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German-Swiss geologist who first worked out the details of a European ice age. The ice age, earlier proposed by Swiss geologist Ignatz Venetez (1788-1859), was not accepted until Charpentier convincingly described the details to Louis Agassiz (1807-1873), who went on to bring the idea to popular and scientific acceptance.