

XVI. TALC FAMILY.

THIS Family contains the following species: 1. Nephrite, 2. Serpentine, 3. Potstone, 4. Talc, 5. Nacrite, 6. Asbestos, 7. Picrolite.

1. Nephrite.

Nephrit, *Werner*.

This species is divided into two subspecies, viz. Common Nephrite, and Axestone.

First Subspecies.

Common Nephrite.

Gemeiner Nephrit, *Werner*.

Fetter Nephrit, *Scussure*.

Jade, *Kirw.* vol. i. p. 171.—Le Nephrite commune, *Broch.* t. i. p. 467.—Gemeiner Nephrit, *Reuss*, b. ii. 2. s. 187. *Id. Lud.* b. i. s. 131. *Id. Suck.* 1^r th. s. 551. *Id. Bert.* s. 144. *Id. Mohs*, b. i. s. 335.—Jade nephrite, *Lucas*, p. 197. *Id. Brong.* t. i. p. 347. *Id. Brard*, p. 410.—Gemeiner Nephrit, *Leonhard*, Tabel. s. 28.—Nephrit, *Haus.* s. 100. *Id. Karsten*, Tabel. s. 44.—Nephrite, *Kid*, vol. i. p. 113.—Jade nephretique, *Haüy*, Tabl. p. 61.—Gemeiner Nephrit, *Steffens*, b. i. s. 266. *Id. Lenz*, b. ii. s. 507. *Id. Oken*, b. i. s. 331.

External Characters.

Its colour is leek-green, of various degrees of intensity, and sometimes passes into mountain-green, greenish-grey, and greenish-white.