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A DESCRIPTIVE LABEL TO THE BASE LISTING EACH NUMBERED MINERAL :

1. AMETHYSTE
2. TOPAZE ENFUMCE
3. TOPAZE JAUNE
4. LAPIS
5. CRISTAL DE ROCHE
6. JASPE
7. HEMATITE
8. CROCIDOLITE
9. AGATE ROUGE
10. AGATE
11. JASPE HERBORISEE
12. SILEX
13. BOIS PETRIFIÉ
14. ONIX
15. AGATE ORDINAIRE
16. PIERRE DE LUNE
17. JASPE TACHETÉE
18. LABRADOR
19. OEIL DE CHAT
20. AVENTURINE
21. MINERAI DE PLOMB
22. SPATH CALCAIRE
23. GRANITE
24. MINERALE DE ZINC
25. PYRITE

26. WARE
27. CORNALINE
28. QUARTZ
29. JASPE SANGUINE
30. CALCÉDOINE
31. OPALE
32. MICA
19TH CENTURY
SIZE: 19.5CM HIGH, 10.5CM WIDE, 7.5CM DEEP – 7¾ INS HIGH, 4¼ INS WIDE, 3 INS DEEP

LITERATURE

MINERALOGY WAS A PASSIONATE PURSUIT AMONGST WEALTHY VICTORIANS. AMATEUR LAPIDARISTS WOULD COLLECT AND POLISH STONES FROM BRITISH BEACHES, AND GEOLOGY WAS PURSUED AS A LEISURELY HOBBY. SPECTACULAR FIELD TRIPS WOULD BE ARRANGED IN PICTURESQUE LOCATIONS SUCH AS THE ALPS FOR GRAND TOURISTS WITH GEOLOGICAL HAMMERS TO FIND MINERAL SPECIMENS. THESE SPAR TOWERS WERE PURCHASED AS A REMINDER OF THEIR EXPERIENCE.