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n.

A band in bituminous coal, characterized by a sheetlike irregular fracture, a silky luster, and fine intercalations of durain.

[Latin *clārus*, bright; see *kelə-*² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + (FUS)AIN.]

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