

Howellville and Henderson with Messrs. Clay, Cienkowski, Biernbaum, and Oldach. Limonite pseudomorphous after pyrite, and quartz crystals were found.

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### NEW MINERALS: DOUBTFUL SPECIES

CLASS: CARBONATES AND RELATED COMPOUNDS. DIVISION:  
ORGANIC COMPOUNDS CONTAINING OXYGEN

#### "Hoelite"

IVAR OFTEDAL: Minerals from the burning coal seam at Mt. Pyramide, Spitzbergen. *Res. Norske Statsund. Spitsbergenexped.*, 1, no. 3, 9-14, (1922); thru *Min. Abstr.*, 2, 10. [Original not seen.]

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES: Formula  $C_{14}H_8O_2$ , the compound known in organic chemistry as anthraquinone,  
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PHYSICAL AND OPTICAL PROPERTIES: Sp. gr. = 1.43.  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  near 1.75,  $\gamma$  near 2.00.

OCCURRENCE: As incrustations around holes from which fumes issue, over the burning coal seam at Mt. Pyramide.

DISCUSSION: More data desired.

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CLASS: PHOSPHATES. DIVISION: Ca : P : F :  $(CO_3) = 8 : 4 : 2 : 1$ . (?)

#### "Kurskite"

V. N. CHIRVINSKII: The phosphorites of Ukraine. *Matter on natural products of Russia, Russ. Acad. Sci.*, No. 30, 52 pp., (1919); thru *Min. Abstr.* 2, 53-54.

NAME: After one locality of the material, *Kursk*, Russia.

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES: Analysis of cryptocrystalline nodules indicates the formula  $7CaO \cdot CaF_2 \cdot 2P_2O_5 \cdot CO_2$  or  $2Ca_3(PO_4)_2 \cdot CaF_2 \cdot CaCO_3$ , also capable of simplification to  $Ca_8(PO_4)_4 \cdot (CO_3) \cdot F_2$ .

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES: Color black; structure nodular to cryptocrystalline, evidently colloidal and metacolloidal.

OCCURRENCE: First observed at Kursk, Russia; now found between Razlety and Vishenki, on the Desna river in the province of Chernigov, Ukraine.

DISCUSSION: Homogeneity and definiteness doubtful. May be an altered spodiosite,  $(Ca_4(PO_4)_2F_2)$ .

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CLASS: SILICATES. DIVISION:  $R' : (R''', R'') : SiO_2 : H_2O = 1 : 4 : 5 : x$

#### "Soda-glaucosite"

A. F. HALLIMOND: Glaucosite from the greensand near Lewes, Sussex; the constitution of glaucosite. *Min. Mag.*, 19, 330-333, (1922); this mineral, p. 333.

NAME: From the composition, a *glaucosite* in which part of the potash is replaced by *soda*.

DISCUSSION: In the abstractor's opinion, it is better to use names with chemical prefixes for end-members of isomorphous series, and to apply adjectives to variable intermediate members; in the present instance, the high-soda specimens would be classed as "natriferous glaucosite."

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