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ticles, mostly of a dark-green colour. Some rare chromiferous examples, however, are dark-red. These form the sub-species Kaemmererite. All varieties are sufficiently soft to yield to the finger-nail, and thin pieces are flexible but not elastic. The essentially ferruginous chlorites fuse on thin edges into a black magnetic slag. Other varieties or species (*Ripidolite*, &c.,) vitrify on the edges into a yellowish-grey slag or enamel. In the bulb-tube, all yield from 9 to 12 per cent. water ; and all are decomposed (in powder) by sulphuric acid. H 1 to 1.5 ; average sp. gr. 2.85. Very commonly associated with magnetic iron ore.

Brucite is chiefly distinguished by its occurrence in white or greenish-white, scaly or sub-fibrous, pearly examples, and by the large amount of water (normally 31 per cent.) which it yields on ignition. H 2; sp gr. 2.3 to 2.4. Infusible. Becomes flesh-red after ignition with cobalt-nitrate. Nemalite is a white or pale-blueish asbestiform variety.

\*\*\* See, also, Talc and Steatite in Group 2, below.

SECOND GROUP: Not yielding water (or yielding traces of moisture only) by ignition in the bulb-tube.

SUB - GROUP A: Rapidly and entirely dissolved BB by phosphor-salt.

Apatite (CaO,  $P^2O^5$ , CaF<sup>2</sup>, CaCl<sup>2</sup>). Scheelite (CaO, WO<sup>3</sup>).

SUB-GROUP B: Slowly attacked BB by phosphor-salt, a silica skeleton remaining in the bead.

Agalmatolite K<sup>2</sup>O, Al<sup>2</sup>O<sup>3</sup>, SiO<sup>2</sup>, H<sup>2</sup>O). Pyrophyllite (Al<sup>2</sup>O<sup>3</sup>, SiO<sup>2</sup>, H<sup>2</sup>O).

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