

*Uses.*

It is employed in improving bad land; as mortar; and when limestone is not to be found, in the smelting of certain ores of iron.

*Observations.*

1. It falls in the air.
2. It passes into limestone and indurated clay, which latter I suspect has been confounded by Dr. Reufs, with basalt, when he speaks of marle passing into basalt.
3. According as alumina or silica preponderates, it receives the name of clay or lime marle. Hauy believes it to be a mechanical mixture, and says it should not be considered as a mineral species. To the eye, however, it has every character of a simple fossil, therefore it is entitled to a place in a system of oryctognosie.