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**Abstract.** The unusual properties of mercury attracted people's attention since ancient times. Alchemists always used it in research. Ore mining was conducted in many area of Eurasia. Mercury compounds are highly in demand. From ancient times to the Renaissance mercury used to extract gold, treatment of diseases, chemical experiments.

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