19.
La Cælestine. *Brochant*, 1. 640.
Strontiane sulfatée. *Haüy*, 2. 313.

SOME time in the year 1794 Mr. Tobin, of Bristol, first showed me, and was so good as to give me specimens of Sulphate of Strontian, from Redland, near Bristol; and it had been then but recently discovered, I believe, by himself, and was very little known. This was about the time Mr. Kirwan published his Elements of Mineralogy. We were next indebted to Mr. Clayfield for specimens, who, in 1797, discovered it at Aust Passage, near Bristol. The present figure is partly from one of his specimens. He observes that he discovered detached veins in different parts of the cliff. The strata in which the veins are found are nearly horizontal, consisting of Limestone of different hardnesses, and argillaceous Sandstone intermixed with Clay and Gypsum, and some of the fissures were filled up with Sulphate of Strontian from 3 to 12 inches in thickness.

The primitive appears to be a rhomboidal prism of about 105°, and 75° according to Haüy. Ours are a little truncated at the solid angles, otherwise they represent the primitive, and are nearer so than any we have seen or heard of.

The fractures are parallel to the primitive faces, and those of the upper and lower faces are brightest, and often show a sort of opaline lustre. Sometimes we can discern the two diagonal fractures. Cross fracture somewhat splintery, harder than Carbonate of Lime, and softer than Sulphate of Barytes. The natural colour is a little milky and somewhat blueish, whence Werner called it Celestine. It is nearly transparent. Spec. Grav. according to Mr. Clayfield from 3·88 to 3·96; the fibrous about 3·91. Analysis by Mr. Clayfield:

Strontian	-	116·5
Acid	- -	83·5
A little Iron		
		200

Sulphate of Strontian was in many cabinets before this discovery of Mr. Tobin, as Sulphate of Lime, or Sulphate of Barytes,—among others in the Woodwardian Collection at Cambridge, as I am informed by Professor Hailstone.

It is found in Sicily, Mont-Martre near Paris, and in America. Those of Sicily are said to be the finest, and are columnar, not tabular like the Bristol ones.

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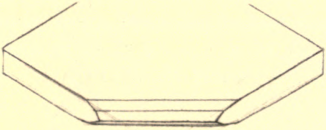

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TAB. CXVIII.

STRONTIA sulphata.

Sulphate of Strontian.

Div. 1. Crystallized.

THE plated Sulphate of Strontian here figured is in a sort of sandy matrix, and was the first specimen I received from Mr. Clayfield. It is like that which I first had from Mr. Tobin, excepting that the latter was in much larger pieces, without matrix, and nearly white. The crystals are mostly confused, yet are occasionally found very neatly determined at two or three sides, as in this specimen.

The geometrical sketch at the bottom shows the bevelling at the corner, between the primitive faces.

This kind is chiefly found at Redland near Bristol.

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TAB. CXIX.

STRONTIA sulphata.

Sulphate of Strontian.

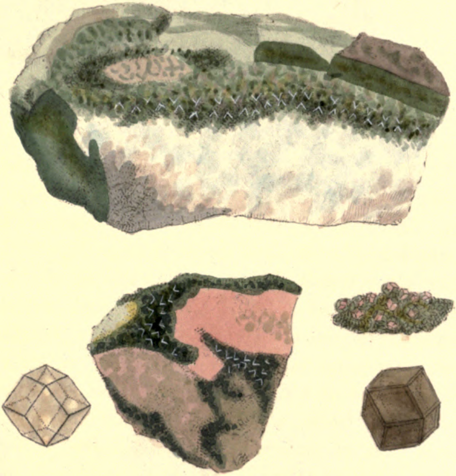
Div. 2. Imitative.

We have represented the following varieties of this curious substance, to show those most generally known, at least in Great Britain.

The upper figure is from Aust Passage, near Bristol, and its curved appearance renders it at first sight sufficiently curious, besides its partaking of the blue and red colours.

The striated Strontian in *the middle figure* seems to answer to the name of Cœlestine, as Werner calls it, more generally than the last, as it is here coloured.

The fibres in this sort, which comes from Breslington, are very straight, and somewhat laminated.



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TAB. CXX.

SILEX Granatus.
White Garnet.

Class 2. Earths.	*Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex.	*Spec.* Granatus.

Div. 1. Crystallized.

THE Rev. John Harriman is the only person from whom I have received this substance, and it has not, to my knowledge, been spoken of by any author. Indeed its diminutive size might almost elude our search, even with the help of the lens. By that aid, however, we can discern in it the modification common to Garnet, viz. the rhomboidal dodecaëdron. We must own that the trial of the species was chiefly strengthened by the aid of the blowpipe, under which it resembles the common Garnet, *tab.* 43 and 44 of this work. These are found in irregular parcels, each crystal being from about the size of a small pin's head to extreme minuteness, sometimes pretty clear and bright, at other times yellowish and of a dirty hue. They have generally well defined sharp facets, which seem to vary but little. They run in lines at the intervals of the divisions in the matrix, which attracted notice by the curious appearance of its yellowish, greenish, light and dark reddish, and brown colours. These Garnets are sometimes mixed among a rough mass of nearly their own nature, which seems to incorporate with some Quartz. In fusion by the blowpipe they run into a black enamel without addition. The matrix is chiefly Carbonate of Lime, and a siliceous substance resembling dull reddish Jasper.

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TAB. CXXI.

SILEX magnesiatus; *var.* amianthiformis.

Amianthus.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* Magnesiatus.
Div. 2. Imitative.

SPEC. CHAR. Silex in combination with Magnesia.

SYN. Amianth. *Kirw. v.* 1. 161. *Emmerl.* 1. 402. *Jameson*, 1. 442. *Wern.*

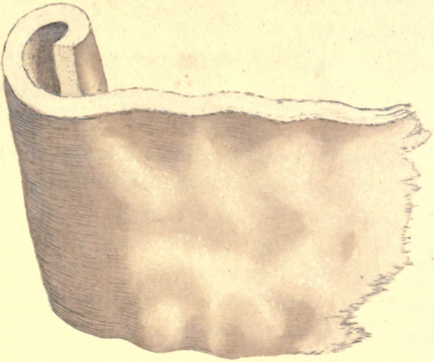
Asbestus maturus, Amianthus. *Waller*, 1. 408. 410.

Asbeste. *Haüy*, 3. 245.

AMIANTHUS is probably a decomposition, or change performed perhaps by some yet unknown chemical agent, as its situations in solid rocks seem to evince. This unknown chemical agent does not appear to be common, as the Amianthus is not an universal substance in the silky filamentous form. The present specimen was undoubtedly chosen with a scientific view by my kind patron Lord Seaforth, who brought it from Portsoy.

It is partly what is called Mountain Cork in a rather dense state, including some very fine transparent Carbonate of Lime, in which there are extremely slender filaments of Amianthus, seemingly passing through it, and in some parts so incorporated with it, that it is not to be discerned where they end or where the Carbonate of Lime begins. *The filaments* run perpendicularly to the more dense or cork-like surface of the upper and lower sides of the specimen, which however has more of a cottony texture, but is much finer than any *cotton* or *vegetable thread:* the first seems infinitely fine; the latter may be seen by a microscope to show a finally confirmed hollow filament*. It generally is found in Serpentine rocks.

* I was highly pleased to find in Mr. Carlisle's Croonian lecture read to the Royal Society, Nov. 8, 1804, that he had determined the final filament in muscular flesh. I had been much puzzled with the assertion that Lewenhoeck had found them infinitely divisible: having long since taken the pains to examine a piece of mutton flesh, I found the smallest filaments easily discernible, and according with Mr. Carlisle's accurate account, as far as I examined, but they are not so in *Asbestus*, or any filamentous earth.



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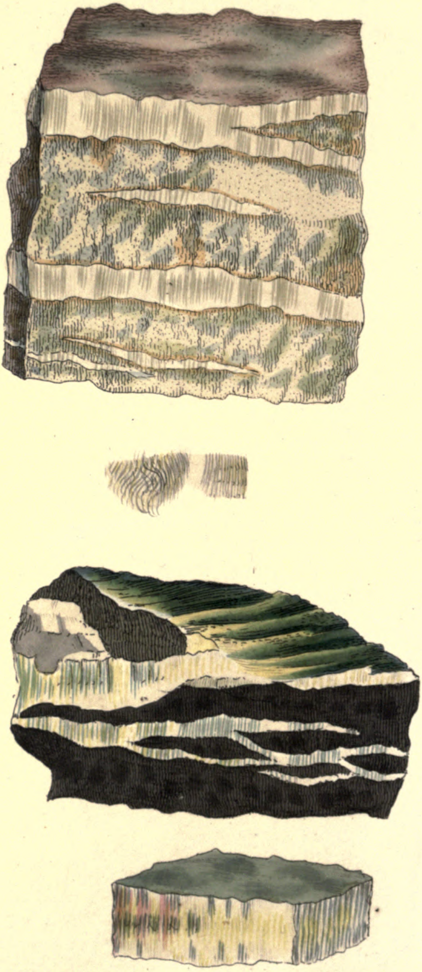
TAB. CXXII.

SILEX magnesiatus; *var.* amianthiformis.
Leather-like Amianthus.

Div. 2. Imitative.

THIS bears a strong resemblance to the Oak Leather or *Xylostroma Giganteum* of *English Fungi, tab.* 358, so as scarcely to be known by outward appearance, unless with the help of a microscope; when we find the one formed of exceeding fine filaments, and the other of hollow filaments. They are both flexible like leather, and to the touch equally soft. In cutting they require much the same force and sharpness of the instrument; they also tear nearly alike, with a shaggy filamentous appearance. One very sure test remains, that the one being heated red hot does not apparently undergo any change, but recovers its former appearance when taken from the fire; while the other burns away like touchwood or a fusee, or like the spunk prepared from *Bol. ignarius, E. F.* 132, or Fungus Tinder.



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TAB. CXXIII.

SILEX magnesiatus; *var.* amianthiformis.

Silky Amianthus, or Asbestus.

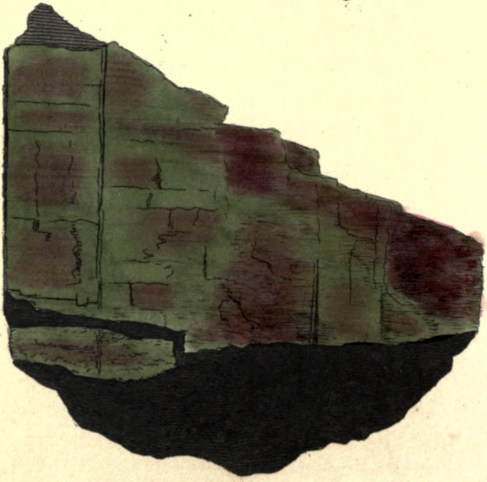
Div. 2. Imitative.

THIS beautiful substance is found chiefly in the Island of Anglesea, North Wales; and at Portsoy, in Serpentine rocks, as they are mostly called. It is generally found in the fissures and cracks, passing like a sort of crystallization from the sides to the centre in infinitely small spiculæ, being sometimes quite indurated, though retaining nearly the same appearance as that which may be easily separated by the nail. *The upper figure* is from Portsoy, and is included in a somewhat woody Asbestos of a light colour. *The lower figure* came from Wales in a dirtyish Serpentine, and is partly covered with the Green Nephrite or Axe Stone, nearly approaching that from the Molucca Islands, of which the natives make their hatchets.

Amianthus, or Asbestos, as it has been more commonly called, was formerly used for preserving the ashes of deceased persons, by being woven into a cloth to wrap them up in while burning *, and by being incombustible it retained

* In weaving it they use other threads to assist; but those afterwards burn away, leaving a perfect amianthine cloth; a fine specimen of which was lately preserved at Rome. See Dr. Smith's Tour, v. 2. 201.

those ashes most conveniently. Scotland and Wales have a satiny variety which runs in veins among Serpentines, and sometimes among a kind of Steatite. It varies in colour, but is most frequently white, satiny, and so much resembling silk that there can be no better comparison. It separates into silky filaments, of equal flexibility and fineness with the most attenuated thread, insomuch that they appear to divide beyond our power of examination. They seem solid, as do the filaments of all stones of this nature.



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TAB. CXXIV.

SILEX magnesiatus; *var.* amianthiformis.
Wood-like Amianthus, or Asbestus.

Div. 2. Imitative.

THIS is formed in upright and often curved filaments, sometimes in masses or plates. It is often indurated in a high degree, and resembles wood petrified—see *the lower figure.* The present kind is found at Portsoy in Scotland in great abundance and variety, crossing in many directions through the Serpentine rocks. *The upper specimen* was given me by Lord Seaforth. It is somewhat undulated, and varies in colour; is harder in some parts, and softer in others. In some it may be separated into flocculi with the finger nail, and in others it is so hard as to bear a good polish; when it is more brittle, and approaches to Actinolite. *The lower piece* was lent me by my friend G. Laing, Esq.; it comes also from Portsoy, and is remarkable for filling a narrow flaw in the Serpentine in a very thin plate, and showing fractures transverse to the striæ at nearly right angles. It is also very regular in hardness, so as to take a good polish all over the face; being about the hardness of common marble. This, and many earthy substances, resemble wood, especially the undulating slaty or irregularly schistiform rocks.

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TAB. CXXV.

URANIUM oxygenizatum.
Oxide of Uranite.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 3. Uranium. *Spec.* 1. Oxygenizatum.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

GEN. CHAR. Dark brownish gray, dull, soft, brittle. Spec. Grav. 6·44. Difficultly fusible. Soluble in nitric acid.

SPEC. CHAR. Combined with a large portion of oxygen.

SYN. Uranitic ochre. *Kirw.* 2. 303.
Grun Uranerz. *Emmerl.* 2. 584.
Urane oxidé. *Haüy*, 4. 283.
Uran mica. *Jameson.*
Uranglimmer. *Werner.*

CORNWALL has produced this substance but very sparingly. It is mostly imported from Bohemia, Saska in the Bannat, and Saxony, on a gangue composed of Pech-blende* in a decomposing state, and was first discovered by Klaproth in 1789. It has been confounded by many with Muriate of Copper, and with Green Mica. Ours was labelled as Muriate

* A suboxide of Uranite.

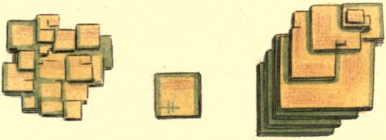
of Copper from Cornwall, and it appears not to have been well known when Mr. Rashleigh published his first part of *Specimens of British Minerals*, &c., for it was there called "Thin four-sided Crystals of bright Green Copper Ore from Carharrack." Mr. Kirwan informs us of its being first taken for Green Mica by Werner, and afterwards for Calcolite.

The matrix of this specimen is Quartz, Arseniate of Copper, &c. Under the blowpipe it melts, becoming black.

TAB. CXXVI.

THIS variety is of a yellower hue, and appears to be splitting and decomposing, as it seems to decay at the edges, becoming rounded as if worn by oxygenizement. The gangue is chiefly a black Oxide of Copper.

Its Spec. Grav. is 3·1212.



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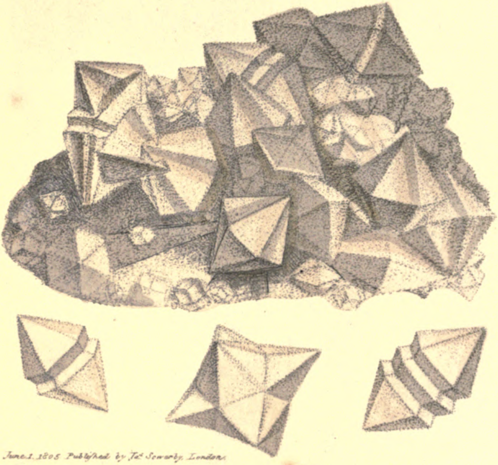

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TAB. CXXVII.

BARYTES carbonata.

Carbonate of Barytes.

We are obliged to F. Hall, Esq., of Arkendale near Richmond, Yorkshire, for the superb specimen from part of which this figure was taken: it is at first sight very interesting, as the crystallization is apparently a most perfect representation of the dodecaëdral Quartz, with the two hexaëdral pyramids meeting at their mutual base without any intermediate prism—a very rare circumstance in Quartz. On further examination we find a modification seemingly peculiar to itself, and which has never been recognised in Quartz, or in any other substance before: see *the right and left hand figures*. It is so new in its nature that an expression is wanted for it, as it is not what may be termed mackled, but may rather be called articulated or jointed. These figures have one or two joints, lengthening the crystal endways without a tendency to continuing at the mutual bases, or filling up the interruption so as to form the plane of the column; the vacancy is just contrary to those of the Carbonate of Lead, which it somewhat resembles in the first instance: see *tab.* 89, 90, 91, and may be of much utility for external discrimination. We have been able by this specimen to determine partly the measure, and compare with Quartz—the incidence of one of the pyramids of Quartz upon the other measuring, according to Haüy, 103° and some seconds, and we find it in Carbonate of Barytes to measure above 126°.

The Carbonate of Barytes has, in this specimen, a tendency to crystallize in groups, in a stellated manner: see *the middle figure*. The whole of the Carbonate of Barytes is chiefly formed on Carbonate of Lime, and is partly covered with Sulphate of Barytes in fine spiculæ. Some of the Carbonate of Lime is in Garnet dodecaëdrons with short columns, an uncommon form for Carbonate of Lime: see *tab.* 128, *right hand outline.*

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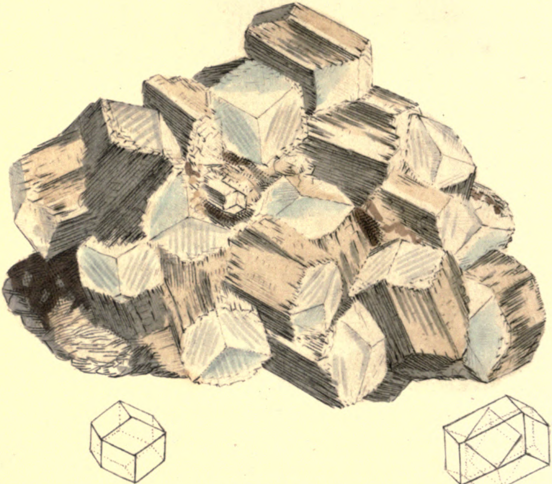

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TAB. CXXVIII.

CALX carbonata; *var.* dodecaëdra.

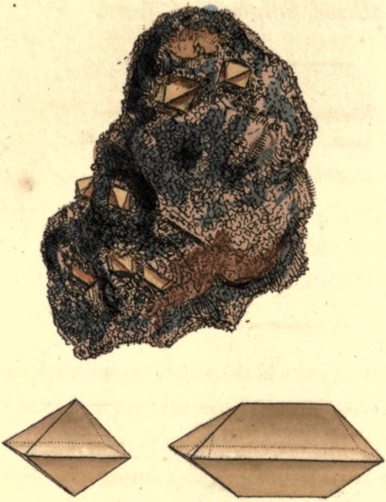
Dodecaëdral crystallized Carbonate of Lime.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Lime. *Spec.* 5. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SYN. Chaux carbonatée bisunitaire $\overset{B}{1}\,\overset{1}{D}$. *Haüy*, 2. 142.

SOME Carbonates of Lime, with regard to their crystallization, are not uncommon. This however is of the scarce kind; and was it not for the manner in which the modification appears to be formed, it might, under the common idea of its being a rhomboidal dodecaëdron, be esteemed as a Garnet, or some other substance that commonly exhibits that figure.—The fracture of Carbonate of Lime is very apparent in it; as well as the shapes of the primitive rhombs, which will be found to agree with the figure of the fracture; and are placed in such a manner as to form the dodecaëdron. Thus we find the column is formed of laminæ placed on the face of the rhomb decreasing from the lateral edges. Its termination is at one or both ends, clearly in the form of the equiaxe.—*The middle figure* expresses this with the fracture, which is mostly on the edges. The whole is a sort of inverse crystal; the column being, as it were, formed contrary to the usual custom.

The specimen from which this figure was taken was lent us by our friend Mr. Rich. Phillips, who brought it from the North.



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TAB. CXXIX.

PLUMBUM sulphatum crystallizatum.

Crystallized Sulphate of Lead.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 15. Lead. *Spec.* 4. Sulphate of Lead.
Div. 1. Crystallized. *Var.* 1. Primitive.

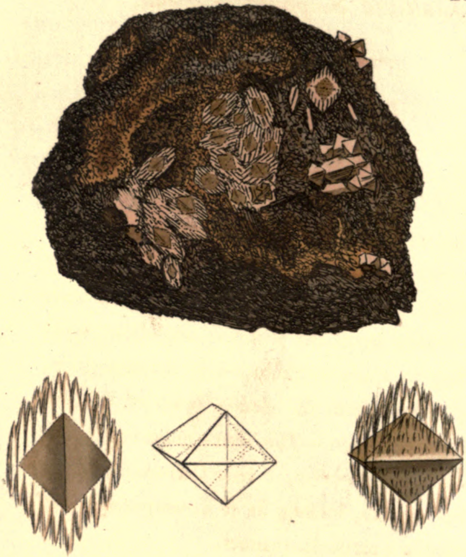
SYN. Plomb sulfaté primitif P. *Haüy*, 3. 504.
Naturlischer blei vitriol. *Emmerl.* 3. 413.
Native Vitriol of Lead. *Kirwan*, 2. 211.

I BELIEVE there is no place in the world, except Anglesea in North Wales, where this substance has been found; and all we have heard or seen of it came from the Parys mine. We were extremely lucky, after having met with the best collection of crystals in the world, from the present octaëdron, through various modifications, to have found an extraordinary addition in another set that we had received through the favour of our good friend, and friend to Natural History, the Rev. Hugh Davies, F. L. S.*

These were so new as to make the former set doubly valuable. The present specimen is not so brilliant as many, but, of the kind, is one of the largest and best crystals yet procured. Its fracture in some directions is laminated,

* See *tab.* 130.

parallel to the primitive, in others vitreous. Perhaps one of its characters may be taken from its odour, which is similar to the smell of the place in which white lead is prepared, with a peculiar pungency. It is easily reduced on charcoal.—The forms are in general somewhat neat, and the crystals are sometimes as clear as the finest glass; at other times they are coloured with an oxide of Iron, from a yellowish hue to a rusty brown.—They are brittle, and soft enough to be scratched by Sulphate of Barytes, but not Carbonate of Lime, and are mostly found on an ochraceous gangue.



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TAB. CXXX.

PLUMBUM sulphatum.

Crystallized Sulphate of Lead.

Div. 1. Crystallized.

THIS is one of the set of modifications of Sulphate of Lead which does not appear to have been noticed in any collection but my own, and shows a curious change as to the formation taking place by means of spiculæ. The inner part of the crystals are of the primitive octaëdron, apparently rounding to a new modification by decomposition, and forming spiculæ from the mutual bases of the two pyramids of the octaëdron.—This seems quite new to the mineralogical world: however, I have Carbonate of Lead in dodecaëdral crystals, looking as if decomposing, with spiculæ attached in a particular manner.

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TAB. CXXXI.

PLUMBUM sulphureum; *var.* hæmatiticum.

Hæmatitic Sulphuret of Lead, or Hæmatitic Galena.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 15. Lead. *Spec.* 3. Sulphuret of Lead.
Div. 2. Imitative.

I HAVE heard it remarked from time to time that Galena was to be found in Coal at Matlock in Derbyshire, and I have had a specimen sent me from thence, but it was so full of a decomposing Pyrites that it fell to pieces.

Lady Aylesford, whose ingenuity is well known, and who has a fine collection of drawings of nearly all the English plants, made by her own hand, was so kind as to exert herself, when in the country last autumn, and procure for me some very curious minerals from Coventry; among which was the specimen here represented. This is not only rare from being among Coal, but for being in this curious hæmatitic form, a form which has not yet been noticed in Galena, and which will help more perfectly to show the nature of substances that have a regular primitive crystal, passing into, or placing themselves in, a rounding figure.

The present specimen is radiating from a centre, forming circular and hæmisphærical segments, much resembling Hæmatitic Iron Ore—*tab.* 56 and 131.

This substance is evidently formed of cubes, and has assumed this particular shape from certain circumstances;

and settling from its solvent with perfect preservation of its nuclei, which are very clear upon a careful examination. Although very minute, they are distinct cubes: and as any form made up of perfect cubes with level sides would, in forming a radiating figure, be loose in its texture, unless well closed with others in the interstices; so this, so loosely formed in that particular, is very useful to us to determine other facts of the like nature. *The left hand figure* is of two nuclei—and *the right hand figure* shows the manner of its accumulation, and will be useful in analogy.

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TAB. CXXXII.

PLUMBUM sulphureum; *var.* antimoniatum.

Antimoniated Galena, or Sulphuret of Lead.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 15. Lead. *Spec.* 3. Sulphuret of Lead.
Div. 2. Imitative. *Var.* Antimoniated.

SYN. Plomb sulfuré antimonifère. *Haüy*, 3. 462.

THIS is often found accompanying common Galena. It is externally known to Mineralogists by the peculiar small striated appearance which is attributed to the nature of the crystallization of the Antimony, and which seems to derange the primitives of Common Galena; so that one substance interrupting another may be recognized here; and perhaps in some other place we may be able to show something more important in the nature of the laws of mixed crystallization.

The specimen here figured was sent by my friend the Rev. J. Harriman. It seems to be less antimoniated towards the base, and somewhat resembling *tab.* 131.

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TAB. CXXXIII.

FERRUM oxygenizatum.

Wood-like Iron Ore.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 8. Iron. *Spec.* 3. Oxide of.
Div. 2. Imitative. *Var.* Wood-like.

CHARLES JOS. HARFORD, Esq., was so good as to bring the specimen from which this figure was taken, from Bristol. It was found in a ploughed field in that neighbourhood. It is of that variety often called Wood-like Iron Ore, and much resembles Wood-like Tin Ore. It however is much lighter and softer, and much larger than Wood-Tin has ever been found. Its weight is about 7lb., and its diameter about 6 inches by 5 inches. The figure being smaller, the many centres from which the radii form give it a pretty variegated appearance, and the radii are relieved by the darker tints of the striæ which are least ochry. The circles are so regular in some parts as to appear rather forced in the drawing: it may, however, be safely said that they are not more regular in the drawing than in the specimen. It may be curious to observe how reciprocal the force of formation is in this specimen, as each centre has terminated its radii with as little disturbance to its neighbour as possible. The primitive crystal of Oxide of Iron is not yet known; whatever it is, it must have some affinity to the Galena—*tab.* 131.

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TAB. CXXXIV.

ARGILLA hydrata.
Hydrargillite.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Argil. *Spec.* 2. Hydrargillite.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SPEC. CHAR. Argil in combination with water.
SYN. Hydrargillite. *Davy in Phil. Trans.*
Wavellite. *Babington in Mr. Davy's Paper in Phil. Trans.*

ACCORDING to our system, we of necessity differ from Dr. Babington in the name of this mineral. We venerate Dr. Wavell as an old acquaintance, and have little doubt but his name will be handed down to posterity as the first discoverer of this substance, near Barnstaple. Through having in my possession the valuable collection of W. Day, Esq., I have had specimens of it several years under the title of a Zeolite from Devonshire, and was going to figure it as such; but on examining and finding it a very doubtful Zeolite, I put it by for some future analysis or investigation. It happened, however, luckily to fall into the hands of Mr. Davy, who fully investigated it, and from the nature of its composition he very properly names it Hydrargillite (from ὑδωρ water, and αργιλλος clay); and under so good an authority, we have little else to do than to quote a part of his paper from the Philosophical Transactions.

"The most common appearance is in hemisphærical groups of crystals" (on the surface of the gangue); "in some instances it exists as a collection of irregularly disposed prisms forming small veins in the stone: as yet I believe no insulated or distinct crystals have been found."

(My specimens terminate the radii *outwardly*, something like Sulphate of Barytes, and seem to be parts of a depressed octaëdron, sometimes a little truncated : see *middle figures*.) "Its colour is white in a few cases with a tinge of gray or green, and in some pieces (apparently beginning to decompose) of yellow. Its lustre is silky, some nearly opaque. Its texture is loose." Our *upper figure* chiefly resembles this description. *The lower figure* has small dark circles, which seem to be the same substance with the margin darkest. Those larger spreading radii, which condense into white opaque circles with the help of smaller stellæ, terminate towards the ends.

The whiter parts are small opaque clusters, in which the three darker ones are imbedded.

A similar substance has been found near Truro in Cornwall, which has been examined by the Rev. W. Gregor, of which I hope hereafter to give a figure.

Mr. Davy's analysis of Hydrargillite :

Alumine . . .	70
Fluid	26·2
Lime	1·4
Loss	2·4
	100·0

Upon further examination we find it possible that the crystal may be derived from the cube, as we find the fracture perpendicular to the terminal faces of *the right hand figure* on a plane with the lengthened sides; and another parallel to the plane of the terminal face. I think I can with a magnifying lens discover a fracture on the sides. The column or prism is contrary to these faces, forming four sides, and there are two triangular faces set edgewise on the broader angle. We could not measure these faces, but hope that we may, some time or other, meet with larger crystals fit for that purpose. These faces are often somewhat rounded with a rusty sort of decomposition.

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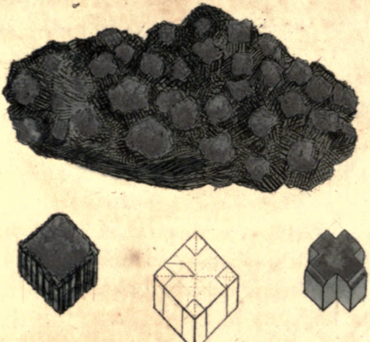

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TAB. CXXXV.

PLUMBUM cupreo-antimoniatum sulphureum.

Sulphurated Cupreo-antimoniated Lead.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 15. Lead. *Spec.* 3. Sulphuret of Lead.

SYN. Triple Sulphuret of Lead, Antimony, and Copper. *Bournon and Hatchett in Phil. Trans.* 1804. *Part* I.
Ore of Antimony. *Rashleigh, v.* 1. *pl.* 19.

THIS comes from Huel Boys in the parish of Endellion, in Cornwall, and has been always rare, and was supposed to be a *Sulphuret of Antimony*, until Mr. Hatchett analysed a substance nearly related to it, but somewhat lighter-coloured, and found in the same mine—see *pl.* 136—which agrees with it in the nature of its crystallization, as is pointed out with much ingenuity by the Count de Bournon in the Philosophical Transactions.

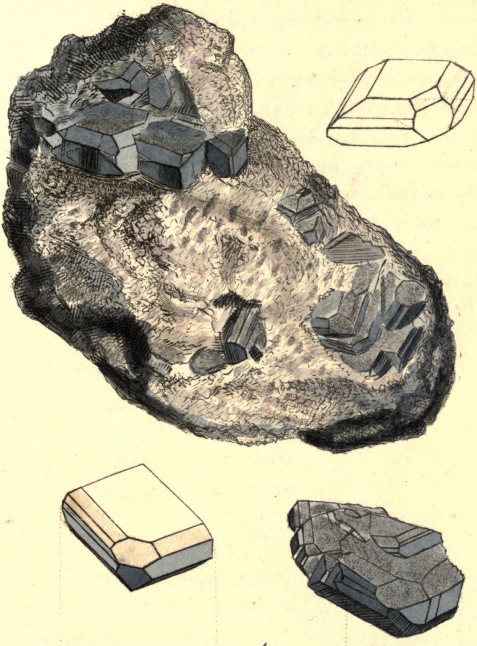
They are found to be triple Sulphurets, and when most pure contain chiefly Lead, Antimony and Copper in the metallic state in union with Sulphur. Thus the whole becomes a cupreous antimoniated Galena, and, as most related to Lead Ore or Galena, we name it as above.

The present specimen is as it were passing into this triplet, as one of the common appearances of Sulphuret of

Antimony is with it in the form of hairs and spiculæ, and the crystals are composed of, as it were, bundles of fibres, making a more or less complete modification, and accumulating in whorls or in crosses: see *the right and left hand figures*. The signs of the primitive cube are distinctly seen upon the ends of the groups, and the reverse of the same figure; but it is difficult to see the primitive fracture, as, although they have a loose appearance, they are so incorporated that they fracture most like a compact glassy substance, conchoidally and irregularly. We however had the luck to find one fractured face which may agree with the Count's ideas. We have in this therefore the cubic sign of the primitive with the edges bevilled at an angle of 150° on the upper face, and of 120° on the prism, nearly as the Count de Bournon observes.

TAB. CXXXVI.

FROM the purity of these specimens, which were lent me by Mr. Richard Phillips, resulted a most perfect analysis by Mr. Hatchett, who has determined the proportion of the substances in it: and the largeness of the crystals has been the cause of Count de Bournon's determining the primitive crystal and modifications, which is so difficult, as he observes, from the irregularity of their increase. The primitive, as he remarks, is a rectangular tetraëdral prism, which has its terminal faces perpendicular to its axis. Thus it is a sort of cube, and from observation on my specimen (see *tab.* 135.) I find the integrant molecule may be a triëdral prism, four of which make a cube.



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We have here figured what appears to be one of the largest crystals that have yet been seen: it is terminated at both ends with short columns in the form of plates, and stuck sideways on the gangue; the column forming hexaëdral faces, chiefly on account of the deepness of the other faces, and the decrease towards the middle, mentioned at *tab.* 135. Thus the face decreasing on the column is reduced to a small triangle: see *right hand figure*. On this crystal we also observe another modification that has not yet been mentioned by Count de Bournon, viz. the upper face on the corner of what he calls the primitive prism, forming from the terminal face probably at the same angle with those on a line with the prism: see figure *a*.

Mr. Hatchett, after a careful analysis, found it to contain:

Lead . . .	42·62
Antimony .	24·23
Sulphur . .	17
Copper . .	12·80
Iron . . .	1·20
Loss . . .	2·15
	100·00

It is of a grayer colour, and much more fusible than Galena, as it melts before it is red hot; it leaves a cupreous residuum, whereas the fibrous part—*tab.* 135—leaves scarce any. Its lustre is very great. *Fig.* 1 points out the faces of the column, which are very small. *The right hand figure* is the natural crystal; and *the left hand figure* is a geometrical outline, to explain the faces above and below the column.

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TAB. CXXXVII.

HYDROGEN Bitumen.

Elastic Bitumen, or Fossil Caout-chou.

Class 1. Combustibles. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Hydrogen*. *Spec.* 1. Bitumen.

GEN. CHAR. Inflammable, easily converted into gas by calor. Forms water by combustion with ogygen gas.

SPEC. CHAR. Nearly pure, fœtid, not easily volatile.

SYN. Elastic Bitumen. *Hatchett in Linn. Trans. v.* 4. 146.
Bitume élastique. *Haüy, v.* 3. 313.
Elastic Bitumen. *Schmeisser, v.* 1. 290.
Mineral Cahoutchou. *Kirwan, v.* 2. 48.
Elastisches erdpech. *Karsten*, 42.
Cahoutchou fossile. *Laméthérie, v.* 2. 540.

THE Elastic Bitumens were first noticed at Castleton, in Derbyshire, about the year 1786. Perhaps their general resemblance to the Caout-chou, or Indian rubber, discovered about half a century ago, might in a great measure be the cause of their being noticed; for we are often struck with the comparative resemblance of a thing which other-

* Unknown in its pure state, unless as the softest and purest Bitumen.

wise might have passed unnoticed. It is however a curious circumstance that they have not been discovered elsewhere, although Petroleum, Naphta, and analogous substances, as Maltha, Mineral Tar, Pitch, and Asphaltum, which are nearly related to the above, are found in many parts of the world, as well as at Castleton, where this substance is found. These always differ from the vegetable substances of the same nature (viz.) common Tar and Pitch, by their peculiar odour, which somewhat resembles oil of brick, used by Lapidaries, and which I understand is a kind of burnt oil. It is very different from the well known scent of Pitch and Tar. Vegetable Caout-chou differs from both. So, we may say that the under-ground change seems to be the cause of the odour. We cannot at present account for the elasticity, otherwise than in the words of the ingenious Mr. Hatchett in the Linnean Transactions: "From what I have already related, I suspect that the elastic property is occasioned by the interposition of very minute portions of air, or some other elastic fluid between the parts of the Bitumen, and that this takes place by means of some unknown cause at the time of formation; for, when these Bitumens are melted, the elastic fluid is liberated, and the mass loses that fine spongy texture which I suspect to have been the cause of the elastic property."

It is somewhat curious that it is found as it were oozing out of, or attached to, the rocks. The present specimen is attached to common Limestone rock, mostly Stinkstein: see *p.* 81 *Brit. Min.* It is nearly the softest of the elastic sort: some parts of it are almost in an oleaginous state, and stick to the fingers. It is nearly the colour of common Caout-chou, but will not stretch out like it, although it springs to its form after compression; and hence it differs a little from Caout-chou, as the indenture of the impression is not so easily made permanent. It is by no means so tough as common Indian rubber.

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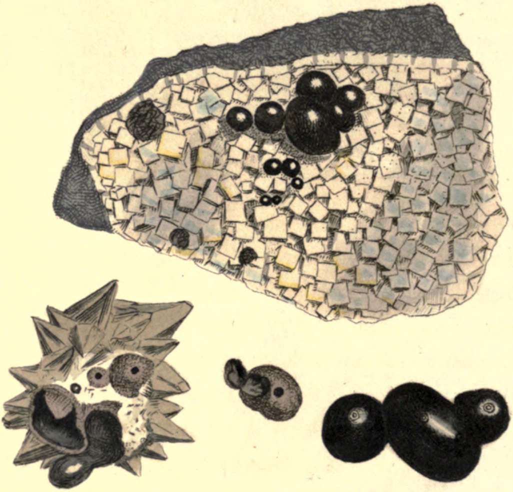
THIS is a harder specimen than the former, and much about the density of common Caout-chou. It is somewhat remarkable for its peculiar conchoidal fracture, on the faces of which, when minutely examined, peculiar risings occur, bounded by curved lines crossing each other, and terminating in a kind of centre not unaptly resembling the fracture of Carbonate of Lime with a kind of curvilinear crystallization*; the cracks seem not at all guided by this. The elasticity is something like the former, as it soon separates if we endeavour to stretch it out. It is externally of a blooming gray, and internally of an olive green colour. This is oozing more or less from different parts of the gangue, which is a mixture of Carbonate of Lime, Galena, &c. Some of the smaller particles have a reddish illinition in their flaws.

* I have lately received a fine specimen of Carbonate of Lime from Mr. Hall of Arkendale, very expressive of this.



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TAB. CXXXIX.

In examining the Bitumens, it is difficult to say whether they pass from Naphta and Petroleum to Pitch and Asphaltum, by a regular gradation, through the elastic kind, or not, as they seem to pass naturally from one to another without them. Most people would have been satisfied with the series had the elastic ones not occurred. By accidentally breaking a mass of crystallized Carbonate of Lime, was found in a hollow a black mineral pitch, in a liquid state: see *the left hand bottom figure.* This has now become condensed and elastic, but not so much so as the substance in the last figure. The crust or outer surface is brownish, with more elasticity, and may be separated by the nail like *the middle figure,* which shows the outside and inside. *The left hand figure* shows also hollows in the centre of the outer crust, or external parts, something like the mouth of a minute crater; giving a strong idea of its having been once in a state of powerful ebullition from that hole. This is a darker-coloured Bitumen, possessed of greater elasticity than any that has been before noticed. Among specimens this should be placed as the darkest, and perhaps nearly the last of the elastic sorts. The next in this plate is a more indurated Bitumen, much resembling the last (at first sight), and which seems to have been in a state of ebullition, from the circular indentures remaining on the bubbles: see *the right hand figures at the bottom.* They are very neatly formed upon whitish cubic Fluor, and seem as if they had splashed about in falling; for they give the idea of having dropped on the surface of the crystals of the Fluor in a state of strong ebullition, perhaps more so than the former. Whatever is the cause, the effect may be gained by a stronger heat; as, the nearer these substances approach combustion, the more they harden, and form the appearance of Asphaltum, which we suspect this substance to be. This is from the same neighbourhood as the others, and is totally black all through. Fracture conchoidal and shining, destitute of any lighter illinitions, being perfectly opaque.

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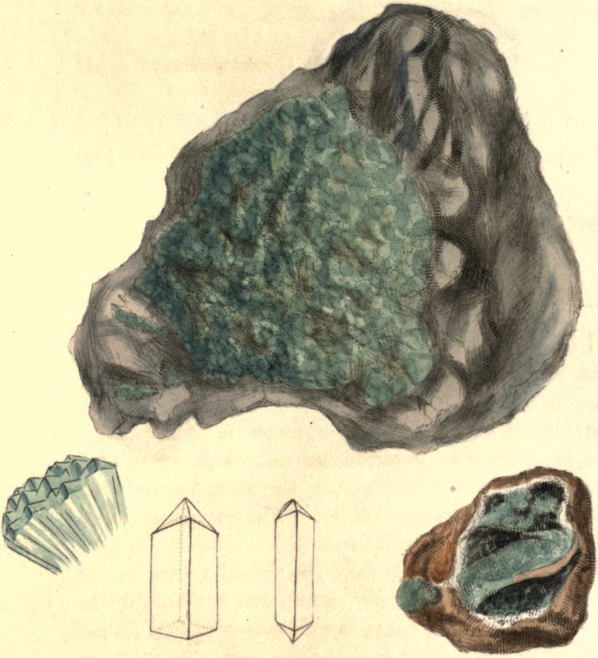
Of the indurated Bitumens, one of the first we met with was included in coarse, somewhat earthy, elastic Bitumen, and much represented in form a gun flint, with fractures not unlike those in common flints. It proved extremely pure, of a dark olive green, and was closely surrounded by the other bitumen, as if it had been the fragment of a larger piece preceding in formation the earthy sort. We have since found a larger specimen of a similar nature, with a black outside—see *the bottom figure,* and also a small stalactite or lengthened drop. The smaller fractures in these show transmitted lights or illinitions of a warm yellow colour.

Thus it should appear that an accumulation of this yellow light, mixed with the black, gives the greenish hue to the substance. We suspect that these colours are more or less caused by the different degrees of oxygenizement of Iron.

Dull greens are seldom happily imitated by illuminators; thus, our figures may in this instance be rather too gay. According to the best chemists, Bitumen is formed principally of Hydrogen* with more or less Oxide of Carbon, Oxide of Iron, and other incidental substances.

* Combined with but a small portion of Calor.



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TAB. CXLI.

FERRUM Cupreo-arseniatum.
Cupreous Arseniate of Iron.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Iron. *Spec.* Arseniate.
Var. Cupreous.

SPEC. CHAR. Iron, Copper, and Arsenic Acid in combination.

SYN. Cupreous Arseniate of Iron. *Bournon and Chenevix, Phil. Trans. for* 1801.

THIS substance, which is rare in Cornwall, we understand has been brought from Siberia by Professor Pallas, according to Mr. Chenevix, to whom we are obliged for the analysis of it, and to Count Bournon for the most accurate account of its crystallization, which agrees with our specimens. It is found in the Muttrel mine along with the cubic Arseniate of Iron. The crystals are always small, generally clustered, more or less in bundles or confused. The individuals form rhomboidal prisms having the two opposite angles very obtuse; and consequently the two others are very acute, terminating with four scalene triangular faces, fixed lower on the acute angles than on the obtuse ones. We cannot be certain that the angle bearing upon the obtuse side of the pyramid is not a right angle: see *the geometrical figure*. *The upper specimen* is a largish collection of clusters variously grouped, the clusters formed of crystals diverging from a centre, with the faces of the pyramid only exposed. It is on an irregular gangue of white Quartz with some blackish lumps of gray Sulphuret of Copper, and a few rectangular plates, perhaps Uranite. *The left hand bottom figure* represents a specimen with more distinct crystals looking like spiculæ, scattered in the hollows of an ochraceous gangue. These sometimes expose one, and at others both ends: see *the lower figure.* These crystals are mostly of a light shining sage green.

Analysis by Mr. Chenevix:

Silica	03
Arsenic Acid . .	33·5
Oxide of Iron . .	27·5
Oxide of Copper .	22·5
Water	12

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TAB. CXLII.

ARGILLA hydrata.
Hydrate of Argill, or Hydrargillite.

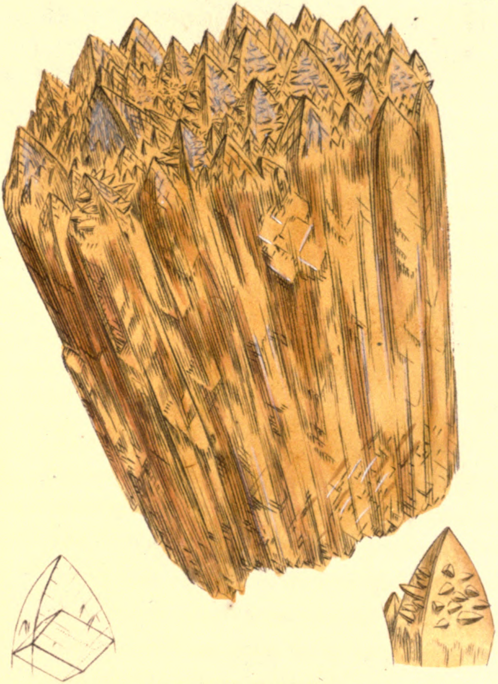
Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 1. Argill. *Spec.* 2. Hydrate.

ACCORDING to our expectation before expressed, we are enabled to give figures from Cornish specimens of this substance by favour of the Rev. Mr. Gregor, who lent us his best specimen, which is represented in *the upper figure.* This is in looser radii than those from Barnstaple, but appears to agree precisely in the form of the crystal, which, according to our idea, shows more of the primitive faces, (viz.) the flat sides of the column, as that shows only one primitive face at the apex. We could not attempt to measure these crystals, they are so extremely small. The gangue is also different. We retain Mr. Davy's name of Hydrargillite, although Mr. Gregor believes there is an acid contained in it, but it is not determined what acid, or whether it is essential to the mineral. It is formed in the hollows of the rock or gangue, with Quartz crystals coloured with red Oxide of Iron more or less sticking in mammillæ about them, probably mixed with Oxide of Copper; but it has not undergone regular examination. On some parts of the gangue there appears to be Oxide of Uranite: see *tab.* 124; and Mr. Gregor, by some trials made with small quantities, thinks it contains, beside Uranium, a little

Oxide of Lead, Lime, Silica, and a metallic substance differing in properties from Uranium.

We hope this will be further examined. Mr. G.'s paper on this subject to the Royal Society has been read, but is not yet printed. We have another specimen from our friend Mr. Rashleigh, where the spiculæ are much smaller, and the bundles composed in such a manner as to give it a cottony appearance, whilst a few of the crystals are nearly like the above.

We have annexed to the plate a specimen from our liberal friend last mentioned, which accords extremely well with the common appearance of that from Barnstaple, showing them to be the same, which has been doubted, and the crystallization sufficiently corresponds with them. The part of the gangue in which this is imbedded is of a grayish colour, and somewhat though not distinctly approaching a schistose appearance, like those from Barnstaple. The rest of the matrix resembles that of the others from Cornwall, which are whitish Quartz mingled with soft Mica, such as the Cornish Apatite is generally found in. Those from Cornwall were supposed to be different species from those from Barnstaple. We are more confident with regard to the crystals, from having been favoured by Dr. Wavell with many interesting specimens, some of which have a pearly appearance not before mentioned. All the specimens figured in the present plate are from Stenna Gwinn in Cornwall.



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CALX carbonata; *var.* inversa.
Inverse crystallized Carbonate of Lime.

Carbonate of Lime has been remarked at Portland Island for its fine topazine colour, and has thence been denominated Sugar-candied Spar, or Candied Sugar Spar. These crystals are not uncommon in other places, but are often finest in the fissures of the Portland Stone. The Stalagmites from Bath, Yorkshire, &c. present the same substance, generally less massy, and the crystallization more or less in spiculæ, which often accord with this in form: therefore this will serve as an illustration of all, whether small or large, and most of the fanciful formations are of this nature. The present specimen terminates in acute rhombs somewhat rounded, forming a pyramid upon the obtuse angle of the nucleus: see *the left hand geometrical figure.* These often have some crystals formed under the same circumstances on the sides; and it is a curiosity worth observation here, that these smaller ones are probably formed at a time when the others are nearly perfected but not quite so, as the crystallization is somewhat independent; yet they were enabled to stick so into the larger ones, as to be of equal solidity with the rest of the mass.

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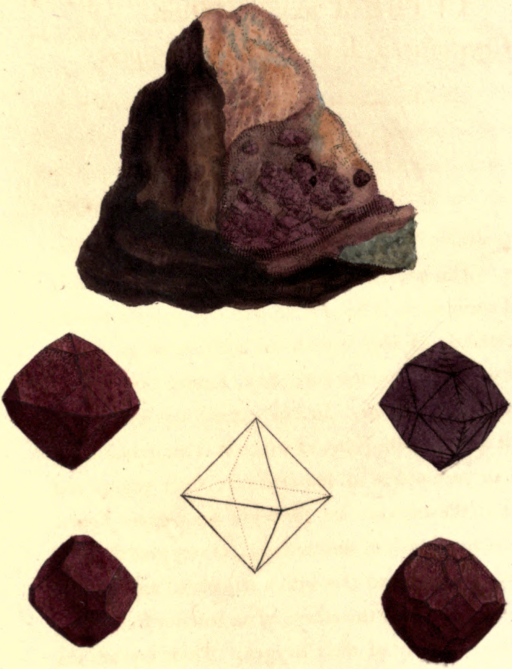
This is nearly of the same formation as the last, the crystallization radiating from various centres with the terminations meeting*: they however are in more determined columns of three sides, and the pyramids at first sight appear more simple: however, there is a tendency to double each face of the pyramid, making, like the metastatique, a six-sided pyramid. This is one of the darkest-coloured ones of this nature.

* The Radii in Mr. Hall's specimen, mentioned *tab.* 138, are a foot long, the sides of which are divided by a double direction of curved lines crossing to a central bar, consequently circumscribing rhombic forms with two convex and two concave sides.



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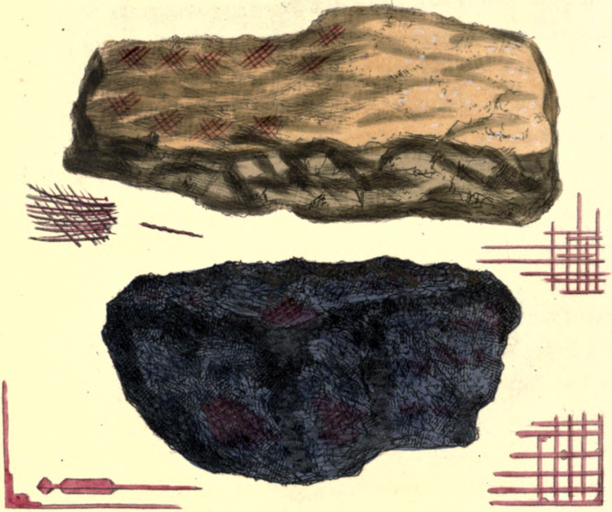
TAB. CXLV.

CUPRUM oxygenizatum.
Crystallized Red Oxide of Copper.

Div. 1. Crystallized.

I HAVE already figured some Cubical and Octaëdral Ruby Coppers. The present one from Cornwall is extremely rare and curious, as it has a remarkable modification—the cubo-octaëdron of Haüy, with the addition of an obtuse four-sided pyramid on each cubic face, formed as it were of somewhat distinct plates. In one crystal this pyramid is formed into a cross, the plates of which it is composed being notched or incomplete in the centre of their edges, and complete at the corners: see *the right hand upper figure.* With these are crystals of similar forms, of very pure Copper, composed of oblong particles with a reticulated appearance, as if they were some of the others, of an anterior formation, having been deprived of their oxygen. These crystals are very extraordinary, as they comprehend the Octaëdron with truncated edges: they have also truncated and bevelled solid angles, making a very compound crystal: see *the left hand figure.* The intermediate varieties are the dodecaëdron and octaëdron, truncated at the solid angles. The particles show some signs of being thread-like confused octaëdrons, somewhat resembling those on the following plate, *tab.* 147. They are externally between a copper colour and red, scarcely metallic in the lustre, until cut, and then perfectly so. It is, as the Count de Bournon observes, useful in many instances to use a magnifier to examine crystals; and we should lose some very interesting beauties without it. These indeed may be pretty well seen by the eye alone, but it is admirable to observe how neatly these are formed by such help as the magnifying glass. We do not know of any other specimen of this kind.



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TAB. CXLVII.

CUPRUM oxygenizatum.

Filamentose Oxide of Copper.

Div. 2. Imitative.

NATURE, ever various and instructive, often represents one thing with the appearance of another. Thus, a casual observer would expect that this Copper Ore merely consisted of filaments of scarlet silk: however, on examination with the help of a lens, we with certainty distinguish the contrary, and see how beautifully Nature varies her operations, and under certain circumstances accomplishes the same end with different appearances: thus, the moleculæ are forming threads more or less discoverable in the shape of elongated octaëdrons or cubes. *The upper figure* is decomposing Feltspar and Quartz with these filaments of Ruby Copper Ore, some of which are in bent 4-sided threads crossing each other. Others are irregular and confused, apparently having been disturbed: see *the left hand upper figure.* In some parts they are disposed in straight filaments, crossing each other at right angles, as if disposed to form a cube: see *the right hand upper figure. The lower figure* is chiefly Ruby

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TAB. CXLVII.

CALX carbonata, dura.

Hard Carbonate of Lime

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 3. Calx. *Spec.* 5. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 1. Crystallized*.

SYN. A new species of hard Carbonate of Lime. *Bournon*, *Phil. Trans.* 1803. 325.

GREAT BRITAIN is highly indebted to the Right Hon. Charles Greville's mineralogical ardour, for one of the most complete and scientific collections in the world; and I am happy to congratulate my friends on his generosity in readily allowing me the free use of it, as nothing can now be wanted, as far as is at present known, to complete the British history of this kingdom of Nature, with my own collection and those of other friends already mentioned.

The present specimen from Scotland is a great curiosity to the mineralogical world, and was first noticed in Mr. Greville's collection by the Count de Bournon, who has given an excellent account of it in *Phil. Trans.*

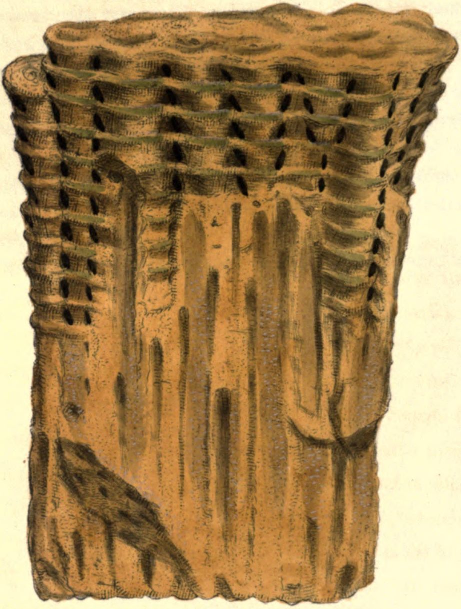
We understand that only a few specimens have been preserved, which were collected in the neighbourhood of Glasgow.

The structure at first sight has something new in it; but it might be taken for Carbonate of Lime, which it really is,

* In arranging this variety, we would place it after all the other crystals.

although the fracture much resembles that of Quartz, but is somewhat rougher. We admire the Count de Bournon's indefatigable patience in measuring and pointing out the modification of these crystals, which we did not attempt; we have only ventured to point out a few faces that were passed over, as they may possibly be somewhat interesting; for which reason we have made sketches of them. The bases seem exactly as the Count has determined them. The principal are 3 small ones on the summit, as represented *fig.* 2.—*Fig.* 4. shows a minute triangular one, and one of those above mentioned. The matrix is ferriferous Carbonate of Lime with Pyrites and small double-pointed crystals of Quartz.

Flos-ferri and Arragon Spar of old authors belong to this variety.



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TAB. CXLVIII.

CALX carbonata fœtida.
Ochraceous Stinkstein.

Div. 2. Imitative.

THE formation of this substance, however singular, seems hitherto to have escaped notice. It may nevertheless lead us to a determination in many cases. It might at first be taken for a Coralline; but we have by comparison of specimens convinced ourselves that it is rather an assemblage of funnel-shaped Stalactites formed in a fluid medium, the surface of which has become encrusted at regular intervals, especially around the Stalactite. Although there is a variety of specimens, yet the structure coincides very accurately in many of them. Some indeed are more puzzling to account for than the present. It not uncommonly happens that Stalactites are hollow, (see *tab.* 6.) and others undulated. They also evidently form a deposit, or case after case, on the outside in a concentric manner. This does not seem to have been formed so; the peculiar state of the substance of which it appears to have been composed, having only a certain quantity of moisture, enough to form a kind of paste, which may have allowed it to have dropped into one mass at more or less regular periods, producing this remarkable appearance. Now, it happens that the spot which produces a variety of these produces also the Botryoidal Stinkstein in great abundance and variety: see *tab*. 38. They are generally found filled with a dusty ochraceous marle, such as would readily allow scattered drops of water to collect it on their surfaces.

I received most of my specimens from my friend N. J. Winch, Esq., who collected them near Sunderland.

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TAB. CXLIX.

ARGILLA marga.

Argillaceous Marle.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 2. Compound.
Gen. 1. Argilla. *Spec.* 1. Marle.
Div. 1. Imitative.

Syn. Tophus turbinatus. *Linn. Syst. Nat. ed.* 13. *v.* 3. 190.

We so frequently find the figure of Corallines, or other organized substances, that we are often puzzled to account for them; some however are readily understood to be infiltrations taking place of them, and that before us has hitherto been considered by many in this light. The singular regularity of the specimen here figured has given rise to many conjectures. In giving my opinion I desire to discover the truth; and having made many comparisons, I agree with Linnæus, that it is rather a Stalactite formed under certain circumstances among other operations of nature, which may be continued to a great extent. Thus, Mr. Martyn observes that a very large space in Derbyshire is of this formation. It is finely undulated: in other respects the cones run into each other, something like a child's horn gig—which will separate into a number of cones, more or less perfect, if placed by the fire. From the present specimen I separated some cones, by alternately wetting and drying it. We do not know how minutely they may be divided. The fracture is like other compact calcareous marles, that are not governed by the conical formation. We have had them from two or three friends in Derbyshire. The present specimen was given me by Mr. Baker, by favour of my friend the Rev. James Dalton, and comes from the alum-works at Boulby in Yorkshire belonging to the former gentleman, and was remarked for being in the form of a horse's hoof, having settled upon a Cornu-Ammonis.

They are mostly of an argillaceous marle: but I have one from Cumberland, given me by Mr. Buchanan from Barton fell, which seems to be more of an Iron ore than any of my others. In most of the English specimens the cones are rather confusedly coalesced. In foreign ones, groups of cones joined together by their edges are apt to separate; whence Linnæus's description. The present specimen figured contains so much pyrites dispersed through it, that it might be used as an alum ore.

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TAB. CL.

ARSENICUM ferreum.

Ironey Arsenic.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. Arsenic. *Spec.* Combined with Iron.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

SPEC. CHAR. Arsenic in combination with Iron.
SYN. Fer arsenical. *Haüy*, 4. 56.
Arsenic pyriteux. Mispickel. *Born*, 2. 197.
Native Arsenic alloyed with Iron. *Kirw.* 2. 256.

THIS substance much resembles the whitish Iron Pyrites or arsenical Sulphuret of Iron, and seems to have been partly confounded with it by Kirwan; who observes, that "the Marcasite found near Dublin, called Irish Diamonds, is of this species." This latter is however to be most readily distinguished by the crystals being right-angled*, whereas the present is an acutely rhomboidal prism. It is perhaps not unnatural for Irish Pyrites to have a little arsenic, but not in sufficient quantity to characterize a species. The colour is different in the interior; one being a grayish white, the other yellowish.

* A small portion of arsenic may be found in them, but not sufficient to alter the crystal.

The specimen figured came from Cornwall, and is remarkable for having somewhat acicular crystals collected in divaricating bunches, which pervade Blende, Copper Pyrites, and Quartz. Before the blowpipe it melts easily, gives out copious white fumes strongly scented with Garlic, and highly noxious to the lungs: what remains is a small gray globule of magnetic Iron.

The right hand figure shows the primitive rhomboidal termination of an elongated crystal, with a decrement upon the obtuse solid angle. The face produced by this decrement gives for its incidence upon the rhomboidal face 149° or thereabouts: this modification seems to be new, as Haüy has not mentioned it.

The left hand figure represents another view of the primitive, with a decrement on the acute angle, which agrees with letter *s* of Haüy's *fig.* 137.

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TAB. CLI.

CALX carbonata, echiniformis.

Echinus-formed Carbonate of Lime.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 3. Lime. *Spec.* 5. Carbonate of Lime.
Div. 2. Imitative.

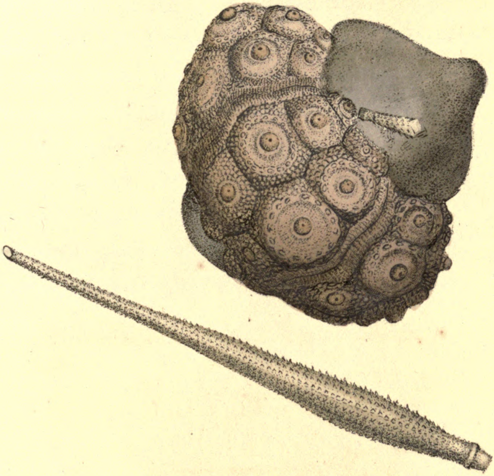
THAT animals are indebted to minerals is very evident, although vegetables may be the instruments by which their nutriment is prepared. We may also say that great part of the mineral world is much indebted to the animal for its present appearance; for, under certain circumstances, nature allows the animal construction to remain long after the animal itself. In this instance, it might have been a doubt whether a construction so complete as this *Echinus* and its spines could be an infiltration of Carbonate of Lime in place of the case, or rather bone, or the remains of the Carbonate of Lime which existed while the animal possessed it. Its fracture is sufficient to determine it to be Carbonate of Lime, without any other trial; and upon examination it is found to be nearly pure.

Mr. Hatchett, in his valuable account of the shells and bones of animals, proves the case of a recent *Echinus* to be bone, as it contains its due proportion of Phosphate of Lime. This is therefore the more curious, as there is no Phosphorus remaining to destroy the crystallized character; the carbonic acid predominating effectually in that particular. To know the animals that are thus found as it were petrified may not seem at all the province of the mineralogist, nor is it perhaps strictly necessary; yet it is convenient to have such information, as it may be sometimes of great importance; and it must appear remarkable to all, that although the petrified remains of other animals are very universal, yet those of our own species are never found. The effects of the change in the *Echinus* are remarkable, as it appears to be extremely gentle; for the parts of the shells which are of a delicate structure, and are easily separated in common decay, are often very little disturbed by the changes of the animal substance. The animal parts, exclusive of the Carbonate of Lime, must pass away, while Carbonate of Lime, or Flint, is filling up the vacancy.

This species of *Echinus* is either a new one, or a variety of *Echinus Cidaris* of *British Miscellany*, and was sent to me from Queensford by my kind friend T. Mead, Esq. The soil in which it was found is a chalky marle.

TAB. CLII.

THE apparent loss of the animals in these *Echini* is as yet unaccounted for, and an immense quantity must have been lost to our view; although, on the examination or analysis of Earths, the animal substances have never been discovered. Mineralogists have indeed lately discovered *alkali* in some Basalts, &c. which was always supposed to belong to the vegetable kingdom. This specimen was found in a chalky



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rock at Saffron Walden by my friend Thomas Walford, Esq. We have the spines from various places. Its great curiosity is, that the shell part is extremely perfect as a Carbonate of Lime, although filled up with Flint; which has scarcely disturbed it, notwithstanding its having overflowed as it were at both ends. This is also said to be a variety of the *Echinus Cidaris;* to which we do not readily assent. P. Rashleigh, Esq. has figured another species, *Echinus circinatus,* under similar circumstances; which not being uncommon, serves well to show that nature performs the same offices by similar means in various places; and, as Mr. Rashleigh observes, its particular structure will point out to the theorist that it is not the immediate effect of *fire,* in the common acceptation of that term, but, with the aid of other principles, modifying the operation so as to give another idea.

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TAB. CLIII.

PLUMBUM carbonatum primitivum.
Primitive Crystallized Carbonate of Lead.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 15. Lead. *Spec.* 4. Carbonate of Lead.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

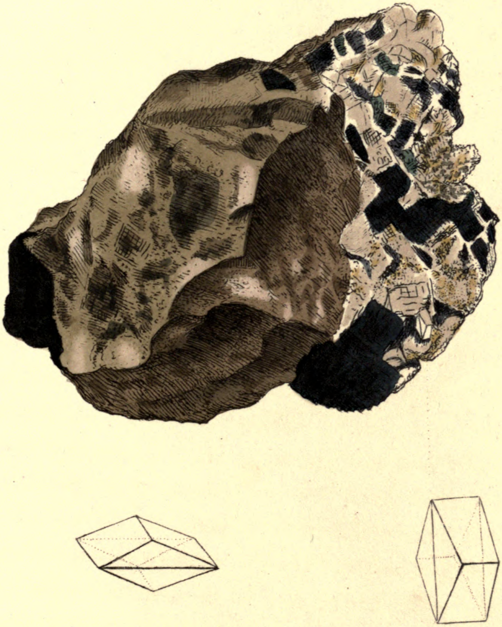
THIS specimen is a great curiosity, as it does not seem to have been before known that Carbonate of Lead crystallized in rhomboidal prisms. Haüy seemed to think the octaëdron to be the primitive figure; indeed we have been able in some specimens to trace all but four of his fractures; this however appears to be preferable, as it bears some analogy to Sulphate of Barytes, which has a rhomboidal primitive only differing in the angles, otherwise often producing similar modifications, which vary according to the nature of the substance. The angles of this rhomboidal prism are 76° and 104°; the laminæ are very distinct on all the faces. Carbonate of Lead, when we find it so nearly resembling this substance, may soon be discovered by the help of the blowpipe in procuring a little globule of Lead from it on Charcoal. They both form a nearly opaque glass; but if the heat is continued, the one will of course be reduced to Lead, and the other will remain unaltered.

TAB. CLIV.

PLUMBUM carbonatum octaëdrum.
Octaëdral Carbonate of Lead.

We are indebted for the present specimen to James Brodie, Esq., who brought it from Stolfield near Lossie Mouth, Elginshire, from an estate of John Brander, Esq. It is curious for having an octaëdral crystal nearly resembling, at first sight, the secondary one figured by Haüy, *pl.* 67. *fig.* 46. There are the four faces of the primitive octaëdron as mentioned by Haüy, *fig.* 45. M: See *the trapezoidal faces.* It has also four triangular faces agreeing with *y* of *fig.* 50.—*Haüy.*

This specimen is an example of a hard flinty rock holding Galæna or common Lead ore, sufficiently good to tempt the miner; but the hardness of the rock is an obstacle not easily overcome without an amazing expense. In these improved times, however, I should think this difficulty less considerable than formerly, if the ore is sufficiently abundant. There is perhaps an additional hope to the owner that he may not be aware of, which is, that Phosphate and Carbonate of Lead accompany the Galæna; and where these are, the rock is fissile, and more easily accessible. The situation, as to distance of fuel and conveniences for smelting, is certainly to be considered.



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TAB. CLV.

PLUMBUM carbonatum.

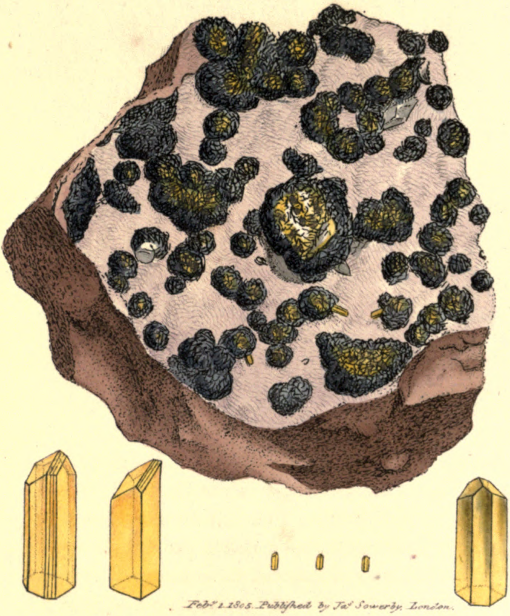
Straw-like Carbonate of Lead.

Div. 2. Imitative.

Syn. Plomb carbonaté aciculaire. *Haüy*, 3. 483.

Carbonate of Lead in spiculæ is found in some parts of Cornwall, Devonshire, Somersetshire, the county of Durham and other places where Lead ores are found, but the richest specimens are found at Wanlockhead in Scotland. The present specimen is an extremely irregular bundle of fibrous crystals, many of them nearly tubular, curiously formed among ochre which gives it an odd appearance. The spiculæ are chiefly formed into irregular columns, something like short pieces of straw. It is upon an Argillaceous Iron Stone with thin veins of Quartz..

Mr. Laing, from whom we had this, has a specimen with similar crystals seven inches in length, five in breadth, and four in thickness. The crystals are in similar groups, but cemented by amorphous Carbonate of Lead. The entire specimen is of a pure silky white colour. Large as this specimen is, the crystals are not greater than in the one figured.



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TAB. CLVI.

ZINCUM oxygenizatum.

Crystallized Oxide of Zinc.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Zincum. *Spec.* 1. Oxygenizatum.

GEN. CHAR. Light gray, ductile, brittle. *Fracture* foliated, brilliant; easily fusible, burning with a green flame and soluble in acids.

SPEC. CHAR. Zinc in combination with Oxygen.

SYN. Zinc, mineralized by Oxygen. *Kirw.* 2. 233.
Galmei. *Emmerl.* 2. 454.
Zinc oxydé. *Haüy*, 4. 159.
Calamine, ou Pierre Calaminaire. *De Lisle*, 3. 79.

HAVING figured Blende or Sulphuret of Zinc, *tab.* 74 and 75, we are glad to add perfect crystals of the *Oxide* of *Zinc.* It was sent by Earl Ferrers, from his mines in Leicestershire, to Miss Codrington, and enriched that Lady's collection of minerals, who discovered these beautiful crystals. It is the only specimen that has yet been noticed; and we cannot help mentioning that lady's generosity in allowing us to examine it with every freedom. I thought it of much use to figure and describe it as well as was practicable from the little that can be spared from the specimen, which altogether does not contain more than a grain or two at the most. It consists of beautiful topaze-coloured crystals dispersed about the specimen, some of which are too small to be seen without the help of a lens: others, however, may be seen without one, three in particular, as figured. Hitherto crystals of Oxide of Zinc have been but little noticed in Great Britain. Mr. Smithson, in *Phil. Trans.* for the year 1803, part i. 17. after speaking of a yellowish Calamine from Derbyshire not electric, says of Electric Calamine—"that the Abbé Haüy has considered this kind as differing from the other Calamines only in the circumstance of being in distinct crystals; but it has already appeared, in the instance of the Derbyshire Calamine, that all the crystals are not electric by heat, and hence, that it is not merely to its being in this state that this species owes the above quality. And the following experiments on some crystals of electric Calamine from Regbania in Hungary, can leave no doubt of its being a combination of Calx of Zinc with Quartz; since the quantity of Quartz obtained, and the perfect regularity and transparency of these crystals, make it impossible to suppose it a foreign admixture of them. They were not scratched by a pin; a knife marked them.

"According to Pelletier's* experiments on the Calamine of Fribourg in Brisgaw, which is undoubtedly of this species, its composition is:

Quartz . . .	0·50
Calx of Zinc .	0·38
Water . . .	0·12
	1·00

and according to his own experiments:

Quartz . . .	0·250
Calx of Zinc .	0·683
Water . . .	0·044
Loss	0·023
	1·000

* Journal de Physique, vol. 20. 434.

"The water, he observes, is most probably not essential; and in that case, from his experiments, it would be:

Quartz	0·261
Oxide of Zinc .	0.739
	1·000

"He also says he has found this species of Calamine among the productions of Derbyshire in small brown crystals, &c.; and their form seems, as far as minuteness and compression together will allow of judging, nearly or quite the same as those of Regbania; and the least atom of them on being heated immediately evinces their nature by the strong electricity it acquires. On their solution in acids they leave Quartz."

When we first looked at this specimen, not having seen such before, we did not know what it was; but on trial with the blowpipe, as it passed into flocculi and dissipated, we soon determined it; nor did we consult any author, until we had made sketches of the crystals, when we were not a little pleased to find our observations agree with those of others as to the form of them. There are some additional facets not mentioned in Haüy, which, although very minute, were sharp enough to be discerned. It is very curious to see a small portion gently warmed, how readily it attracts a few scrapings of paper which cling to it for some time.

These little elegant crystals stand on a gangue of red Sulphate of Barytes crystallized on the surface in little plates of a pinkish colour, modified something like *tab.* 96, *bottom figure*. There are some blotches of marle mixed with the gangue. We also find, on the surface, Sulphuret of Zinc and Sulphuret of Copper in somewhat irregular groups of crystals; the first of a gray colour, the latter of a golden hue, and almost in tetraëdrons. There are some nearly metastatic crystals of Carbonate of Lime, and a few crystals of Galæna.

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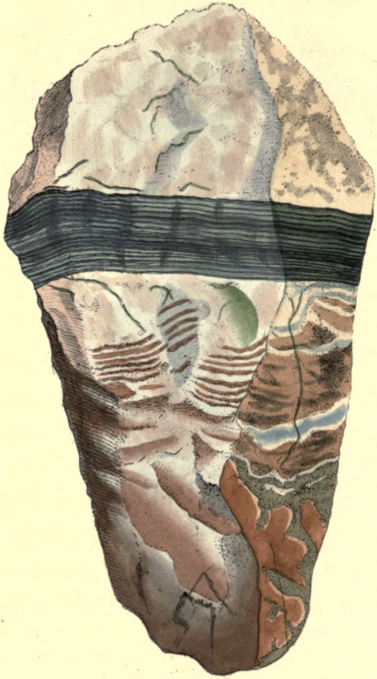

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TAB. CLVII.

SILEX Quartzum; *var.* Jaspis.
Quartz-Jasper.

Class 2. Earths.	*Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex.	*Spec.* 1. Pure.

Div. 3. Amorphous.

SYN. Quartz-Jaspe. *Haüy*, 2. 435.
Gemeiner Jaspis. *Emmerl.* 1. 243.
Jasper. *Kirw.* 1. 309.

SOME Jasper has the appearance of a ribband, and is called Ribband or Band Jasper. Either term is intelligible, and may answer the purpose well enough as to this part of the character, although it may with much propriety be called Stratified. Jasper is nearly allied to flint approaching hornstone, having rather a horny appearance. It is an impure amorphous Quartz, somewhat altered by a mixture of Argilla *. Its fracture is smooth, conchoidal or bluntish,

* Porcelain Jasper is said to contain:

Silica	60·75
Argilla . . .	27·25
Magnesia . .	3·00
Oxide of Iron .	2·50
Potash . . .	3·66
	95·216

splintery, very little translucent at the edges. It is rather tougher but scarcely harder than flint. It occurs in many varieties, and is often marked with darker and lighter stripes, but seldom very bright. Dull green is perhaps most frequent. The present figure exhibits a very distinct neatly striped vein in part of a variegated rock composed of Quartz, &c., and there are small threads in little veins passing irregularly from it. It was picked up on the coast of Airshire, and is in the possession of my friend Mr. Laing of Edinburgh.

I have pieces of large masses of Jasper striped or coloured nearly in the same way, from the shores of Scotland. Jasper was formerly much used for large trinkets, &c., as it takes a good polish.

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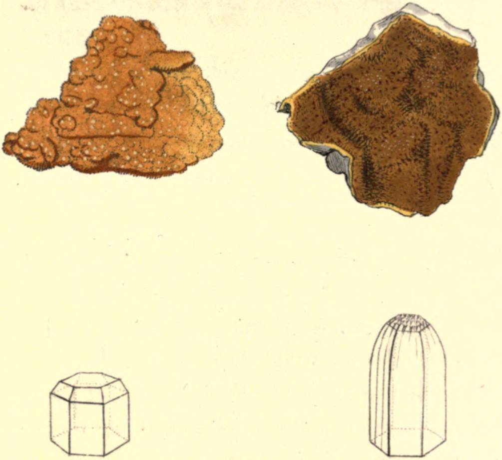

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TAB. CLVIII.

PLUMBUM phosphatum.
Phosphate of Lead.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 14. Plumbum. *Spec.* 2. Phosphatum.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

WE have already figured Phosphate of Lead, *tab.* 84. of the present work. These beautiful little specimens show the yellow and orange varieties, and two different modifications of the crystals, one bevilled on the horizontal edges of the column (see *the right hand figure*), the other rounded on the same edges, approaching such as form spiculæ, and is as it were formed of spiculæ, side by side, by which we see an example of crystals forming of spiculæ or lengthening in their modifications by spiculæ; which often happens, according to circumstances, as other substances do in plates, as has been most commonly observed. These specimens came from Wanlockhead by favour of G. Laing, Esq.

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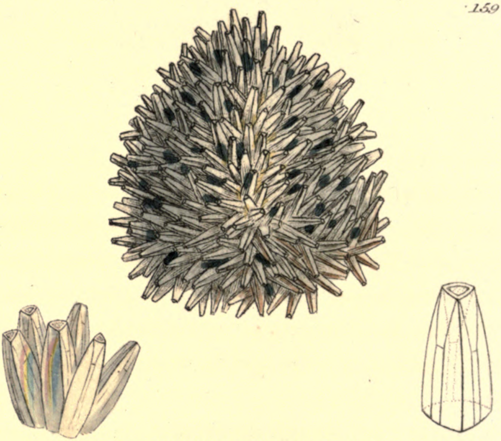

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TAB. CLIX.

CALX Carbonata.

Crystallized Carbonate of Lime.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 3. Lime. *Spec.* 5. Carbonate of Lime.

THIS curious specimen is from Wanlockhead in Scotland. Besides the whole group being formed like a cone, the individuals are a curious crystallization with a three-sided column somewhat rounding and truncated at the apex, and a central depression. The sides of the column are again divided into four facets, better understood by the figure than by description. The apex is formed of a six-sided facet.

We thought it somewhat resembled the hard Carbonate of Lime; but the fracture and its softness give evident proofs of the contrary. We do not know that this modification is to be found in any cabinet but in that of Mr. Laing, which contains the specimen here figured. It is formed as it were from the edges of the nucleus or primitive rhomb, with the obtuse angle upwards; the laminæ decrease less than in the metastatic, and consequently form a longer pyramid, which, as it is inclined to be rounding, cannot be measured. The truncations nearly on the column and those on the pyramid give it an odd appearance, more especially that on the apex, which has a rising margin. The order of formation from regular nuclei shows how much variety nature is capable of producing by the most simple means.

The specimen is a little coloured towards the bottom with ochraceous Oxide of Iron, and in some parts are a few blotches of decomposing Pyrites.

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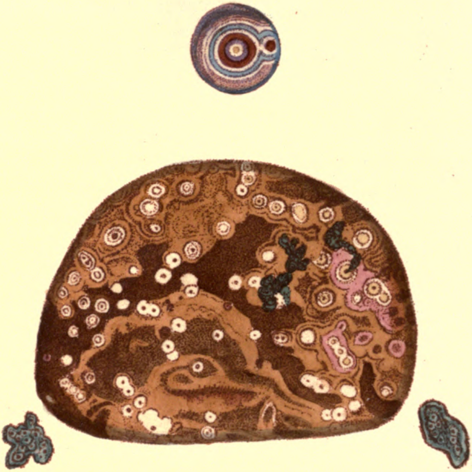

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TAB. CLX.

SILEX Quartzum; *var.*

Quartz, or Agate.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* 1. Quartzum.

Div. 2. Imitative.

THE river Tay in Perthshire, as well as other parts of Scotland, affords many beautiful pebbles, with circles and centres with more or less of the appearance of eyes, &c. *The upper one* has been cut for ornament, and was a present from Lady Wilson to her daughter Lady Arden. *The lower specimen* came from the Tay above mentioned, and was lent me by my friend G. Laing, Esq. These pebbles appear to be formed in the rocks in short stalactites forming in coats, which being more or less coloured by Oxide of Iron, form stripes or circles, &c.; the outside rather knobby. This the lapidaries have taken advantage of, as is seen in these pebbles, and it assists in the disposition of the colours. Much seems to depend upon Quartz, Alumine and Iron to increase the beauties of this stone, forming in it Jasper, Agate, Cornelian, &c., so arranged in one stone as to give it variety and beauty *. The parts with greenish specks, which are magnified a little at the bottom, are more porous than the rest, apparently filled with Chlorite.

* The red circles are often specks of red in transparent Quartz.

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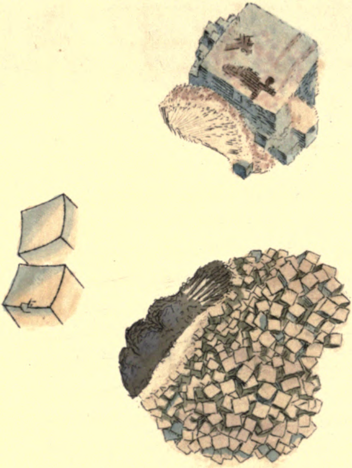

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TAB. CLXI.

SILEX analcimus primitivus.
Cubical Analcime.

Class 2. Earth. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* Analcime.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

Although the Cubic Analcime of Haüy, or what is still by some called Cubic Zeolite, is not rare in some parts of Ireland, especially among basaltic rocks, yet we have had very little account of it. The present specimens were sent me by favour of my friend Mr. Templeton, F. L. S., of Belfast, and were gathered at Cave Hill, near that place. Haüy distinguishes this fossil as having fractures on the six faces*, or in three directions only; but these specimens are not always easily procured. It is, however, sufficiently distinct from Fluor by its superior hardness, easy fusion into a transparent white glass without ebullition, and want of phosphorescence; having indeed all the characters of *tab.* 59, except as to form. I have met with impressions of this with other Analcime, as well as small crystals imbedded in the radiated Analcime, or what is by some called radiated Zeolite, in the holes of Basaltic Trap, if I may so call it, for it certainly is not Lava, with which this sort of Trap has been confounded. I hope soon

* Those of the cube.

to find an opportunity of explaining the nature of Basalt and Volcanic Trap, which has caused so much argument amongst men of science as to its nature and origin.

The upper specimen shows an almost independent largish crystal.

The lower specimen is a considerable group of small crystals, with sometimes curved or concave faces, marked with diagonal striæ:—see *the lateral magnified figure.*

This substance in these shapes occurs in many parts abroad, as well as in Scotland; but I do not know that it has been mentioned as found in Ireland till now.

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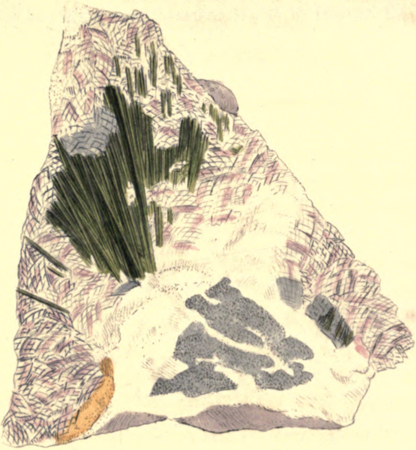

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TAB. CLXII.

FERRUM sulphureum; *var.*

Hair-like Pyrites, or Sulphuret of Iron.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 8. Iron. *Spec.* 5. Sulphuret.
Div. 2. Imitative.

THIS beautiful specimen was found many years ago in the magnificent Lime Quarries of Lord Elgin, at Broomhall in Fifeshire, and is the only one of the kind which has been discovered.

The specimen is in the possession of my kind friend Robert Ferguson, Esq., who was so good as to send it from Scotland for me to delineate. The appearance of so many radiating, straight, bristle-like forms has a remarkable effect, and is very striking. Although they are extremely attenuated, they seem to be square, and are probably elongated octaëdrons. Their passing through and among the Pearlspar* so uninterruptedly is worthy of notice, and will give us reason to believe that both substances settled from their solvents at the same time, or nearly so, without disturbing each other. They are both upon shelly grayish Lime Stone. It is with much pleasure that I introduce this as a British specimen, as it is not at all generally known to be found any where but at Joachimsthal in Bohemia, and even there very seldom.

* See *tab.* 19.

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TAB. CLXIII.

SILEX quartzum; *var.* ligniformis.

Wood-like Quartz, or Petrified Wood.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec*. 1. Quartzum.
Div. 2. Imitative.

Petrified Wood is by no means uncommon. It is, however, equally curious with many rarities, in showing some of the phænomena of the creation. Thus we find, when one substance passes away, another takes its place. This is an excellent evidence *that when one substance passes to decay it forms and organizes others.* The water that once assisted in the rise and flourishing verdure of the wood when in youth and health, now, in decay, helps to introduce a new substance in its place, and with such nicety that it is quite a deception. The colour and external appearance are still the same, although turned to stone; and the parts of the Wood, Hydrogen and Carbonic Acid are now evaporated.

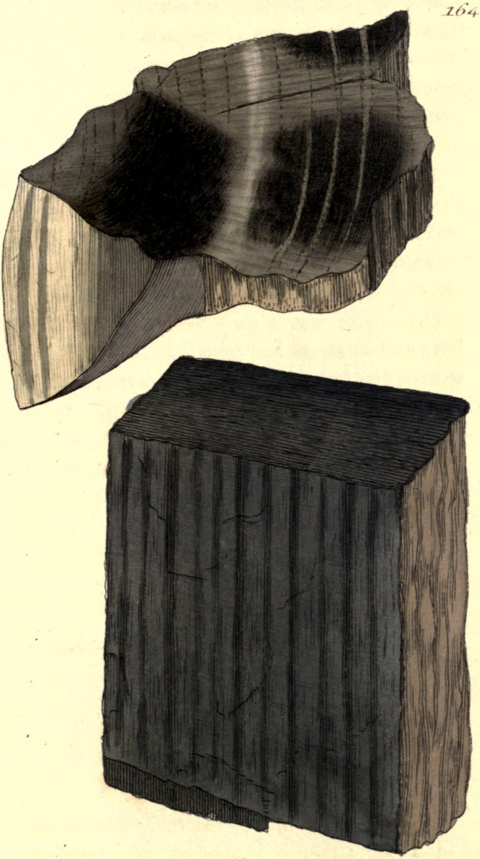
This specimen was brought from Fonthill in Wiltshire by A. B. Lambert, Esq., V. P. L. S. It was eighteen inches in length, and twelve inches in circumference, and is one of the best specimens I have seen to show the nature of the change of place, viz. the Silex replacing the carbonaceous principle of the wood; the Silex in solution, as it were, taking place of the former substance particle by particle. It is admirable to see the longitudinal and lateral fibres so perfectly arranged and coloured, with so little disturbance, that the very cracks and broken parts are detected with the utmost precision. Possibly the Oxide of Iron, or colouring substance, does not evaporate with the other principles: thus the colour of the parts is identically preserved. The specimen is externally somewhat granular, with the appearance of a fine-grained compact Sandstone, more dense in the centre, resembling Flint, and in some parts almost Opal*.

I have received specimens of this nature from Ireland, through the kindness of Dr. Scott and Mr. Templeton, and from Warwickshire by favour of Lady Aylesford, variously stained, and otherwise acted upon in the same piece, showing that the Wood had been more or less decomposed, or was decomposing in different parts, before the metamorphosis had taken place. Since the above was written His Grace the Duke of Bedford has favoured me with a curious and interesting piece of Petrified Wood, from Aspley, which has the hollows left by some insect very perfect. A most remarkable specimen of this kind, is described in Dr. Smith's *Tour on the Continent*, *v.* 3. 113.

* Wood wholly opalized is sometimes found.

TAB. CLXIV.

THE former specimen is externally very much allied to a Sandstone, although somewhat more condensed in the middle or centre; which often happens. *The upper specimen* in this plate is part of a piece found in Fleet-street in



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repairing the sewer there, and was given me by Thomas Furley Forster, Esq., F.L.S. It was very loose in the outer texture, and is quite solid within, losing the appearance of Wood, having the hardness and fracture of Flint, with a colour like that of Wood. It is stained black in some parts, having the appearance of burnt Wood. In this specimen we can scarcely determine whether it had been scorched or blackened by artificial fire, (as is sometimes done with Wood to give durability, and to prevent its rotting,) or by a natural process, more gentle. *The piece figured below* came from Derbyshire by favour of Mr. Martin, and is nearly black all over, excepting the outside, where it seems the bark may have covered it. This blackness gives it the appearance of having been charred by fire; but fire in the usual way must have affected the outside by stains or smoke, &c.: this therefore is an extraordinary appearance, and difficult to be accounted for with certainty. It is however to be seen, in some specimens which I possess, that the charring process may be effected by the natural progress or decomposition, which is continually seen to take place as far as our limits extend, and all over the surface of the globe. The Silex in this specimen, by attempting to crystallize, has rendered it somewhat granular, and has in some measure destroyed the finer and more delicate parts of the Wood.

I do not at present hazard a conjecture about what kinds of Woods these are. I have had many opinions from good judges about them; but must wait for further experience and more varieties. The remains of petrified woods, impressions of plants, &c. in different states are very universal. In coal-countries, and sometimes in other places, the Carbon and Bitumen often pass into Coal, or new combinations under the influence of their particular situations.

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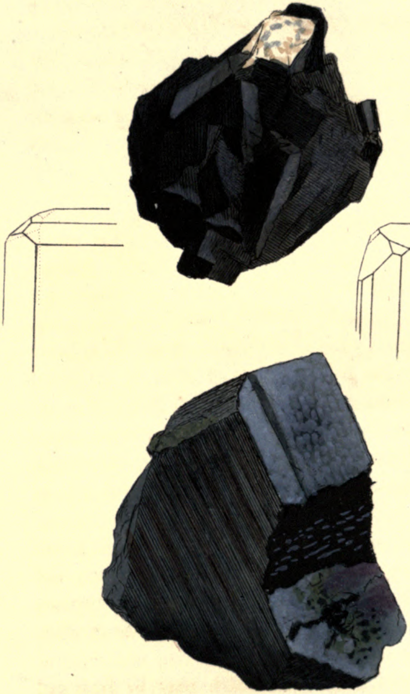

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TAB. CLXV.

FERRUM Scheelatum.

Scheelate of Iron, or Wolfram.

SYN. Wolfram. *De Lisle, t.* ii. 311. *and* iii. 262.
Scheelin ferrugine. *Haüy.*

THIS substance had long retained the German name of *Wolfram,* although mineralogists were much divided about what class to refer it to, until Scheele had discovered Tungsten. It is found in tolerable quantity in Cornwall, and is said to be mostly found in Tin-Countries. We, however, have specimens from the Isle of Man by favour of His Grace the Duke of Athol, and Lord James Murray. I understand that Tin has formerly been known there. Much Spathose Iron Ore has been found there, very much of the same nature and kind as that figured in *tab.* 53. of this work.

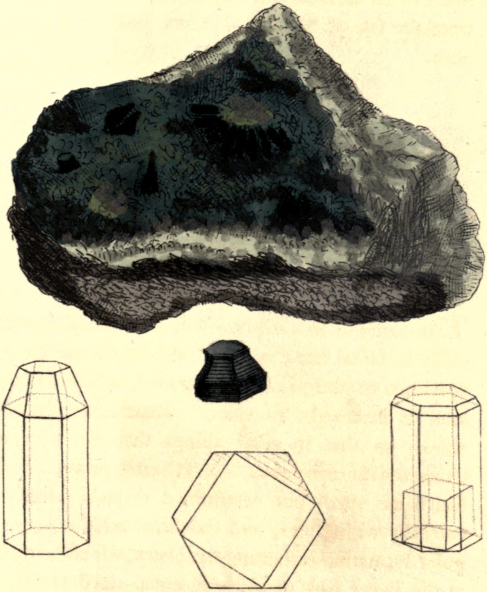
The present specimen was the gift of my good friend P. Rashleigh, Esq., often mentioned in this work, and is of the more consequence as it is in some parts crystallized, so as to allow me to describe the form of its crystals, and in which state it is rarely seen.

The primitive crystal is a cube which may be fractured parallel to one of its faces, commonly with great ease, and parallel to another with some difficulty; but in the direction of the third with much irregularity. The crystals on *the upper specimen* are so small that they cannot be understood without the help of a lens. It is accordingly represented by an outline on *the left hand of the plate* to show its modification, and another more complicated on *the right*. By examining these it will be found that they modify principally on one side of the crystal, leaving the other sometimes unchanged. *The right hand one* is more compound than any of Haüy's crystals.

The lower specimen has part of a pyramidal face exposed, and the plated fracture is very distinct as well as the shining lustre of the surface: this somewhat resembles the specimen from the Isle of Man, and is the most usual form of large ones.

TAB. CLXVI.

THE rarity of this substance in determined crystals, especially in Great Britain, is a sufficient excuse for figuring a specimen of the present appearance, which has no pretension at first sight to value. Experience, however, has shown us that in some things that rarely crystallize a characteristic specimen is a tolerable prize. The present has some small but determined crystals when examined carefully with a lens, and *the little middle figure* is a singular formation of hexangular plates, which being deposited at the lower part regularly in equal-sized plates, form an hexaëdral column. Those immediately above the column, diminishing by degrees, form part of a pyramid; and a few plates of a little larger dimensions, hanging slightly over at the apex, seem to explain by this small irregularity, that the plates formed before they were deposited. *The lower middle outline* explains the primitive rectangular figure, and



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the accumulation on the sides, forming the hexaëdral plates. *The right hand geometrical figure* shows the rectangular primitive or cubic form within the column, which by a little thought may by a tyro be comprehended as the primitive form that accumulates to that of *the left hand figure.* The hexangular column has four angles of 121° and two of 118°. The gangue is composed of Chlorite, Quartz, Oxide of Tin, and Arsenical Iron, or Mispickel. The specimen comes from Cornwall.

Tungstate of Iron has not, that I know of, been found otherwise than crystallized, although the crystals are almost always interrupted. It may be known from most other substances by its peculiar fracture, which in the tabular crystals is perpendicular to their larger faces. It may be scraped by a knife, giving a chocolate brown powder.

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TAB. CLXVII.

MANGANESIUM oxygenizatum.

Oxide of Manganese.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 5. Manganese. *Spec.* 2. Oxide of.
Div. 3. Amorphous.

In *tab.* 86. of this work we have figured a rare specimen of Oxide of Manganese in columnar crystals. The present amorphous specimen is curious on account of the variety which it exhibits. It is supposed to be mostly Oxide of Manganese in different states, white, brown, and black; and the manner of its mixture adds to its beauty. The specimen is in the possession of Mr. Rashleigh, who received it from Devonshire. I have been favoured with specimens of red Manganese from the same place, where there is a great variety. Besides Oxide of Manganese this specimen contains in the whiter parts a tolerable proportion of Carbonate of Lime, which in some is crystallized like Pearl Spar, *tab.* 19.

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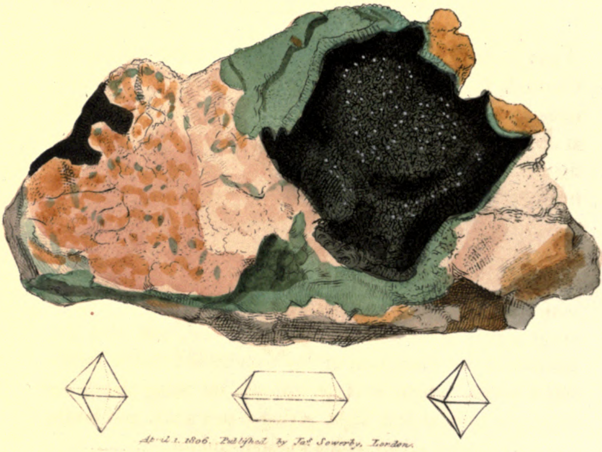

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TAB. CLXVIII.

CUPRUM arseniatum.

Arseniate of Copper.

Class 3. Metals. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 10. Copper. *Spec.* 8. Arseniate of.
Div. 1. Crystallized.

Syn. Arseniate of Copper. *Bourn. Phil. Trans.* 1801.

This is the third variety of Arseniate of Copper, which the Count de Bournon calls the acute octaëdron, in which the more inclined planes meet at an angle of 84°, and the others at an angle of 68°. The first variety or obtuse octaëdron is figured in *tab.* 31. and 32., and the second variety in hexaëdral plates *tab.* 37. The present is mostly of a darker colour than the others, and is commonly of a bottle-green as it is called, viz. a dark blackish green. Like many other crystallizations it is somewhat rounding, but mostly with concave faces, which are here noticed in *the geometrical figure* as well as the straighter one, and also the manner of the elongation of the octaëdron towards forming a prism, which it often assumes by being placed on one end; thus at first sight giving a new idea, and forming a four-sided prism with a diëdral summit.

By the analysis of Mr. Chenevix, this species is found to contain,

Oxide of Copper . . .	60
Arsenic Acid	39·7
	99·7

TAB. CLXIX.

In describing the crystals on this specimen I may use the words of Count Bournon, who, after speaking of the elongated octaëdron of the former table, says, "The angles of 96° are replaced by a plane which is equally inclined on the adjacent sides, and is frequently very broad. Then the tetraëdral prism is changed into a flat hexaëdral prism having two angles of 84°, and the others of 138°." The Count never saw the angles of 84° replaced. "The average specific gravity of this Arseniate of Copper taken on five pure pieces was 4·280."

TAB. CLXX.

Mr. Rashleigh, with his usual ardour for the promotion of science, sent me the present specimen of Arseniate of Copper. It has the appearance of cubic crystals of Arseniate of Iron on the apex or ends of the radii of Wood Copper. However, a good crystallographer may find out the real conformation; and as it is truly curious and instructive, we were pleased to have such a specimen come under our inspection, that it may be understood hereafter. The two preceding Tables show the nature of this modification, and

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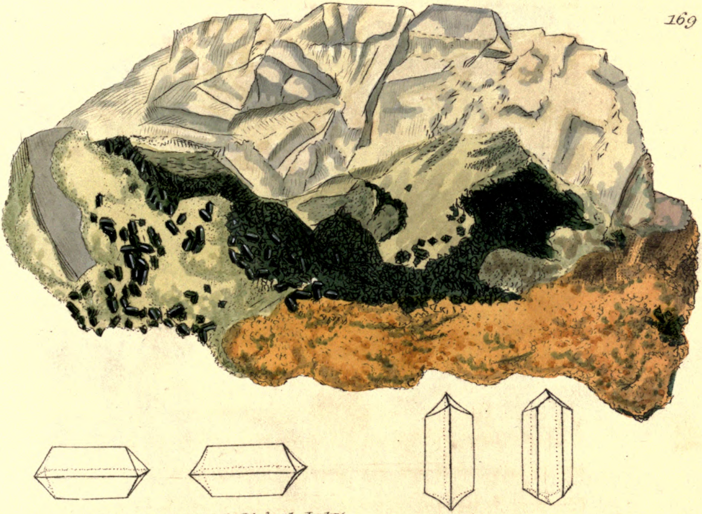

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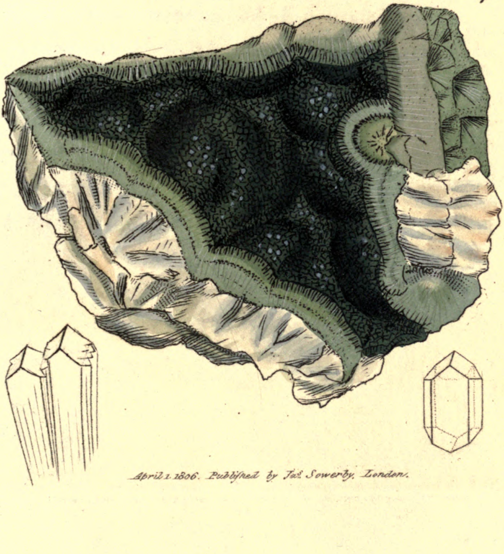

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it is only a series of radiating, or partly radiating crystals, which crowd together wedge-like, as happens with calcareous Spar, terminating with octaëdrons so crowded as to show in general only as much as resembles the sides of a cube placed obliquely with the edge upwards: see *the left hand figure.* The other outlines show how it accords with the modification of the preceding figures.

There is a tendency to a concave formation of the faces which belongs to this octaëdron, and often may be seen in cubes of Arseniate of Iron, *tab.* 87 : it in some measure aids the deception. The Arseniate of Iron is generally of a yellow-green.

The Arseniate of Copper in these three tables rests upon Quartz in part crystallized, but chiefly in broken fragments mixed with Oxide of Iron.

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TAB. CLXXI.

FERRUM Sulphuretum.

Sulphuret of Iron, or Iron Pyrites.

Div. 2. Imitative.

MINERALS are necessarily lessons of the changes on the terraqueous globe. The present specimen shows the cast of an *Anomia* surrounded by *Pyrites,* and the place formerly occupied by the shell remains nearly empty. It is extremely curious, that the *Pyrites,* in solution, should have formed the cast and enclosed the whole, and by some agent afterwards the shell should have been dissolved. Lord Altamont's finding *Gypsum* enclosed in *Pyrites* (and I have myself found it occasionally since) would, perhaps, account for this, if we had found *Gypsum* in the place where the shell had been, or near it; for the sulphur in an acidulous state might have combined with the lime.

We are obliged to Mr. Weeks, of Hurst Pierpoint, for this specimen, gathered by himself in that neighbourhood, curious for many interesting fossil productions.

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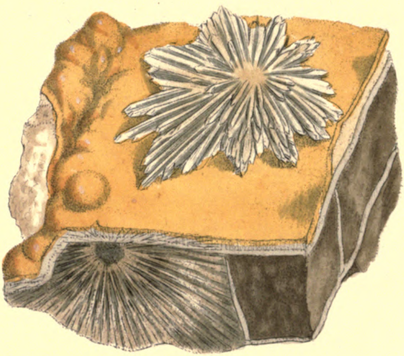

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TAB. CLXXII.

BARYTES sulphata; *var.* stellata.

Stellate Sulphate of Barytes.

Div. 2. Imitative.

SYN. White semi-pellucid Spar. *Woodward*, 88. *spec. a.* 16.

Starred waxen-vein. *Grew's Musæum*, *p.* 312.

Lepastrum. *Hill. p.* 146. *tab.* 2. *spec.* 1. 2.

THIS substance was once taken for Gypsum, or Sulphate of Lime; but is since found to be Sulphate of Barytes. To those that examine the crystallization it will be easier distinguishable, than by any other external character that we know of.

These varieties of Sulphate of Barytes are chiefly found on the western side of the island of Sheepy, in Kent; and we do not know them to have been found so perfect elsewhere in England, or in any other country. The marley cliffs of that place, perhaps raised by the deluge, and full of a great variety of antediluvian relics, have been for years falling down in small or large masses. And from these cliffs are to be seen lumps of marle from the size of an ostrich egg* to several feet in diameter; in which these Sulphates of Barytes are concealed till the masses fall or break to pieces

* Those about this size are sometimes called sea eggs by some of the guides; and when the divisions are lined with the yellower carbonate of lime, they have a more apt resemblance to eggs.

on the shore, or are broken (as they often are) on purpose for examination. The larger lumps (commonly called *Septaria*, and formerly *Ludus Helmontii**) most generally contain them in greatest perfection among the divisions or sort of cracks in the insides.

The upper figure is prettily relieved by the delicate yellow carbonate of lime, or waxen vein, as it is commonly called, which fills up the divisions, and the Lepastri are generally fixed on the calcareous partitions, which are often crystallized, varying in colour, thickness, and number of coats. This specimen is remarkable for having a star on the side, placed immediately on the *argillaceous marle*, which is represented divided by the carbonate of lime.

TAB. CLXXIII.

THE *Lepastri* vary in general form, but not much in their crystallization; that is to say, they vary in the height, largeness, and spreading of the group. Thus there are four the most general appearances of these aggregated stellæ, which are perhaps sufficiently described by the figures. It may however be observed, that the ends of the crystals generally incline downwards; indeed they are rarely otherwise †.

The piece of *Septarium* is covered with two coats in this specimen, as well as the last, but is of the more usual colour. The coat on the *left hand side* appears to be just forming.

* Of which we shall speak more at large in another place.

† We shall explain the crystallization with some larger varieties of Sulphate of Barytes shortly.

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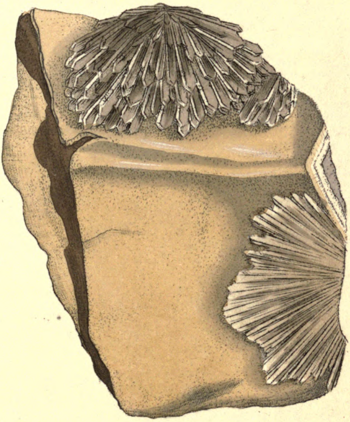

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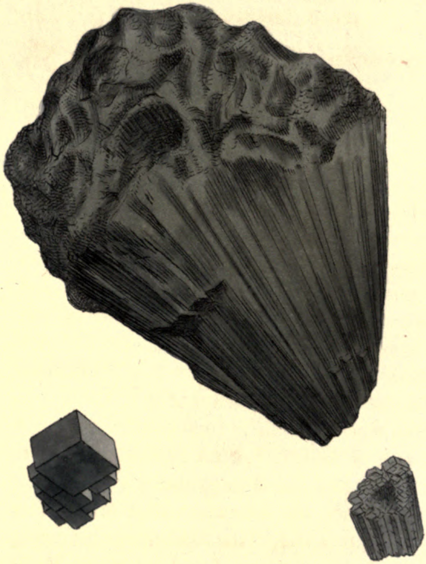

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TAB. CLXXIV.

CALX carbonata; *var.* radiata.

Madreporite? or Radiated Carbonate of Lime.

Div. 2. Imitative.

SYN. Madrepor-stein. *Journal des Mines, n.* 47. *p.* 831.

Madreporite. *Haüy*, 4. 378.

WHEN I gathered this specimen, which seemed to have fallen from the rock at Bow-and-Arrow Castle, on the Isle of Portland, I was instigated to keep it as of an uncommon construction, to serve as a memorandum of the place, and to recall to my memory the nature of that part of my excursion. This sort of relic, though sometimes not very handsome, is nevertheless pleasing; and it is a continual enjoyment of a pleasure to be reminded of it.

This has been rendered of more consequence, since it is a curious example of the utility of the knowledge of crystallization, which in this case distinguishes it from a coral; and might have made the substance called Madreporite better understood. It is said, "the Madreporite belonging to the class of calcareous stones, found by M. de Mollé some years ago at Russbachthall, in the county of Salzbourg, is a stone of transportation. Some specimens weigh from twenty to thirty pounds."

"Externally it resembles Basaltes, so much, that some Mineralogists considered it to be the same; others believed that it was produced from Madrepores; but it discovers no certain characters of a primitive organic formation: besides, it has so great a resemblance to the real Madrepores, that it has thence borrowed its name. It is of a gray colour, composed of divergent prisms, brilliant on their transverse fracture, and of a black and duller colour on the longitudinal fracture. The fracture exhibits a tissue of small bent laminæ; it is entirely opaque, brittle, rough to the touch, and of moderate hardness; the intervals between the bundles which compose it are in part filled with small white leaves of Calcareous Spar."

There are three or four analyses of this substance. According to Mollé, a hundred grains of it contain,

Lime	$63 \frac{4}{10}$
Alumine	$30 \frac{2}{10}$
Iron	$10 \frac{10}{15}$

Analysed by Klaproth, it was found to contain,

Carbonate of Lime	93 00
——— Magnesia	0 50
——— Iron	1 25
Charcoal	0 50
Sandy Silex	4 50
An atom of Oxide of Manganese	.
	99 75

Haüy's experience gave him reason to think himself satisfied that this substance, which has been made so conspicuous, is a Carbonate of Lime; and my specimen is a confirmation of this opinion, being certainly nearly the same thing; but now the improved knowledge in crystallography helps us more readily to decide it. Like the Madreporite, at first sight it looks like Basalt, and somewhat resembles a Coral, or Madrepore, and shines on the transverse fracture; viz. on the faces of the primitive rhomb which discover it: indeed, we know of nothing in the description that does not sufficiently accord with ours. The small bent laminæ are a consequence of the radiation—see *tab.* 131. This is an example of one of the dullest specimens of Carbonate of Lime of the crystallized and divergent kind, dulled with adventitious matter: thence the variations of the analysis.

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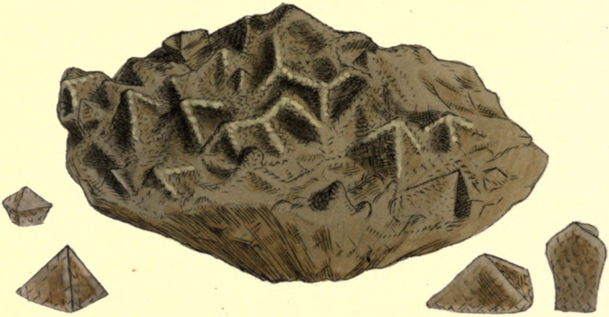

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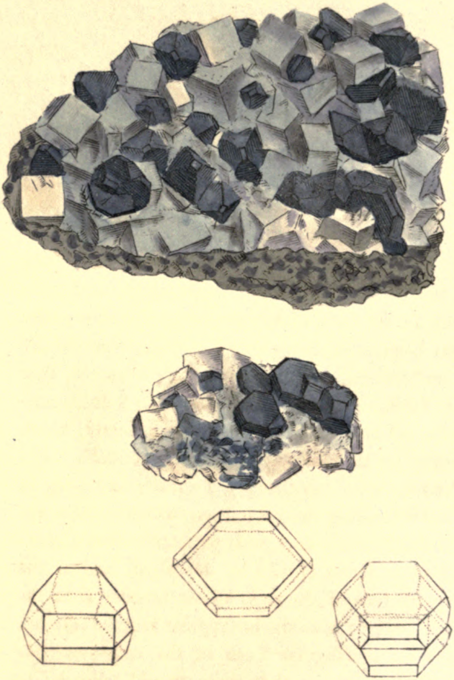
TAB. CLXXV.

CALX carbonata; *var.* inversa.
Inverted Carbonate of Lime.

Div. 2. Crystallized; *var.* inverted rhomb.

WHERE there is much Carbonate of Lime, as at Portland Island, there may be expected much variety. Thus there are some varieties of that sort used for building, see *tab.* 8; and also some of the crystallized, see *tab.* 143, 144. As well as *tab.* 174, the present specimen is rather a whimsical one, showing how nature sports, yet conformable to a certain regularity.

The last aggregation of molecules had apparently formed nuclei of inverted rhombs, arranging themselves something like an inverted pyramid—see *left hand figure, tab.* 174. The present specimen has a great variety of three-sided pyramids, nearly regular, or with prominent sides, (see *the left hand lower figure,*) and consequently concave faces, (see *the right hand figure,*) and with various kinds of bases, as in the other separate figures.



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TAB. CLXXVI.

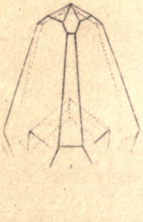
PLUMBUM sulphureum.

Sulphuret of Lead.

Div. 1. Crystallized; *var.* Cubo-octaëdron compressed and mackled.

We have exhibited the primitive cubic crystals of this substance, *tab.* 24. It is not rare to see the corners truncated, which are the faces of the octaëdron; thus it passes to what has been called the cubo-octaëdron—see the description, and *tab.* 99. It has been lately observed, that Sulphuret of Lead, or *Galæna,* has rarely been found in six-sided tables; and those who have the few so found, think much of them on that account; and it is certainly a curiosity, when we see a substance so decidedly fracturing in cubes to find it forming the octaëdron, which it often approaches, and sometimes does most perfectly—that a combination of these forms should be deposited, and at the same time with two of the faces much broader than the rest, or other twelve; viz. six hexangular faces of the octaëdron, and six rectangular faces of the cube—see *the middle geometrical figure:* that these should again be so deposited in crystallizing, as for two to meet with two of the broader faces as a basis to each, of the nature of that of the mackle, *tab.* 33; and like that they will meet at opposite angles, as if turned on an axis. Thus the six-sided faces of the octaëdral formation, and the right-angled ones of the cube formation, may meet opposite, as at *the right hand figure*, or alternate, as on *the left hand figure*.

The upper figure is from a specimen in the Marchioness of Bath's cabinet, and contains most of these modifications. *The lower one* is from a specimen in my own collection. They both came from Derbyshire some time since, and are the only British ones we know of.



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TAB. CLXXVII.

C A L X carbonata.

Carbonate of Lime.

Div. 1. Crystallized.

The hills of Pentland, near Edinburgh, are famous for Petunse*, and much variety in Mineralogy; also for Agates and other Pebbles. I am obliged to Mr. Jackson, who was botanizing in that neighbourhood, for this specimen; for, although he does not study mineralogy, he was struck by the singular appearance of this stone when he picked it up, and the regular formation of the Carbonate of Lime placed so distinctly within the hollow is certainly worthy of notice; for we know of no theory which satisfactorily accounts for such a formation. The surrounding pinky Quartz, in bundles of little eighteen-sided crystals, lines the cavity, and the jasperine Quartz (if I may so call the red coat) seems to terminate the whole pebble as it were, which is surrounded by part of the rock of a brown hue, called trap, in which there are smaller or larger pebbles sometimes included, and sometimes hollows where others have been entrapped. These hollows are sometimes coated with a green or blue earthy substance called by some the Green Earth of Verau, probably owing to an uncertain mixture of Iron: this occasionally coats also the stones included. The

* An interesting substance used in porcelain.

Carbonate of Lime is composed of half of a very acute rhomb with three largish faces of the æquiaxe, and three smaller ones, probably belonging to the primitive rhomb: see *geometrical figure*.

It is not a little singular that the like stones excluding the trap have been found in Wiltshire at a small depth under ground, of which I have obtained a specimen by favour of the Marchioness of Bath.

This specimen, rich with information, is particularly worth the attention as well of the novice as of the adept, considering the curious divisions of formation in the different substances of which it is composed. The part of the rock this came from seems to have been a mixture, as it were a chaotic one, (if I may so term it,) appearing like the fragments of various rocks that had undergone the action of moist elements, so as to form air, and water bubbles, which could not immediately escape. Apparently a continual deposition has taken place, more still forming, and enclosing the preceding till the whole matter was deposited. In the mean time each elementary substance, according to the particular formation of its molecules, and the nature of its nearest neighbour, formed, either by itself or into combination. Thus the Carbonic Acid and Lime united together, so as to construct a Crystal in the middle of this hollow as complete as circumstances would admit of, depending on the quantity of Carbonate of Lime received in solution, perfecting some faces and depositing the other molecules irregularly. A small tinge of Iron stained the solvent, and consequently the Crystal towards the top is a little coloured. The surrounding Quartz has also crystallized under similar circumstances, and is somewhat stained with the Oxide of Iron among the Crystals, giving this lining a pinkish hue, which is again conspicuous at the outer side and edge next the piece of compound rock.

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TAB. CLXXVIII.

CALX carbonata.

Fasciculated Carbonate of Lime.

Div. 1. Crystallized.

These Crystals of Carbonate of Lime, I believe, are rather scarce. The representation of a regular Crystal so neatly formed by a bundle of spiculæ is truly curious; and it is generally found that they have a light ochraceous or brown tint with an opaque glaucous appearance, prettily contrasted with the brilliancy of the Quartz on which they lie. This is, we understand, one of the rarest of the numerous productions of Derbyshire, and is found at a considerable depth in the ground.

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TAB. CLXXIX.

FERRUM oxygenizatum.

Oxide of Iron.

Div. 2. Imitative.

THIS specimen, although generally speaking it might be called an Hæmatitic Iron Ore, having most of the characters belonging to it, differs from that substance in not being striated, and in having more of an earthy fracture; it however may be placed near the Hæmatites. Whether it is a cast or change after crystallization may be difficult to determine. The lump at first looks like a globular Sulphate of Barytes (see *tab.* 96.) with the plated or tabular Crystals standing edgeways, but these are probably derived from the decomposition of Pyrites; they are however each of them so much blistered or covered with bubbles (see *the right hand side of the lower figure, tab.* 56. a formation common to many Hæmatites) that they cannot be made out. The hollow is lined with very thin-edged, probably tabular, Crystals, belonging to those of *tab.* 60. These are covered with a dark red or somewhat crimson powdery glimmer, sparkling like that of *tab.* 64. The stalk, or lower part, seems to have been cubical Iron Pyrites: see *tab.* 29 and 30, which are externally covered with bubbles. Possibly the whole once formed a Sulphuret of Iron or Pyrites, and having lost the Sulphur has become a mere Oxide of Iron. Such fortuitous circumstances as this was formed by, sometimes give the shapes of pears, apples, lemons, &c. which are as highly valued as if true petrifactions, and are very often difficult to be accounted for, especially by those who have not seen a series of specimens.

This specimen was found about the year 1799 near Staunton, about five miles from Ulverstone, Lancashire, and in that neighbourhood smaller balls have been found with the appearance of the inner part of this, which has been called velvety, downy, &c.

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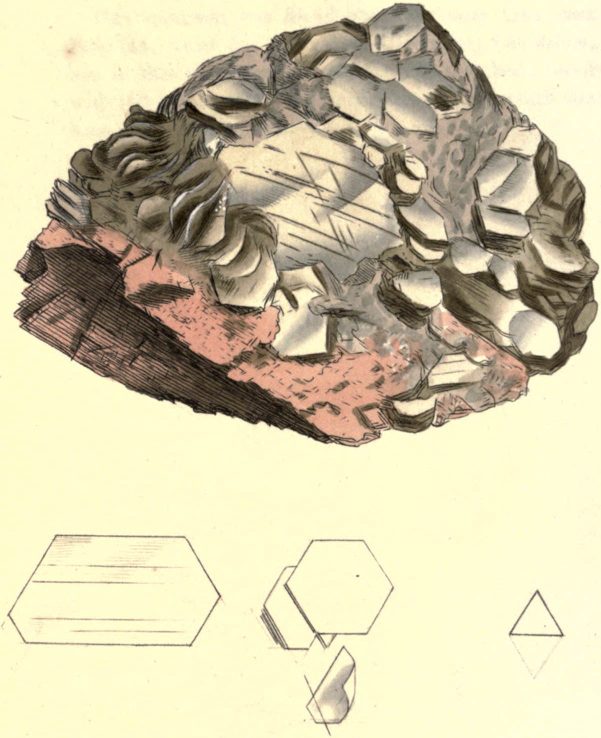

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TAB. CLXXX.

SILEX Mica.

Mica.

Gen. 4. Silex.

SYN. Mica, Muscovy Talc. *Kirwan*, *v*. 1. 210.
Mica. *Haüy*, *v*. 3. 208.
Mica membranacea. M. laminosa, &c. *Linn. ed.* 13. *t*. 3. 58.
Glimmer of the Germans.

MICA, μικκὸς, or μικρὸς, has been long noticed as a glittering substance, and often serves to countenance the idea that our streets are paved with gold and silver. It is one of the first things that takes the attention when fragments of the granite stones from Aberdeen are lying in our streets for paving or building, which has been frequent since the improvement of forming such durable stones into shape for that purpose; an improvement not much above half a century old. It soon becomes as it were familiar to the Mineralogist by its frequent occurrence; yet there is some confusion with regard to its identity, as it has been confounded with Talc: see *tab*. 182, 183, and 184.

The present specimen has most of the characters belonging to this very curious substance; it has signs of the integrant molecule, a triëdral prism, whose base is equilateral, and of the rhomboidal prism formed of two of these its primitive, with various lengthened rhomboids, hexagons,

&c.: see *figures*. It sometimes has the laminæ bent. Its lustre is of the changeable kind; *the upper plates* showing the accumulated refracted silvery opacity between those beneath, each plate being transparent if separated *. It is flexible and elastic; the plates, when bent, will return to their places with a considerable spring (see *bottom figure*, a plate bent thus much will return—the straight line seen through shows its transparency): this elasticity, and its being destitute of unctuosity, distinguish it from Talc, as hitherto the varieties of one species have been placed among those of the other by several mineralogists.

Muscovy Talc of the older authors is undoubtedly Mica, so named in contradiction to Venetian Talc; which, although nearly allied, is yet a distinct species, and may be looked on as a good sample of Talc.

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This specimen differs very little from the Mica from Muscovy, which is occasionally found some feet in diameter. Scotland and Cornwall produce it three or four inches square, or even larger. This kind of Mica is used for lanterns, &c. and is very convenient for ships, as it bears the explosion of cannon without cracking. It is however liable to get scratched, and becomes rather opaque by heat; which opacity is not removed by water. This substance is spoken of as introduced into Rome in the time of Seneca to admit

* Its fine lustre we cannot imitate without hazard of the colour changing; we therefore must request our friends to consider the shining parts of the plate as of a fine silvery or pearly lustre.

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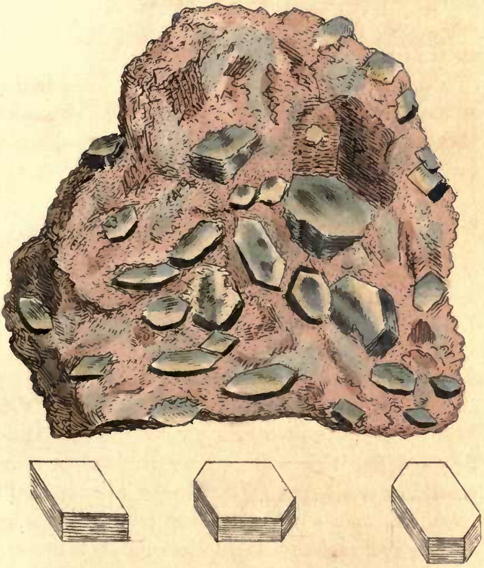

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light into their apartments; but Agricola considered what was then used as a plaister-stone*, (Sulphate of Lime, *tab.* 67.) saying that although it was not affected by the heat of summer or cold of winter, yet wet wasted it considerably. These characters confirm his opinion; for we know that Sulphate of Lime is found in France in crystallized masses sufficiently large to form, when split and cut, squares of many inches diameter. The name Talc has been applied to any laminated substance.

Mica analysed by Vauquelin was found to contain:

Silica	50·0
Argilla	35.0
Oxide of Iron . ..	7·0
Magnesia	1·35
Lime	1·33
	94·68
Loss	5·32
	100·00

* It seems to have been used in Agricola's time to shelter plants; in which case it would be much exposed to weather.

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TAB. CLXXXII.

SILEX Talcum.

Talc.

Div. 1. Crystallized.

SYN. Talc, Venetian Talc. *Kirwan, v.* 1. 150.
Talc. *Haüy, t.* 3. 252.
Chlorite. *Kirwan, v.* 1. 147.
Talcum viridans. T. lamellare, and many others. *Linn. ed.* 13. *t.* 3. 51 *et seq.*
Mica Talcosa. *Ibid. t.* 3. 59.
Talk. *Emmerling, t.* 1. 391.

CHLORITE is not a scientific name, according to our present improvements in mineralogical knowledge, as it is perfectly confined to a green variety of Talc, found either in small laminated crystals, granular fragments or masses, or disseminated through Quartz, &c. Its grain is sometimes very fine. I find in this latter state it is scarcely known by any one, as any green earthy substance may be confounded with it. Talc and Mica, as observed under *tab.* 180, have been till lately much confounded; but since the publication of Mr. Kirwan's excellent work they have been more and more defined.

The upper specimen came from Stenna-Gwyn in Cornwall, where it is found in abundance, often holding Phosphate of Lime, among Quartz, and decomposing Feltspar; whence the rock itself is often called Apatite, the old name for Phosphate of Lime. Abundance of Oxide of Tin often accompanies it. This is a variety of Talc, agreeing with that called Chlorite in every external character except colour, which instead of being green is that of cream.

The lower specimen has the colour most usually allotted to Chlorite, which is undoubtedly to be attributed to a large adventitious mixture of Iron, which at the same time renders it easily fusible.

Mica and Talc seem to have the same forms in their Crystals, but they are never by any means so large or well defined in Talc. These Crystals are remarkably soapy or greasy to the touch, particularly if bruised. The laminæ are very easily broken, and are apt to divide into minute greasy scales; which property has rendered this fossil an ingredient in cosmetics. The white varieties are difficultly fusible.

White Talc analysed by Hoëpfner was found to contain:

Silex	50
Magnesia	44
Argil	6
	100

Chlorite by Vauquelin:

Silica..	26·0
Argilla..	18·5
Magnesia..	8·0
Oxide of Iron	43·0
Muriate of Soda and Potash	2·0
Water	2·0
Loss	0·5
	100·0

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TAB. CLXXXIII.

SILEX Talcum.

Talc.

Div. 2. Imitative, in grains.

When it is found in a state as if it had suffered a change after parting with the original rock, and with the remains of other subjects and animal exuviæ, it assumes a new appearance. Thus it is found heaped in abundance in strata that seem to have originated from the fragments of rocks, as in the sandy marle* of many parts of Somersetshire, Wiltshire, &c.

The upper specimen came from Stourhead near the seat of Sir Richard Hoare, Bart., and was picked up on that gentleman's estate by my friend Charles Mead, Esq. The shell is formed of Lime, and the sand has some fragments of Lime among it, probably more or less composed of broken shells, while the Chlorite is interspersed, forming dark green specks. The shell is curiously divided by five large ridges, between each of which are three smaller ones.

We take advantage of figuring the perfect and rare remains of this shell, as it may be of future use, perhaps, in settling some geological questions.

I gathered sand nearly of the same nature at Charlton in Kent, some years since, curiously mottled or stratified

* The provincial name for this is good, being Green Sand.

with Chlorite: see *the under figure;* and Woodward mentions greenish sand from Woolwich, *p.* 11. Lord Altamont, Dr. Clarke and Mr. Warburton have since favoured me with some sandy Lime from the Castle Hill, near Cambridge, where it is very abundant, and contains numerous petrifactions.

TAB. CLXXXIV.

This forms an appearance not unlike Mortar with the green Chlorite among it. When it has a more perfect appearance of mortar without the green, it is considered as good manure, and is provincially called Goult. It is often found about a foot from the surface. This is chiefly used to make the best white bricks of Cambridgeshire. That with granular Talc or Chlorite is of a dull hue, and is found deeper. The same substance, somewhat more compact, is called in Ireland Mulatto-Stone: see *tab.* 185. I have figured some of the petrifactions that occur, considering them as useful to mineralogy. Those in this stone are generally of a dark brown stony appearance, accompanied by rugose lumps of various sizes of nearly the same substance, somewhat similar to the swampy Iron Ore of Kirwan, *v.* 2. 183. The petrifactions are coloured like it, sometimes with a nearer approach to the hue of Pyrites. These petrifactions are the round one *on the left hand,* supposed a hinder tooth of some fish; *the right hand* is considered as a fish's bony palate; *the middle upper figure* is a bivalve shell, the upper valve remaining in the state of Carbonate of Lime, the lower one browned with the ore. It is a kind of Anomia called a Gryphite, very frequent among

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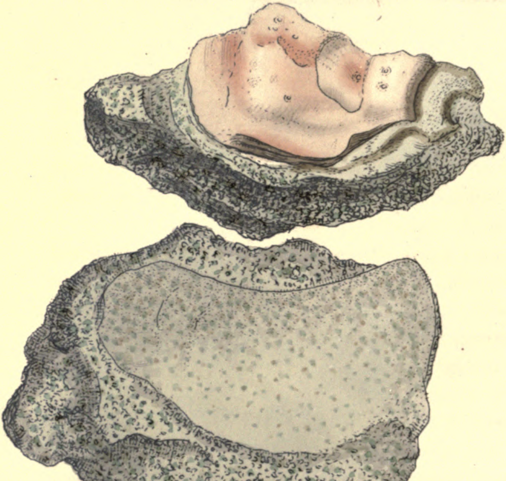
petrifactions. *On the left,* under that, is part of a Coral, near which is a fish's palate, such as often extends to the form of a Lupin pod. *The left hand figure below* is part of a *Cornu Ammonis.* The rude lump of the brown ore *on the right,* with the adhering shells, like those of the *Anomia Squamula,* found sticking on crabs, oysters, &c., has the impression of the deeper valve of a small Gryphite.

In all our specimens of green *sandy* Talc, it has been so worn and rubbed about that it has lost its laminated texture, and become earthy in its fracture.



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TAB. CLXXXV.

SILEX talcum, *var.* arenaceum.
Sandy Talc.

SYN. Mulatto Stone of the Irish.

THIS is abundant in the neighbourhood of Belfast, and found under a stratum of Limestone. It is harder than the last, being sufficiently incorporated and indurated to be termed a stone, thus differing from the foregoing, although perhaps containing the same materials; viz. Sand and Lime, with, possibly, some Clay, besides Talc.

The upper figure represents a piece sent by my friend Mr. Templeton, of Belfast, which has the impression of an oyster without any remains of the shell, and that part which seemed to be the impression of the connecting cartilage of the oyster has the fracture of Carbonate of Lime. There are often, I presume, very curious shells found in this substance; I, however, have, as yet, only obtained some crushed and unintelligible fragments. The green Talc which spots this stone gives it the characteristic by which it is commonly recognised, and I have often known stones with other greenish substances confounded with it.

The lower specimen was sent, with others, by Dr. Scott. All had more or less of impressions on them, and mostly of the same animal or shell, something like a curved oyster*,

* Of these I have some curious small specimens sent by my friend Mr. Wood, from near Wingham in Kent, about ten miles from the sea. There were no vestiges of Chlorite about them.

which is very common where sand and chlorite are found together.

The formation of these rocks or sandy marles, &c. seems to be nearly of the same date wherever they are found, although sometimes near the surface of the earth, and sometimes covered with Limestone-rock at various depths.

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TAB. CLXXXVI.

BITUMEN resiniferum.

Resinous Bitumen.

Class 1. Combustibles. *Order* 3. Mixed.
Gen. 1. Bitumen.

SYN. Retinasphaltum. *Hatchett in Phil. Trans. for* 1804. 410.

THIS very inflammable substance would, by its usual appearance, be taken for dark Umber while wet, and for common Clay when dry; consequently there is nothing in its common appearance that would indicate its inflammability or resinous quality. Very nice discrimination is therefore requisite to comprehend it. To the touch, however, it in some measure indicates a resinous quality.

Mr. Hatchett, who first mentioned it in *Linn. Trans. v.* 4. 139, observes that "a yellowish brown compact substance, which in colour and fracture somewhat resembles ferruginous clay, is found occasionally with the Bovey Coal. It is brittle, and is highly inflammable; it melts like Bitumen, and emits a smoke which in smell resembles Amber. This substance is but rarely found." He also observes, in the *Philosophical Transactions* for 1804, *p.* 402, that "it is found in pieces of a moderate size. The fracture is imperfectly conchoidal. It appears earthy externally; but when broken exhibits, in a slight degree, a vitreous lustre. The fragments are irregularly angular, and completely opaque at the edges. It is extremely brittle. It does not apparently become softened when held some time in the hand, but emits a faint resinous odour. The specific gravity at a temperature of 60° of Fahrenheit is 1.135. When placed on a heated iron it immediately melts, smokes much, burns with a bright flame, and yields a very fragrant odour, like some of the sweet-scented resins, but which at last becomes slightly tainted with that of asphaltum. The melted mass, when cold, is black, very brittle, and breaks with a glossy fracture."

By the analysis of 100 grains by Mr. Hatchett it appears to contain:

Resin	55
Asphaltum	41
Earthy residuum	3
	99

I had the pleasure of receiving this, with a valuable series of the wood passing to the most perfect Bovey Coal, from Bovey Heathfield, near Chudleigh, Devonshire, by favour of Dr. Beeke.

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After figuring the Resinous Asphaltum, I conceive it very proper to show the nature of the Wood, from the same spot, in its passage to what the people of the neighbourhood call Plank, and Bovey Coal. Thus we have, by the favour of a good friend to science, obtained the Wood that may have assisted in affording this Resinous Asphaltum by a regular and gradual mineral change, depending upon the situation, depth, &c.

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The upper specimen is nearly in the state in which we find very rotten wood sometimes above ground, and even in parts of living trees, with an earthy, fossil-like appearance. The grain and fracture of the wood still remain, with the fragments so sharp, that were it not for the colour and dull earthy appearance, it would seem but little altered: it is, however, so soft as to rub away under the finger like Roman Ochre, or the brown inside of the bark of some old firs. It burns at first with a flame, then with much smoke and an odour like the Resinous Bitumen, retaining a spark for some time, almost like Touchwood.

The lower specimen is nearly of the same nature as the above, with a more rotten appearance, and so soft as to have been pierced with roots like an earth; which also sometimes happens to the rotten parts of living trees, and I have seen their own branches shoot roots into such decayed parts. But what is very remarkable, the two broad surfaces of this specimen have exactly the appearance of having been burnt, so as to be a perfect charcoal; and neither these fibres nor the inner part seem to have been scorched*. Mr. Hatchett remarks that "the half-charred appearance of Bovey Coal cannot be adduced as any proof that the original vegetable bodies have been exposed to the partial effects of subterraneous fire." Now at first sight this specimen would seem to some an evidence to the contrary; but Nature coincides greatly with Mr. Hatchett, and in the general acceptation of our idea of water, there is little doubt but it has been, according to its nature, the cause of the effect here produced. We must remember that water is a very active agent, and is never quiet where there is the smallest room for

* Whether either of these specimens contains the alkaline principle or not I do not know. I am happy, however, to find that Mr. Hatchett, in his Analysis of the Iceland Schistus and Bovey Coal, *Phil. Trans.* for 1804, *p.* 399, found that the alkaline principle was wanting, as I asserted to be the case in the wood-like part of Newcastle Coal. *Brit. Min. tab.* 100.

its action; and as soon as the least fermentation is produced, calor or fire is evolved: and as this is continued from time to time, it is capable of producing the greatest effects. Thus the wood is formed into charcoal, slowly or otherwise, but actually by calor or fire, though water seems to be the principal agent. That this is one of Nature's methods for some of the varieties of combustion that take place will be perhaps more and more apparent, as well as that this agent, in many instances, produces common fire, as in a haystack, &c. yet a haystack may sometimes be in part so scorched and burnt as to be spoiled, without actual or rapid fire manifested by the red heat or flame.

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TAB. CLXXXVIII.

CARBO oxygenizatus bituminosus.

Bituminous Oxide of Carbon, or Bovey Coal.

Class 1. Combustibles. *Order* 3. Mixed.

SYN. Bovey Coal. *Hatchett in Phil. Trans. for* 1804. 385.
Compact Carbonated Wood. *Kirw.* 2. 61.

BOVEY, in Devonshire, has been some time famous for affording a fossilized wood of a nature rather peculiar to the place, commonly called Bovey Coal. I was prevented examining the place when I went that way, by want of time. Indeed there was little necessity for it; as the Rev. Mr. Rackett, Dr. Maton, Mr. Hatchett, &c. were more competent to the purpose: see *Maton's Tour*, 187. *Linn. Trans. v.* 4. 138. Although Mr. Hatchett examined the matter a second time, and would not venture to offer any opinion on the subject, I am highly indebted to my good friend the Rev. Dr. Beeke for procuring and assisting me with the best information concerning the particular nature of the change wrought on the wood as it advances towards the most perfect Bovey Coal.

It appears that the main dip is from south to north, and that, as Mr. Hatchett observes, the upper or southernmost end terminates like the remains of a bog, and the rest declines with an appearance of a continuation of this bog sunk downwards, forming the dip. *The upper part* contains stumps and broken remains of shrubs and trees, very little changed: *a little way down* they are somewhat resinously bituminized; see *tab.* 187, and the appearance of wood is still very distinct. To the touch they are greasy, and will readily polish with a slight application of the finger nail, being as it were saturated or closed with bituminous matter. In some places the resinous Asphaltum is intermixed; see *tab.* 186: in other places is seen the resino-bituminous wood, as it were burnt, or formed into common charcoal, *tab.* 187. The most perfect Bovey Coal is found at the greatest depth, being as it were a compound of these two, with the bituminous principle less resinous and the Coal more indurated, forming a wood-like bituminous coal. There are 17 strata found in intermediate gradations, composed of many varieties, depending on their situations: the lowest most perfect, about 70 feet deep or more, where the various pressures, and the state of confinement of the different strata, retard or accellerate the process. It seldom forms a large piece of black Surturbrand, although the charcoal before mentioned is as black as common charcoal. It, however, is often very dark-coloured, like part of the lowest figure, and is used as coal by the poor in the neighbourhood, and at a pottery, established on purpose, as I understand, to turn it to account. The smell, however, is offensive to most strangers, from its not being a true charcoal.

"It burns to a charcoal," as Mr. Hatchett observes, "readily, with a flame, like half-charred wood. It does not crackle; and, if completely burned, leaves a quantity of white ashes, exactly similar to those of wood."

If I might hazard a conjecture, the place seems suited to the phænomenon; the dip is from the south, where a wood and a bog (as I am informed) rise, as it were, out of the earth; or in other words, the northern side of this boggy wood is lowest, and has become gradually buried.

In the vicissitudes and changes that are natural to certain parts of the globe, we find plains formed between hills and mountains, lakes and rivers made level. Should this place formerly have been a large bog, the lowermost and deepest part of which, according to Dr. Maton, *v.* 1. 107, rests on a bed of sand now seventeen feet deep, it may have sunk into spaces for springs, &c. and that at seventeen different periods, between each of which there was time sufficient for the forming of fresh wood and fresh clay, in adequate proportion to the thickness of each stratum, as the sinking of the wood was probably followed by something of an inundation, whether quick or slow. Thus the change of the wood might be effected; the lowest or oldest being nearest, when compared with the rest, to perfect coal. The strata here are, however, less dense and looser than that under which the Northern or Newcastle Coals are formed; consequently it is a series pointing out something like a modern formation, giving us apparently a hint of the commencement of a more remote one. The cause, I think, may be presumed adequate to the effect; if we suppose a more or less perfect communication (according to the time of the falling of the first stratum) with the external southern aspect, the effects of wet and dry would rot the wood, and an evaporation would more or less be carried on, so as to accomplish the changes here seen; the upper strata being least changed, and only rotting by imbibing and evaporating moisture night and day, winter and summer. The resinous or bituminous parts have been more or less allowed to evaporate, according to the pressure; at the surface but little, and at the bottom scarcely at all, being out of the reach of perceptible change; and as it loses its most volatile principles, the more durable woody principle, or carbon, will last for ages, like a post charred to preserve it from the damps when put into the ground, which is so rendered extremely durable. We are sure to find that the post rots where there is most vicissitude of wet and dry, or nearly on the surface of the ground, and sometimes the damps will penetrate and rot the inside of the charred part which is itself almost indestructible.

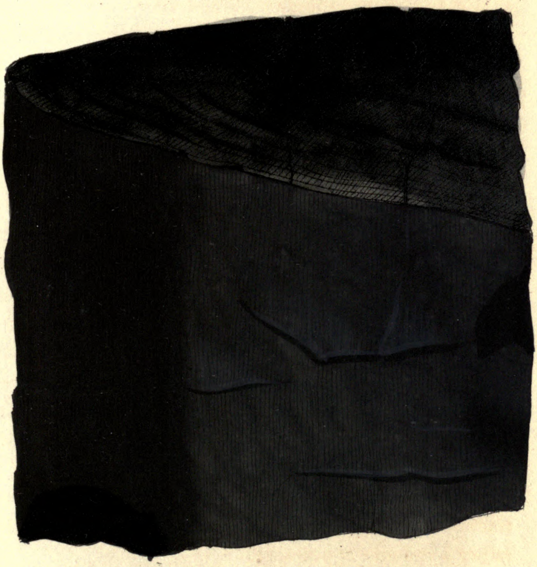
TAB. CLXXXIX.

Surturbrand.

THIS is found near the mouth of the Ouse, ten miles from Brighton, Sussex, and is of the same kind as the Surturbrand of Iceland. Near the surface of the ground its changes are somewhat different from those of the foregoing, as it is less resino-bituminous, and more oxy-carbonized. It is found in large masses resembling compressed stumps of trees, and is of a most perfect black like Jet; but if compared with good Jet, has rather a gray cast. Sir Joseph Banks gave me a piece near two feet long, and above one in the broadest diameter; the compressed diameter is a little above two inches. The transverse section shows the concentric formation of the wood, and the sides crack and flake off more or less in circles. It is more brittle than Jet, and, being less bituminous, is not rendered electric by friction. It is often so much impregnated with Pyrites that it is apt to fall to pieces with the change of the atmosphere, even when preserved in cabinets.

Mr. Hatchett observes of Surturbrand, *Linn. Trans. v.* 4. 399, "that it is rather harder than Bovey Coal, but in every other respect the same." I take the liberty to say that it is generally blacker, and appears to have been less disturbed, being more regularly formed, and the transverse fracture more polished, while that of the Bovey Coal has rather a resinous appearance.

I have a specimen from Dr. Scott, found near Belfast, on the side of a mountain, the stratum being three feet thick, which comes immediately between the two (if we stand upon very nice distinction), not being so soft as Bovey Coal, nor having such a polish as the Surturbrand. Mr. Warburton was so good as to bring me a small series of these productions from Sussex, among which was the Surturbrand.



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TAB. CXC.

SULPHUR nativum.

Native Sulphur, or Brimstone.

Class 1. Combustibles. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 6. Sulphur. *Spec.* 1. Native.

GEN. CHAR. Solid. Colour pale yellow. Burns with a blue flame and pungent suffocating odour.

SPEC. CHAR. Uncombined.

SYN. Native Sulphur. *Kirw.* 2. 69.
Soufre. *Haüy*, 3. 277.
Natürlischer schwefel. *Emmerl.* 2. 89.
Pyrites nativus. *Linn. ed.* 13. *v.* 3. 113.

I HAVE specimens of native Sulphur from Amlwch, North Wales, by favour of the Rev. H. Davies. It is in an earthy-looking state, something like Flowers of Sulphur. I do not know that it has yet been found crystallized in Great Britain, but I however think there may still be a chance of it. The present is in a dull dusty state, but in some parts tolerably pure, and after being refined is cast into cones and sent up to London.

Upon a minute examination with a lens, it appears to be mixed with fine white Sand or granules of Quartz; see *the lower figure*.

It is rather curious to find that Sulphur with Iron, &c. is very common, and the odour of Sulphur is very strong in many places under ground fresh dug, particularly among decayed vegetables in summer; yet most authors speak of it as only found in the neighbourhood of volcanoes. This is not the case in Wales.

It is so well known in housewifery that it hardly requires identifying: I, however, add a part of Kirwan's description. Its colour is yellowish with some shade of green; it is found concrete or in loose powder; by friction emits a peculiar odour*, and becomes electric; heated to 170° Fahr. it generally evaporates; melts at 185°, and then appears red; it flames of a bright blue at 302°, emitting a sharp or pungent odour when it absorbs the pure air of the atmosphere, causing a stifling sensation, and becomes acidified, forming Sulphuric Acid; in close vessels it sublimes without much alteration.

* Pretty well known.

TAB. CXCI.

When I first visited the Isle of Dogs, at Blackwall, I thought it would be interesting to observe and collect the strata as belonging to a certain level pretty well determined by its vicinity to the Thames. Among other subjects it was both beautiful and interesting to observe the Sulphur forming on the old stumps of the trees that were found from nine to eighteen feet below the common level of the place; and perhaps it is no less remarkable that a stratum of leaves, which was in some places three or more feet thick, had a strong odour of Sulphur; but the Sulphur in general formed Sulphate of Lime, or Gypsum, with the little Lime among it, sparkling in the sun like minute diamonds. The same occurred sometimes upon the stumps of trees; but in some

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parts the Sulphur was nearly pure, and even of a brighter colour than that from Amlwch, and covered largish spaces somewhat copiously, so that the wood was not discerned; in other places it seemed to be passing with the moisture out of the cracks, and followed the longitudinal direction of the fibres, very prettily contrasting with the sparkling Gypsum. The golden, if not shining, hue in some places equalled in beauty the yellow Lichens which often enrich the stumps of trees above ground. We believe, however, that it in some places occurs in the inside of growing trees, as we remember having seen it, but did not at the time make a careful investigation of the matter.

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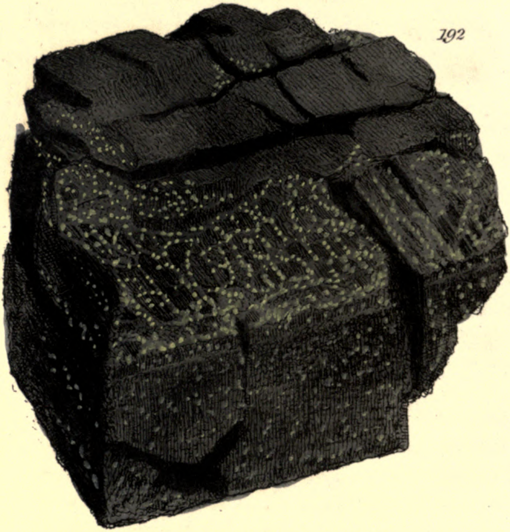

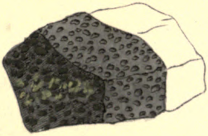

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TAB. CXCII.

CARBO oxygenizatus.

Oxide of Carbon, or Coak.

Class 1. Combustibles. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 7. Carbon. *Spec.* 3. Oxide.

I HAVE been favoured by different friends with Coak, or what is commonly termed Cinder, found near the Dyke of Whinstone*, or Blue-stone Dyke, which crosses Cockfield Fell, and other Coal-mines in the North. When the Coal in these mines is examined, we find it is the more like Coak or Cinder the nearer it is to the Whinstone. The figure will show the Coak-like fracture on the Coal at *the upper part*, which is the appearance it had when I first received it, and exactly corresponded with many more in the general nature and appearance of artificial Coak, in forming a horizontal columnar appearance, with cracks, and burning without flame, &c. When examined with a lens, I found the perforations differing from artificial Coak, in being more smooth and shining. *The other part* of the Coal was not unlike common Coal at first appearance; but on nicer examination with a lens, I perceived little globules of Pyrites fitting to, and filling the hollows, and giving an idea that by their passing out the Coal would be rendered all like *the upper part*. I put it into a drawer with the other spe-

* Whin here must not be confounded with small-grained Granite: it is rather a gray basalt including feldtspar. This dyke is of a very great extent.

cimens in October 1804, and seldom looked at it till it became conspicuous this year, when the Pyrites had decomposed, and the Sulphur was passing out as figured, but with a different effect to what it seemed to have had in its native place; for, instead of leaving the Coal in the form of Coak, it was actually falling to pieces with another sort of fracture and tendency to crumble to dust, as it seems likely to do now very soon. *The lower figure* shows a fragment partly columnar, with the empty holes; *the left hand end* shows the Pyrites in the upper holes and the Sulphur below, corresponding with the figure of *the little upper* particle of iron Pyrites, and the Sulphur dust underneath. The Coal further from the Whin has fewer, but often larger, holes in it, and it sometimes has only a few. At the distance of a few feet the Coal is free from hollows, and burns like the best Newcastle Coal.

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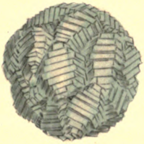

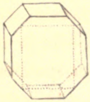

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TAB. CXCIII.

SILEX Prehnites.

Prehnite.

Class 2. Earths. *Order* 1. Homogeneous.
Gen. 4. Silex. *Spec.* Prehnite.

Syn. Prehnite. *Haüy*, 3. 167. *Kirw.* 1. 274.
Schorl en gerbes de Schreiber, Prehnit. *Emmerl.* 1. 192.
Zeolithe verdatre. *De Born*, 1. 203.
Chrysolite du Cap. *De Lisle*, 2. 275.

Prehnite was said to have been first discovered by colonel Prehn, who brought it from the Cape of Good Hope; Haüy, however, says that citizen Rochon was beforehand with him.—It is now found in many parts of Scotland. The present specimen comes from Dumbarton, and, when examined, exhibits a curious arrangement of crystals, in groups, forming hemisphærically, and showing faces which are the edges of tabular crystals arranged somewhat in segments of circles, having the larger crystals in the centre; see *the left-hand lower figure.* These crystals seem to betray signs of eight faces besides the two broader ones, like *the right-hand figures*. The nucleus we could not positively determine; it seems, however, to be a nearly rectangular table, as expressed by the dotted lines: thus the corners are as it were unfinished, or truncated. *The upper figure* is of the natural size; *the lower one*, for the sake of explanation, is magnified. This fossil lines the cavities of a sort of *Kragg* of *Kirwan*. The same crystals are also found at Salisbury Craig, Edinburgh. The substance is sometimes found amorphous, as at King's Park.

TAB. CXCIV.

THIS was sent me by my friend G. Laing, Esq., from Hartfield near Paisley. It is a fine specimen showing the green side of the radii, and the crystals in nearly regular four-sided columns, with two opposite truncations at the apex; these truncations, or secondary faces, are the same as those in the former description, *tab.* 193, on the upper edges, and ought to be particularly remembered, as they assist in forming a very singular modification, which will be shown in

TAB. CXCV.

THIS specimen came from the same place as the last, and leads to a curious modification. The crystals are arranged in double stellated groups, the radii of each extending so as to meet at the edges, like the spokes of two wheels placed against each other, contrary to their position on carriages; the periphery of the wheels coming together; the edges forming one circular face; see *the left-* and *right-hand figures*. These are grouped among roughish indistinct semi-orbicular masses. The colour is not so attracting as the formation, being dull and brownish. This mineral is formed in the cavities of Kragg rock somewhat approaching Porphyry. The crystals are nearly similar to those of *tab.* 193, but the secondary faces being larger, the terminal one is lost in an edge.

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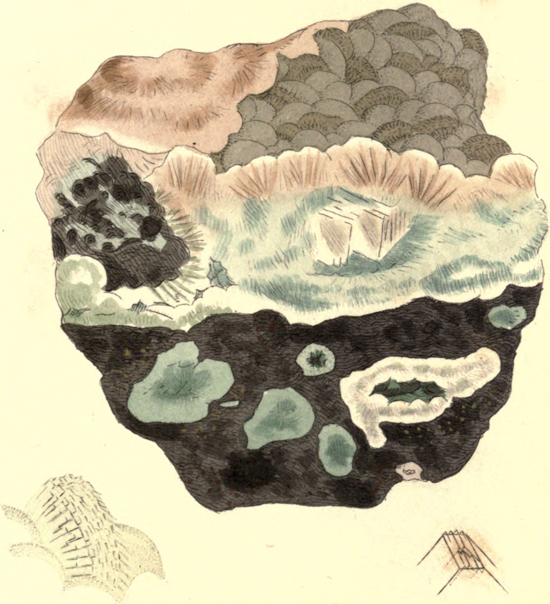

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TAB. CXCVI.

These specimens are from Salisbury Craigs, Edinburgh, and show the conical wheel-like formation nearly in perfection, but very small. I have, therefore, greatly magnified *the right-hand outline*, which shows a narrow primitive edge, bounded by two lines. A similar crystallization is found at Kings Park, Edinburgh.

The lower sort I have from Frisky Hall, near the banks of the Clyde, about three miles from Glasgow; and also from Arthur's Seat, Edinburgh. It shows a broad primitive face on the edge of the crystals, bounded by two acute ridges, which are placed very confusedly on the specimens.

The Right Hon. Charles Greville has in his collection a specimen from Dauphiné with crystals, not much unlike the magnified *left-hand bottom figure*, in size and colour.

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TAB. CXCVII.

FERRUM suboxygenatum.

Suboxide of Iron. Magnetic Iron Ore.

Div. 3. Amorphous, in Grains.

A few years since, the Rev. Dr. Charles Sutton sent me, among other natural curiosities, some sand from Hunstanton, in Norfolk, of a blackish appearance. Not being at that time engaged in mineralogical pursuits, I laid it by; but when I was about to begin this work, he kindly brought me some more, which was still blacker. On looking attentively at it, I thought attractible iron might be the cause of its blackness, and soon found it to be the case, and that some of the sand might be rendered magnetical, the particles clinging together after being detached from the magnet. I considered it as a great curiosity, particularly as I had no where seen mention made of such sand, excepting from America, and requested to have more, at the same time speaking of its qualities; which request was kindly attended to. Shortly after, I received a note informing me that what had since been found was not attractible, and the same was observed by some other friends, who attempted to procure me some from other places. I examined the sand to discover the natural cause for this, and found it was not so black, and that there was little or no attractible iron; only some brown ochraceous particles, like Bog Iron Ore. It might have become oxidated by the weather: thus there is a season to find it in perfection, which should be attended to; and if it proves useful, it may, no doubt, be had in great abundance, being found in many places near the coast. Some was found in very common-looking sand sent me from Scarborough by my friend Dr. Travis, since which I have had the pleasure of receiving Iron Sand from Wicklow in Ireland, by favour of Dr. Scott. In examining this it evidently betrayed its habitat by minute particles of gold, besides which it has Octaëdral Iron more or less oxidated, and some Cubic Pyrites, Pebbles, &c.

Again, in July last, my valued friend James Brodie, Esq. sent me some beautiful *Arena ponderosa*, as it was called, sent by Governor Stewart of Fort St. George from the Ferry of Ardentenny in Argylshire, where, the governor observes, it is found in the greatest abundance, washed out of the banks by the sea; and what was sent me was as pure as that separated from the others, and somewhat brighter, with octaëdral crystals, small, black, abundant, and very attractible.

The right-hand upper figure is of the pebbles and sand from Hunstanton in a heap, and the particles of iron of the size generally found, by the side. *The figure underneath* is such as is found when the sea has washed it and oxidated it. *The five pebbles on the side magnified* are three common Quartz pebbles, which compose common sand, and two darker, chiefly Oxide of Iron. *The left-hand upper figure* is the Irish Sand, and *the figures on the side* show the Octaëdron, Cube, Gold, and Pyrites. Beneath is the outline of a magnet, and the Iron in common as attracted by it at the base. *The middle figure* is a parcel like that from Scotland, or such as has been separated from the other sands.

Thus it appears that this sort of Sand, which was hitherto supposed to be found only in America, has now been found in England, Scotland, and Ireland, or the three grand divisions of the British empire. I should think these might be of great use to the proprietors, if properly attended to. I understand Ardentenny is the property of Lord Dunmore.

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TAB. CXCVIII.

CALX carbonata, *var.* ferrifera.
Ferriferous Carbonate of Lime.

THIS is part of a superb specimen collected last summer by John George Children, Esq. at Audlim mine, about eight miles from Bodmin, Cornwall, and is somewhat the more remarkable as it used to be said that Carbonate of Lime was not to be found in Cornwall. The whiter part of the specimen is a cavity handsomely filled with crystallized Carbonate of Lime of a very uncommon modification, being nearly an hexaëdral plate with the equiaxe and primitive bevellings, if I may so call them. It is rather remarkable that the external surfaces of these crystals are whitish, and the inside of a rich dark brown, as the darker surrounding part shows *. *Tab.* 62. British Mineralogy is nearly of the same nature, but under common circumstances grows blacker by exposure to the air.

This specimen has many other curious circumstances of change and position of mineral substances attending it; viz. the redder parts are a sort of Carnelian Quartz, somewhat approaching Chalcedony, coloured by a rich Oxide of Iron, and this is sometimes covered by Cachalon: see British Mineralogy, *tab.* 111.

* This specimen has probably been broken from an opposite piece, and was given to the worthy Mr. Rashleigh.

Besides this there are yellow spiculated tubes, almost crystallized, radiating, &c. These are to be seen as forming over wire-shaped Pyrites; see *Brit. Min. tab.* 162. This has decomposed in some parts, leaving the hollow where it has been with enough to show the appearance of a wire, as the fracture in some parts on the opposite side shows; perhaps it may be between *Eisen Keisel,* or the German Iron Flint, and Carnelian. Some gray Cachalon covers the Carnelian in the hollow as represented at the top of the figure. The yellower Quartz seems to be coloured by yellow oxide of Iron, probably the decomposed Pyrites.

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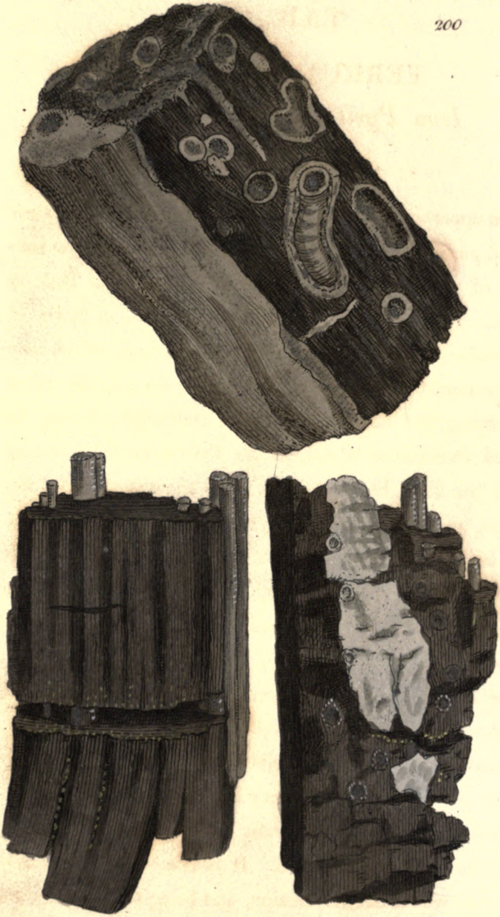
TAB. CXCIX.

SILEX Quartzum.

Crystallized Quartz.

Div. 1. Crystallized.

THESE curious specimens were lent me by Philip Rashleigh, Esq. of Menabilly, and are said to contain Arsenical Cobalt. They came from Poulteney mine, and are rare specimens, on account of the mine having been destroyed by the overflowing of a river. The Quartz is more regularly eighteen-sided than usual, although it is as it were clogged up with such abundance of a metal, that it otherwise would be nearly obliterated in its character; and that it should crystallize under such circumstances, distinctly and regularly at both ends, merely as if heaped on each other, as in *the top figure,* is very remarkable. There appears to be little else than Arsenical Iron among them, but capillary Silver and flowers of Cobalt are sometimes to be seen very distinctly about the gangue.



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TAB. CC.

FERRUM sulphureum.

Iron Pyrites in petrified Wood.

THE upper specimen seems to have been part of a cylindrical piece of wood, and was found 260 feet below the surface of the earth in digging a well in Richmond Park in 1804. It appears to have had worm-holes, or holes of *Terebellæ,* perforating it in various directions, which may be presumed to have happened before the process called petrifying had taken place. This may more properly be called Pyritaceous Wood, as the Pyrites or Sulphuret of Iron has filled the pores of the wood so perfectly, that the shape, and somewhat of the texture of wood, was seen, but as if formed of Pyrites. The worm-holes, some lined with Pyrites, and others doubly lined. One side being nearly covered with Pyrites makes it a beautiful specimen, as well as an instructive one. *The lower piece* was perhaps of different wood, appearing like part of a plank. This was found 100 feet deep in digging a well for Mr. Truman's brewhouse, Spitalfields, London. The worm-holes are lined like the other; but they seem to have been a particular species which prefer a straight direction, crossing the fibres of the wood. It is somewhat remarkable that the woody nature remains, and being found damp and fully saturated with the Pyrites, it cracked and contracted from it, and is held together in some parts as if artificially done with wires, and is in some parts curved and warped. Thus, although these pieces of wood seem to have been many years under this process, they are not much changed, but I may say rather, preserved, as, now it is exposed to the common air, these changes which show its nature have become evident; it will soon fall to decay, in the same manner as some part has already done. The Iron and Sulphur decomposing the water of the atmosphere, the Sulphur becoming acidified dissolves the Iron, forming green vitriol or Sulphate of Iron which is very deliquescent.

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