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THE following Table affords an interesting view of the present state of our knowledge of the relative antiquity and geognostic relations of many Simple Minerals. The important inferences to be drawn from the facts it contains, are evidences of the great value and importance of this branch of mineralogy, and should stimulate us to a zealous study of geognosy, that we may be enabled to investigate and describe these mineralogical relations.

The facts contained in the table, are extracted from the writings of the most accurate mineralogists, or are the result of my own experience.

The only table of this kind hitherto published, is that by my learned and acute friend Dr Thomson, in the valuable Sketch of the Wernerian Geognosy, inserted in his admirable System of Chemistry.

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