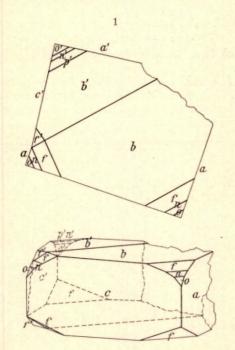
ART. XLVII.—Anhydrite Twin from Aussee; by F. Bascom and V. Goldschmidt.

THE subject of this paper is a twin crystal, obtained from

F. Krantz in Bonn by Mr. R. Schroeder.

Description of Crystal.—The crystal is colorless and transparent. Its dimensions are $15^{\text{mm}}:13^{\text{mm}}:5^{\text{mm}}$. A twinning plane divides the crystal into two nearly equal parts. Figure 1 shows both a top-view of the crystal, projected upon the plane $b = 0\infty$ (010) of Goldschmidt's Winkeltabelle (WT),* and also the crystal in perspective; figure 2 is a gnomonic projection of the same with a similar orientation.



Combination.—The forms present on the crystal are the following:

Of these forms r appears only as the twinning plane and *WT means here and in the following,—V. Goldschmidt, Krystallo-

graphische Winkeltabelle, 1897.

constitutes the plane of contact for the two individuals. p = 15(151) is a new form for anhydrite. It appears on the smaller individual with a well defined face and occupies the place of the plane f, which, though present on the larger individual, is missing on the smaller.

The face gives a fair signal and the form was determined by

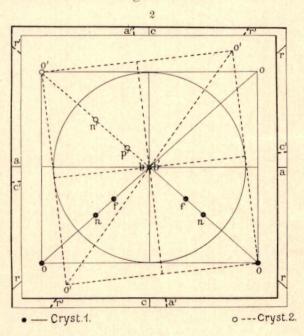
the following measurements:

Measured: $\phi \rho = 41^{\circ} 57' : 16^{\circ} 23'$ Calculated: " = 41° 45' : 16° 42'

Not only is the agreement between the measured and calculated angles assuring, but the form fits perfectly into the series, as is shown by the following discussion:

The series ob is a normal one and the form p is accordingly established.

General Discussion.—Anhydrite twins, with twinning plane parallel to r(10), were first described by Hessenberg.† These crystals came from Berchtesgaden and are an inch in diameter.



^{*}Senkenb. Abh. 1872, vol. viii, p. 12, pl. 1, fig. 14.

They are bounded only by the three pinacoids and show twinning striations parallel to the twinning plane. Later Preiswork* described some more highly developed crystals twinned

according to the same law.

The crystal in question is still richer in forms: The parallel orientation of the faces $b(0\infty)$ and r(10), which is characteristic and genetic, is the decisive factor for the twinning law of anhydrite. They are the chief planes of coincidence, and moreover all planes of the zone br coincide. We therefore call this a zone of absolute coincidence. This zone is next in importance to the dome-zones ac and ab, which are the most richly developed zones in anhydrite. It includes the forms b.p.f.n.o.r. The gnomonic projection (figure 2) makes quite apparent these relations.

It should be observed that the b faces of both individuals fall into a single plane, as is also the case with several of the twins figured by Preiswork,† and further that the r face is a plane of contact (grenzfläche) for both individuals. The transformation of the elements and symbols of the Winkeltabelle (WT) to those of the projection on $b = 0 \infty$. (B)

is made according to the formulæ.

$$pq(WT) = \frac{1}{q} \frac{p}{q} (B)$$

$$p_{o}q_{o}(WT) = \frac{1}{q_{o}} \cdot \frac{p_{o}}{q_{o}} . (B)$$

The elements and table of angles on p. 490 belong to the projection on b and may sometimes prove convenient for use.

The following forms, which are distinguished thus (?) in the table, are uncertain:

The forms α and ρ are given by W. H. Miller; but designated by him as uncertain. The forms τ , μ , and σ are figured by A. Schraufs without further description. They also cannot be considered assured forms. All these forms should be omitted from the list until they have received additional confirmation.

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[‡] Jahrbuch Min., 1905, vol. i, p. 39, pl. 3, fig. 5-8. † Jahrbuch Min., 1905, vol. i, pl. 3, figs. 5, 7, 8.

Phil. Mag. 1874, vol. xlvii, p. 124.

⁺ Atlas 1871, pl. 15, fig. 4, 5.

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Anhydrite

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Elements

(B)

Projection

(WT).