

III. ORDER.—MERCURY.

THIS Order contains five species, viz. Native Mercury, Native Amalgam, Mercurial Horn-Ore, Mercurial Hepatic Ore, and Cinnabar.

1. Native Mercury or Quicksilver.

Gediegen Quecksilber, *Werner*.

Argentum vivum, *Plin. Hist. Nat.* xxxiii.—Mercurius virgineus; Hydrargyrum nativum, *Wall.* t. ii. p. 148.—Mercure natif, *Romé de Lisle*, t. iii. p. 152.—Gediegen Quecksilber, *Wid.* s. 719. *Id. Wern. Pabst.* b. i. s. 6.—Native Mercury, *Kirw.* vol. ii. p. 223.—Gediegen Quecksilber, *Emm.* b. ii. s. 129.—Mercure natif, *Lam.* t. i. p. 166. *Id. Broch.* t. ii. p. 96. *Id. Haüy*, t. iii. p. 423.—Gediegen Quecksilber, *Reuss*, b. iii. s. 269. *Id. Lud.* b. i. s. 205. *Id. Suck.* 2^{ter} th. s. 109. *Id. Bert.* s. 432. *Id. Mohs*, b. iii. s. 93.—96. Mercure natif, *Lucas*, p. 109.—Gediegen Quecksilber, *Leonhard*, Tabel. s. 51.—Mercure natif, *Brong.* t. ii. p. 241. *Id. Brard*, p. 253.—Gediegen Quecksilber, *Karsten*, Tabel. s. 60. *Id. Haus.* s. 69.—Native Quicksilver, *Kid*, vol. ii. p. 93.—Mercure natif, *Haüy*, Tabl. p. 77.—Native Quicksilver, *Aikin*, p. 23.

External Characters.

Its colour is pure tin-white.

It occurs perfectly fluid; and in larger or smaller particles or globules in the cavities of other ores of mercury.

It is splendid, and the lustre is metallic.

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