

*First Subspecies.*

## Common Natron.

Gemeines Natron, *Werner.*

Nitrum, *Plin.* Hist. Nat. xxxi. 10. p. 46.—Alkali minerale natron, *Wall.* t. ii. p. 61.—Alkali fixe mineral, *Romé de Lisle*, t. i. p. 146.—Natürliches mineral alkali, *Wid.* s. 579.—Natron, *Kirw.* vol. ii. p. 6. *Id. Estner*, b. iii. s. 18.—Natürliches mineral alkali, *Emm.* b. ii. s. 31.—Carbonate de Natron, *Lam.* t. i. p. 462.—Soude carbonatée, *Hauy*, t. ii. p. 373. 379.—L'Alkali mineral, ou le Carbonate de Soude, *Broch.* t. ii. p. 30.—Natron, *Reuss*, b. iii. s. 4.—Natürliches Mineral Alkali, *Lud.* b. i. s. 176. *Id. Suck.* 2<sup>r</sup> th. s. 2. *Id. Bert.* s. 331. *Id. Mohs*, b. ii. s. 254.—Gemeines Natron, *Leonhard*, Tabel. s. 44.—Soude carbonatée, *Brong.* t. i. p. 149.—Gemeines Natron, *Karsten*, Tabel. s. 56.—Soda, *Haus.* s. 120.—Carbonate of Soda, *Kid*, vol. ii. p. 4.—Soude carbonatée, *Hauy*, Tabl. p. 21.—Gemeines Natron, *Lenz*, b. ii. s. 960.—Natron, *Aikin*, p. 153.

*External Characters.*

Its colours are yellowish and greyish white; also smoke-grey and cream-yellow.

When fresh, it is compact, sometimes granular, sometimes radiated\*, vitreous and glistening, and more or less translucent: when weathered, it is in loose, dull, opaque parts.

It has an alkaline taste.

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*Chemical*

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\* The crystallization of Artificial Soda,—for that of Natural Soda has not been met with,—is an oblique octahedron, which is either perfect, or truncated on the angles or edges of the common basis.