

were easily cemented together, by merely sprinkling the joints with water, which, dissolving part of the two surfaces that opposed each other, formed the whole, when dry, into one solid block.

Salt is so prepared by the chemist, as to be used in various other ways, and in the production of a great variety of useful, and, apparently, dissimilar substances: among these, we may notice glass, bleaching-powder, Epsom and Glauber's salts, patent yellow glazing for earthenware, which are all composed in a greater or less degree of this useful mineral, or obtained by means of it; it is also used in some places as a manure, and in the feeding of cattle and horses.

The salt lake of Loonar in the East Indies is looked upon as one of the wonders of nature. The following description of it has been given. After describing the commencement of his journey, the narrator says, "Upon emerging from the shaded and gently ascending path, along which our road lay, we approached a low and lengthened mound, the summit of which having been attained, a most romantic and interesting spectacle was presented to us. Beneath our feet, and at the bottom of a mighty chasm, lay a deep, still lake, the waters of which were slightly ruffled by the breeze, and beautifully tinted by the rays of the setting sun; it was of a circular form, and hemmed in on every side by cliffs which prevent completely the egress of its waters. The rocks which surround this interesting piece of water, cannot come under the denomination of hills, for they do not, in any part, tower above the level of the surrounding country; they