



The Useful Properties of Clays (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from The Useful Properties of Clays As soon as a greater number of individuals among our people become interested in the properties and possibilities of our native clay bodies, development is sure to follow. Clay working is neither so difficult nor so expensive but that in some cases objects of art have been molded in the home and burnt in private kilns. On the other hand success is attained only at the price of diligent study and persistent effort. It is with the hope that the dissemination of knowledge concerning the useful properties of clay will lead to a wider popular interest in their study and use, that this article is written. Formation Of Clays. Clay may be defined as an earthy deposit, found on or below the surface, which when finely ground and mixed with water forms a moldable or plastic mass and can be burned to a hard, stonelike substance after drying. The original crust of the earth was of course formed of the rocks which crystallized from a molten magma. These crystalline rocks...

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