

SECTION X.

Siliceous Genus.

1st Species.

Mountain Crystal and Quartz.

THESE form two families, the only difference being in their fracture and transparency.

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Mountain or Rock Crystal.

When purest it is colourless, but it is also found greyish, and yellowish white, or pale yellow, otherwise called *Citrine*, and impure topaz; or pale or dark brown, or brown falling into black, then called *Morion*, or, though very rarely, pale rose red, or white, or brown, and iridescent.

Its lustre glassy, 3. Transparency, 4. It causes a double refraction.

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