

GEOGNOSY.

CHAP. I.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH.

1. **W**HEN we take a very general view of the Earth, it appears as a globular solid mass, whose surface is diversified by numerous eminences, of various magnitudes and forms.

2. Experience teaches us, that the great fossil masses, of which the solid body of the earth is composed, when viewed on the great scale, have a *tabular form*, and are consequently more extended in length and breadth than in thickness.

We also find, that these masses are not always composed of the same materials. Further, the