

Mineral Charcoal.

Mineralische Holzkohle, *Werner*.

Mineralische Holzkohle, *Leonhard*, Tabel. s. 50.—Fasriger Anthracit, *Karsten*, Tabel. s. 58. *Id. Haus.* s. 115. *Id. Lenz*, b. ii. s. 1082.

External Characters.

Its colour is dark greyish-black, which sometimes approaches to bluish-black.

It occurs massive, disseminated, in flattened roundish pieces, and crusts.

It is glimmering, bordering on glistening, and the lustre is silky.

The fracture is fibrous which sometimes shews the woody texture.

The fragments are indeterminate angular, blunt-edged, sometimes also splintery.

It soils strongly.

It is soft, passing into friable.

It is very easily frangible.

It is light.

Chemical Characters.

When exposed to a strong heat, it burns without flame or smoke.

Geognostic and Geographic Situations.

It occurs in thin layers in slate-coal, brown-coal, earth-coal and moor-coal, in countries where these coals abound.