

It does not wet the finger.

It feels very cold.

It is uncommonly heavy.

Specific gravity, in its fluid state, 13.581, *Haüy*.  
When solid, 15.61, *Biddle*.

#### *Chemical Characters.*

It volatilises entirely before the blowpipe, at less than a red heat.

#### *Constituent Parts.*

According to Klaproth, it contains no intermixture of any other metal.

#### *Geognostic Situation.*

This mineral occurs principally in rocks of the coal formation, and either disseminated, or in veins traversing them. It is associated with ores of mercury, and often also with iron-pyrites, heavy-spar, calcareous-spar, and quartz. Small veins of it are rarely met with in primitive rocks, where it is accompanied with native silver, grey manganese-ore, and flexible asbestos.

#### *Geographic Situation.*

*Europe.*—It is found at Idria in the Friaul; Niders-lana in Upper Hungary; Morsfeldt and Wolfstein in the Palatinate; Moschellandsberg and Stahlberg in Deux-Ponts; Leogang in Salzburg; Horzowitz in Bohemia; Almaden in Andalusia, and Albaracia in Arragon; in slate-clay at Paterno in Sicily; and at Oristani in Sardinia.

*America.*—Guancavelica in Peru.