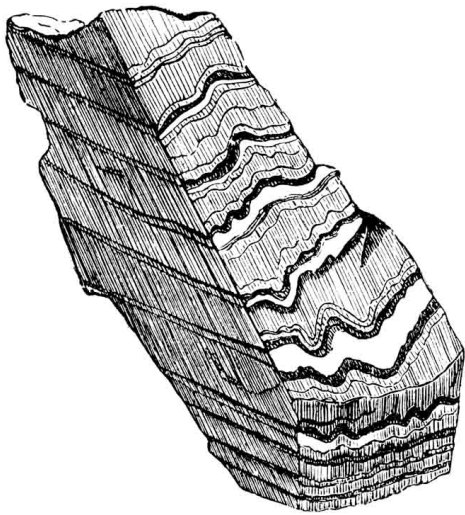
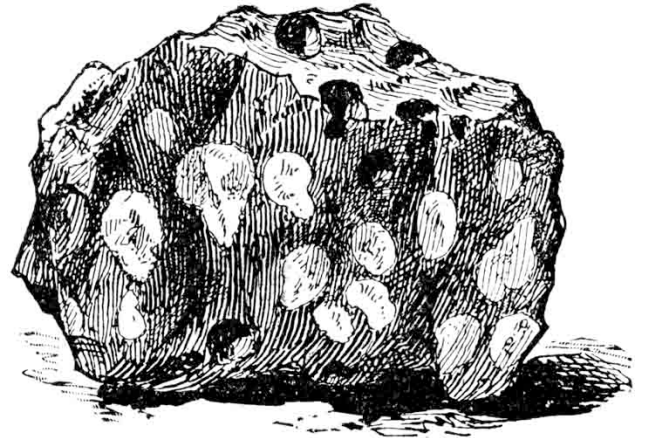


Rock Talk

There are three major classes of rocks: igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic. Read about each of them below, then color.

IGNEOUS ROCKS form by crystallization from molten or partially material called magma. There are two subclasses of igneous rocks. Volcanic rocks form from lava which has spilled from a volcano. Plutonic rocks form from magma that cools and crystallizes beneath the earth's surface.



SEDIMENTARY ROCKS form from material that has accumulated on the earth's surface. The material is made up of the products of weathering and erosion, as well as organic materials.

METAMORPHIC ROCKS form when an igneous or sedimentary rock is exposed to high pressure, high temperature or both, deep below the surface of the earth. This process produces changes in the mineralogy and texture of the rock.

