

loam into bricks, to dry these in the shade, and afterwards in the sun. The use of loam-bricks is of high antiquity; for we are told that the ancient city of Damascus, and the walls of Babylon, were built of bricks of this substance.

*Second Subspecies.*

Potters-Clay.

Töpferthon, *Werner.*

Of this subspecies there are two kinds, viz. Earthy Potters-Clay, and Slaty Potters-Clay.

*First Kind.*

Earthy Potters-Clay.

Erdiger Töpferthon, *Werner.*

Erdiger Töpferthon, *Steffens*, b. i. s. 198. *Id. Lenz*, b. ii. s. 550.

*External Characters.*

Its colours are greyish and yellowish white; also light smoke, greenish, and bluish grey.

It occurs massive; and is friable, approaching to solid.

Internally it is generally feebly glimmering.

The fracture in the large is fine-grained uneven; in the small fine earthy.

It is more or less shining in the streak.

It is very soft, passing into friable.

It adheres strongly to the tongue; more strongly than loam.

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