

*Geographic Situation.*

It is found very universally distributed; hence its localities are very numerous; we shall therefore only mention a few of those of Scotland. At Easdale and the neighbouring isles there are great depositions of transition? clay slate: between Elvanfoot and Moffat there are strata of transition slate, which alternate with grey wacce; near the Crook, between Edinburgh and Moffat, there are quarries situated in the same species of rock; and in many other parts of the great chain of mountain groupes that traverse the south of Scotland it is to be found. The clay slate of Balychulish in Argyleshire, as far as I can judge from specimens and information, appears on the contrary to belong to the primitive rocks.

*Use.*

When it splits into thin and firm tables it is employed for roofing houses. The greyish black straight slaty variety is used for writing on; and the splintery for pencils, and some varieties are so firm that they can be used as whet-stones.

*Observation.*