

# BRITISH CHEMICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS

## A., II.—Organic Chemistry

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### I.—ALIPHATIC.

**Direct determination of oxygen in organic compounds by hydrogenation.** II. **Cracking mechanism on platinum-silica gel catalyst.** K. Morikawa, T. Kimoto, and R. Abe (*Bull. Chem. Soc. Japan*, 1941, 16, 33—39).—The production of  $H_2O$ ,  $CO_2$ , and  $CO$  by passing  $H_2$  and the vapours of sucrose,  $H_2C_2O_4$ ,  $BzOH$ , anthraquinone, and  $Na_2C_2O_4$  over  $Pt-SiO_2$  gel, varying the temp. (800—950°) and rate of  $H_2$  flow, has been studied. High temp. gives a high proportion of  $CO$ . The vapours from  $H_2O$  or  $NaHCO_3$  when passed with  $H_2$  over  $Pt-SiO_2$  gel containing free C give 95% of  $CO$ . It is concluded that in the cracking process the following reactions occur:  $C + CO_2 = 2CO$ ;  $C + H_2O = CO + H_2$ ;  $CO_2 + H_2 = CO + H_2O$ . A. Li.

**Separation of pure methane from other gaseous hydrocarbons by selective adsorption.**—See B., 1941, II, 69.

**Preparation of  $\beta\beta$ - and  $\gamma\gamma$ -dimethylpentane.** H. Soroos and H. B. Willis (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 881).—Prep. of  $CH_3EtBu$  from  $BuCl-MgPr^aCl$  (27%) or  $-MgPr^aBr$  (29%) and of  $CMe_2Et_2$  from  $CMe_2EtCl-MgEtCl$  (43%) or  $-MeEtBr$  (41%) is reported (cf. Wibaut *et al.*, A., 1939, II, 237; Edgar *et al.*, A., 1929, 789). R. S. C.

**Isomerising action of cyclising catalysts.**—See A., 1941, I, 216.

**$\xi$ -Bromo- $\beta\zeta$ -trimethyl-n-pentadecane.** P. G. Smith and C. E. Schweitzer (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 882).— $Pr^b[CH_2]_3CHMe[CH_2]_3CHMe[CH_2]_3COMe$  and  $Na-Pr^bOH$  give the alcohol, b.p. 146—148°/1 mm., and thence by  $PBr_3$  in light petroleum  $\xi$ -bromo- $\beta\zeta$ -trimethyl-n-pentadecane, b.p. 138—140°/1 mm. R. S. C.

**Estimation of unsaturated hydrocarbons by bromine addition.** S. J. Green (*J. Inst. Petroleum*, 1941, 27, 66—71).—In the  $Br-OBr^+$  method for brominating olefines, the amount of excess reagent is crit. since inhibition of bromination occurs when low  $[Br]$  are used. The Lewis and Bradstreet titration technique is preferred to the Francis method as it appears to avoid this inhibition effect. If  $Br$  no. is accepted as a guide to the degree of unsaturated compounds, the conditions of the reaction must be very precisely specified. The % of unsaturated compounds cannot be determined unless the mol. wts. and nature of the olefines present can be determined. T. C. G. T.

**Catalytic polymerisation of normally gaseous olefines.**—See B., 1941, II, 106.

**Polymerisation of olefines. II. Co-polymerisation of sec- and tert.-butyl alcohols by sulphuric acid.** F. C. Whitmore, K. C. Laughlin, J. F. Matuszeski, and J. D. Surmatis (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 756—757).—Addition of  $BuOH$  to sec.- $BuOH$  in 75% (wt.)  $H_2SO_4$  at 64° results in union of  $Bu$  with sec.- $Bu$  (75%) and  $Bu$  (25%). The products,  $CHBu^+CHMe$  (I) (40%),  $CMePr^bCHMe$  (35%) [formed by rearrangement of (I)], and diisobutylenes (25%), are identified by fractionation and subsequent ozonisation. R. S. C.

**[Catalytic] polymerisation of unsaturated hydrocarbons.**—See A., 1941, I, 215.

**Structure of additive compounds of metallic halides and unsaturated hydrocarbons.** S. L. Varschavski (*Compt. rend. Acad. Sci. U.R.S.S.*, 1940, 29, 315).— $CH_2:CHCl$  is produced when  $CHCl:CH-HgCl$  (obtained by passing  $C_2H_2$  into saturated aq.  $NaCl$  containing  $HgCl_2$ ) is treated with 40%  $HBr$  or conc.  $HCl$ . The results support the views of Freidlina and Nesmejanov (A., 1940, II, 246). W. McC.

**[Photometric] determination of small traces of solvent vapours in air.**—See A., 1941, I, 178.

**Formation of trichloroacetic acid from perchlorethylene by atmospheric oxidation.** K. C. Bailey and W. S. E. Hickson (*J.C.S.*, 1941, 145).—Exposure of  $C_2Cl_4$  with a trace of  $H_2O$  to sunlight for 4 months yields  $CCl_3CO_2H$  (extracted by  $H_2O$ ). A. Li.

**Derivatives of allylic chlorides. Reactions of methallyl chloride involving the double linking.** J. Burgin, G. Hearne, and F. Rust (*Ind. Eng. Chem.*, 1941, 33, 385—388).—Hydration of  $CH_2:CMc:CH_2Cl$  (I) to  $OH:CMc:CH_2Cl$  (II) (63% yield) is effected by 80%  $H_2SO_4$  at 5—10° for 2.5 hr.  $CMc:CHCl$  (III) and 90%  $H_2SO_4$  at -10° to 0° give (II) (66% yield). Other acids, e.g., 85%  $H_3PO_4$ , 70%  $HNO_3$ ,  $PhSO_3H$ , or 60%  $HClO_4$  (very effective, apart from explosion danger), can be used, but each has a sp. optimum temp. and concn. range. (I) and 80%  $H_2SO_4$  (or  $H_3PO_4$ ) at 40° give (III) (85% yield) (equilibrium reaction); the passage of the vapour over activated  $Al_2O_3$  gives a similar result. (III), b.p. 68.1°, is purified by refluxing with 10%  $KOH-EtOH$ , which hydrolyses (I). Chlorination of (I) or (III) at room temp. affords ~70% yield of isomeric dichloroisobutenes,  $CH_2:Cl(CH_2Cl)_2$  and  $CHCl:CMc:CH_2Cl$ , in approx. equal amounts. Direct chlorohydration of (I) by dil.  $Cl_2-H_2O$  at 30° (apparatus is described) ( $Cl_2$  bubbled into aq. solution gives a poor result) affords ~70% of  $OH:CMc:CH_2Cl$ , b.p. 69°, with small amounts of trichloro-tert.-butyl alcohols, unsaturated dichlorides, tetrachloroisobutenes, and  $CMcCl(CH_2Cl)_2$ . Mechanisms of reactions are given.  $CH_2:CMc:$  is more reactive to  $HCl$  or  $Cl_2$  than is (I); for hydration, 65%  $H_2SO_4$  is the max. concn. possible to avoid excessive polymerisation. A. T. P.

**Nitration of hydrocarbons.**—See B., 1941, II, 106.

**Preparation of unsaturated higher alcohols. VII. S. Komori (*J. Soc. Chem. Ind. Japan*, 1940, 43, 428—430b).**—A series of  $Cr_2O_3-Fe_2O_3$  catalysts are shown to accelerate the hydrogenation of the Et ester of rice oil or erucic acid to docosenol at ~313—340°/80—100 atm.  $Fe_2O_3$  alone is less satisfactory but utilisable if its proportion is high. H. W.

**Catalytic dehydrogenation and condensation of aliphatic alcohols.** V. I. Komarevsky and J. R. Coley (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 700—702).—In presence of  $Cr_2O_3$  at 400—425°, n-hexyl-, heptyl-, and -octyl alcohol give the ketone according to the equation,  $2C_2H_5R-OH \rightarrow COR_2 + CO + 3H_2$ , but at 475—525° less ketone and ~2.5% of phenol ( $PhOH$ , o-cresol, and m-2-xenol (by rearrangement of o- $C_6H_4Et-OH$ ), respectively) are obtained.  $Cr_2O_3-Al_2O_3$  (A., 1939, II, 49) is thus a true "complex action" catalyst. R. S. C.

**Synthetic glycerin [and allyl alcohol] from petroleum [propylene].**—See B., 1941, II, 69.

**Preparation of pentaerythritol.**—See B., 1941, II, 106.

**Halogenation in reactive solvents. VII. Chlorination of olefines in reactive solvents with tert.-butyl hypochlorite.** C. F. Irwin and G. F. Hennion (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 858—860; cf. A., 1940, II, 295).—(a) cycloHexene, (b)  $CH_2:CHBu^a$ , and (c)  $(CH_2Et)_2$  with  $Cl_2$  in  $MeOH$  give (a) 17.6 and 82.3, (b) 31.6 and 68.3, and (c) 34.7 and 65.2% of dichloride and chloro-ether,  $CH_2RCl:CH_2R^+OMe$ , respectively, the proportions being determined from the  $Cl$ -content of the product. Olefines and  $ROH$  [ $R = n$ -alkyl,  $OAc$ , or (in  $C_6H_5$ )  $Ph$ ] in presence of  $BuOCl$  (and, if  $R = alkyl$ , a little p- $C_6H_4Me-SO_3H$  as catalyst) at a suitable controlled temp. (5—60°) give only (35.5—77.7%) the chloro-ether. Thus are obtained  $CH_2Cl:CHMe-OMe$ , b.p. 100—101°/743 mm.,  $\beta$ -chloro- $\gamma$ -methoxy- $\gamma$ -methylbutane, b.p. 134—135°/749 mm.,  $\beta$ -chloro- $\gamma$ -methoxy-n-pentane, b.p. 75—77°/100 mm., 1-chloro-2-methoxycyclohexane, b.p. 73—74°/20 mm.,  $\gamma$ -chloro-8-

*methoxy-n-hexane*, b.p. 94–95°/98 mm., *β-chloro-γ-ethoxy-n-pentane*, b.p. 69–70°/50 mm., *β-methoxy-*, b.p. 123°/100 mm., *-ethoxy-*, b.p. 98°/28 mm., *-n-propoxy-*, b.p. 104–105°/20 mm., and *-n-butoxy-n-heptyl chloride*, b.p. 128–129°/30 mm.,  $(\text{Cl}[\text{CH}_2]_2)_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{Cl}[\text{CH}_2]_2\text{OAc}$ , *β-chloroisopropyl acetate*, b.p. 147–149°/745 mm., *γ-chloro-β-acetoxy-β-methylbutane* (22.4%), b.p. 99–101°/100 mm. (with 47.5% of  $\text{CMeCl}:\text{CMe}_2$ ), b.p. 91–92°/741 mm., *β-chloro-γ-acetoxy-n-pentane*, b.p. 73–75°/20 mm., *γ-chloro-δ-acetoxy-n-hexane*, b.p. 124–126°/100 mm., *α-chloro-β-acetoxy-n-heptane*, b.p. 119–120°/20 mm., *β-phenoxy-n-propyl chloride*, b.p. 110–113°/22 mm., and *β-phenoxy-n-heptyl chloride*, b.p. 138–140°/8 mm.

R. S. C.

[Kinetics of] synthesis of diethyl acetal.—See A., 1941, I, 171.

**Use of Bunte salts in synthesis. I. Preparation of mercaptals.** H. E. Westlake, jun., and G. Dougherty (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 658–659).— $\text{R}(\text{H})\text{al}$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$  in boiling 50% EtOH give  $\text{SR}:\text{SO}_3\text{Na}$  (not isolated), which, after removal of the EtOH, with  $\text{R}'\text{CHO}$  in boiling aq. HCl give 46–77% of  $\text{CH}_2(\text{S}-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})_2$ ,  $\text{CHPh}(\text{S}-\text{CH}_2\text{Ph})_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2(\text{SBU})_2$ ,  $\text{CHMe}(\text{SBU})_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2(\text{SEt})_2$ , and formaldehyde di-(*β*-hydroxyethyl) mercaptal, b.p. 52–54°/5 mm.

R. S. C.

**Anhydrides of normal aliphatic saturated monobasic acids.** J. M. Wallace, jun., and J. E. Copenhaver (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 699–700).—The following are prepared by boiling  $\text{RCO}_2\text{H}$  in  $\text{AcOH}-\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$ : heptioic, m.p. –10.8°, octoic, m.p.  $0.9 \pm 0.1^\circ$ , nonoic, m.p.  $14.8^\circ$ , decoic, m.p.  $24.7 \pm 0.2^\circ$ , undecoic, m.p.  $36.7^\circ$ , lauric, m.p.  $42.1 \pm 0.1^\circ$ , tridecoic, m.p.  $49.9 \pm 0.2^\circ$ , myristic, m.p.  $53.5 \pm 0.1^\circ$ , pentadecoic, m.p.  $60.6^\circ$ , palmitic, m.p.  $63.9 \pm 0.1^\circ$ , margaric, m.p.  $67.6^\circ$ , and stearic, m.p.  $70.7^\circ$ , anhydride. There is little evidence of alternation in m.p. above  $\text{C}_5$ .

R. S. C.

**Methacrylic resins. I. Polymerisation of methyl methacrylate.** R. Inoue (*J. Soc. Chem. Ind. Japan*, 1940, **43**, 448–449b).— $\text{CH}_2:\text{CMe}:\text{CO}_2\text{Me}$  (purification described) is sealed into hard glass tubes, which are then placed in a thermostat for polymerisation in the absence of light. The amount of polymeride (I) is determined by dissolving the weighed sample in  $\text{COMe}_2$  or  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  and pptg. (I) by MeOH. (I) is then dried at  $\sim 80^\circ$  for a week and then weighed. The rate of polymerisation accelerates with time to a max., after which it decreases continuously. From the val.  $dx/dT$  at 10% yield of (I) and polymerisation temp.  $T^\circ\text{K}$ . the apparent heat of activation is  $\sim 12.5$  kg.-cal. The degree of polymerisation of (I) formed at various stages during a polymerisation is almost the same; it increases with decreasing temp. of polymerisation.

H. W.

**Direct esterification of higher fatty acids with glycerol. V. Esterification of two-component fatty acid mixture into mono-glyceride.** S. Kawai (*J. Soc. Chem. Ind. Japan*, 1940, **43**, 428b).—Complete esterification occurs when equimol. mixtures of stearic (I) and oleic acid (II), (I) and lauric acid (III), and (II) and (III) are heated for  $\sim 60$  min. at  $220-250^\circ$  with glycerol (1.4 mols. per mol. of acid). The products contain considerable amounts of di- and tri- in addition to mono-glycerides. In the esterification of (I) + (II) and (I) + (III) the formation of mono-olein (IV) or monolaurin (V) predominates over that of monostearin whilst with (II) + (III) the production of (V) appears readier than that of (IV).

H. W.

**Ester interchange between oils and glycerol. III. Experiments on sperm-head oil and kurokzame oil.** S. Kawai (*J. Soc. Chem. Ind. Japan*, 1940, **43**, 427b).—Addition of Zn and oleic acid accelerates the interchange resulting in the rapid formation of the oils of higher OH vals.; judging from these vals. ester interchange occurs in the glyceride structure and in the wax ester compositions and therefore produces a considerable amount of free higher alcohols (A). The portion of the product insol. in EtOH appears to consist mainly of triglycerides and unchanged esters whilst the sol. portions (B) contain predominantly mono- (and also di-) glycerides and A and B are suitable materials for the manufacture of sulphonated oil etc.

H. W.

**Isomeric structure of the  $\text{C}_{18}$  unsaturated [fatty] acids from their Raman and infra-red spectra.** J. W. McCutcheon, M. F. Crawford, and H. L. Welsh (*Oil and Soap*, 1941, **18**, 9–11).—A study of the Raman and infra-red spectra of highly purified specimens of the Et esters of the respective acids has led to

the conclusion that all the double linkings of the naturally occurring oleic, linoleic (as also of *β*-linoleic acid), and linolenic acids have the *cis*-configuration, whilst the esters of elaidic and linelaic acid (prepared by the method of Kass and Burr, A., 1939, II, 297) contain only *trans*-linkings. An alternative explanation, consistent with the above conclusions, is suggested for the experimental results obtained by Bertram and Kipperman (B., 1935, 1149), which were interpreted by them as indicating a *trans*-structure of oleic acid. E. L.

**Influence of solvents on auto-oxidation of methyl linoleate.** T. R. Bolam and W. S. Sim (*J.S.C.I.*, 1941, **60**, 50–56).—In the auto-oxidation of Me linoleate at  $75^\circ$  in absence of solvent, or in solution in AcOH or a hydrocarbon solvent, a peroxide group is formed at one double linking and a ketol at the other. The peroxide undergoes change, probably as the result of polymerisation, and the ketol group is enolised to an extent depending on the conditions. In AcOH the initial rate of oxidation and the rate of change of peroxide are  $\gg$  in hydrocarbons or in absence of solvent, the hydrocarbons acting simply as diluents. With chloroacetic acids, the initial rate of absorption is still further increased, the effect being the more marked the greater is the degree of substitution. The rate of absorption is not increased in alcoholic solution, so that factors other than the polar or non-polar nature of the solvent are involved. Since the max. rate of absorption occurs at an earlier stage in AcOH than in hydrocarbons, the rate of oxidation is probably determined by the concn. of free peroxide. Volatile oxidation products are formed to a very limited extent.

Catalysis by ascorbic acid.—See A., 1941, I, 215.

Manufacture of lœvulic acid.—See B., 1941, II, 107.

Catalytic oxidation of benzene [to maleic acid].—See B., 1941, II, 107.

Oxidation processes in platinum oxalates.—See A., 1941, I, 217.

**Condensation of bromoacetaldehyde with malonic acid.** N. S. Vulfson and M. M. Schemjakin (*Compt. rend. Acad. Sci., U.R.S.S.*, 1940, **29**, 206–207).—Condensation of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}:\text{CHO}$  (I) with  $\text{CH}_2(\text{CO}_2\text{H})_2$  (II) in presence of piperidine at room temp. and subsequently at  $105-115^\circ$  gives a small amount of the *β*-lactone,  $\text{CH}_2\text{Br}-\text{CH} \begin{smallmatrix} \text{CH}(\text{CO}_2\text{H}) \\ \text{O} \end{smallmatrix} \text{CO}$  (Ag salt), hydrolysed by alkali to (I) and (II).

H. W.

**Mechanism of the primary photodissociation of organic molecules.**—See A., 1941, I, 173.

**Production of formaldehyde in a high- and low-frequency arc.**—See A., 1941, I, 172.

Catalysis by activated copper sulphide.—See A., 1941, I, 215.

Production of acraldehyde.—See B., 1941, II, 73.

**Formation of polyhydroxydialdehydes. I. Xylotrihydroxyglutardialdehyde and its derivatives.** K. Iwadare (*Bull. Chem. Soc. Japan*, 1941, **16**, 40–44).—Oxidation  $[\text{Pb}(\text{OAc})_2]$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  of 1:2-isopropylidene-*d*-glucofuranose yields 1:2-isopropylidene-*d*-xylotrihydroxyglutardialdehyde (I), b.p.  $132-136^\circ/0.01-0.02$  mm.,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +20 \pm 3^\circ$  in EtOH [monophenylhydrazine, m.p.  $140.5-141^\circ$  (corr.),  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -41 \pm 1^\circ$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ; monosemicarbazone, m.p.  $209-209.5^\circ$  (corr.; decomp.)], hydrolysed ( $0.1\text{N}-\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) to xylotrihydroxyglutardialdehyde (II) [bisphenylhydrazine, m.p.  $126.5-127.5^\circ$  (corr.); bis-*p*-nitrophenylhydrazine, m.p.  $191-192^\circ$  (corr.; decomp.)]. (I) and (II) with  $\text{SrCO}_3$  and aq. Br yield Sr 1:2-isopropylidene-*d*-xyluronate and *d*-xyluronate, respectively.

A. Li.

Synthesis of acetone from acetylene.—See B., 1941, II, 105.

**Action of fluorine on organic compounds. X. Vapour-phase fluorination of acetone.** N. Fukuhara and L. A. Bigelow (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 788–791).—Apparatus for vapour-phase fluorination of volatile org. compounds is described.  $\text{COMe}_2$  and  $\text{F}_2-\text{N}_2$  at  $\leq 60^\circ$  give exothermally  $\text{COF}_2$ ,  $\text{CF}_4$ , mono-, b.p.  $78^\circ$  (lit.  $72.5^\circ$ ) [semicarbazone, m.p.  $132^\circ$  (decomp.)], and hexa-fluoroacetone, m.p.  $-129^\circ$ , b.p.  $-28^\circ$  [semicarbazone,  $+\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and anhyd., m.p.  $153^\circ$  (decomp.)],  $\text{CF}_3:\text{COF}$ , b.p.  $-59^\circ$  (derived amide, m.p.  $74-75^\circ$ ), oxalyl fluoride, b.p.  $28^\circ$  [with MeOH and then liquid  $\text{NH}_3$  gives  $(\text{CO}:\text{NH}_2)_2$ ], (?)  $\text{O}_2\text{F}_2$ , and other products. A free-radical mechanism is proposed.

R. S. C.

**Qualitative chemical identification of the natural sugars.** W. E. Militzer (*J. Chem. Educ.*, 1941, 18, 25—28).—Procedures for carrying out numerous well-known tests are given. The tests are arranged in a systematic scheme for identifying the sugars.

L. S. T.

**Industrial uses of cane sugar. I. Catalytic effects of pyridine on the acetylation of sucrose.** M. Amagasa and T. Yanagita (*J. Soc. Chem. Ind. Japan*, 1940, 43, 444—445B).—At 130—140° C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N is a very active catalyst of the action of Ac<sub>2</sub>O on sucrose, giving a higher yield of sucrose octa-acetate than can be obtained by use of anhyd. NaOAc. The progress of acetylation can be accurately followed by thermometric titration.

H. W.

**Chemistry of galactogen from *Helix pomatia*. I-Galactose as a component of a polysaccharide of animal origin.** D. J. Bell and E. Baldwin (*J.C.S.*, 1941, 125—132; cf. A., 1941, III, 111).—Galactogen (I) hydrolysed after removal of *d*-galactose yields by the method of Moore and Link (A., 1940, II, 244) 2-di-galactobenzimidazole, m.p. 233°. A fraction of the methanolysis product of methylated (I) yields 2:3:4:6-tetramethyl-di-galactoseanilide, [α]<sub>D</sub> -2° in COMe<sub>2</sub>, m.p. (and mixed m.p. with synthetic product) 179—181°. It is concluded that (I) is composed of units having 7 galactose radicals, 3 "backbone" radicals of *d*-galactose and 4 side-chains, 3 of *d*- and one of *l*-galactose. The structure of the unit is discussed.

A. Li.

**Separation of trimethylamine from mixture with mono- and di-methylamine.**—See B., 1941, II, 107.

**Aldol condensations with aliphatic Schiff's bases.** W. S. Emerson, S. M. Hess, and F. C. Uhle (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 872).—When Pr<sup>o</sup>CHO and NH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>a</sup> are heated at 20 mm., *N*-*n*-butylidene-*n*-butylamine (85%), b.p. 140—145°, distills. When boiled, this gives 65% of *γ*-*n*-butylimino-methyl-Δ<sup>8</sup>-*n*-heptene (I), b.p. 217—220°, hydrolysed by boiling 6*N*-HCl to CHPr<sup>a</sup>:C(Et):CHO. Formation of (I) occurs by way of NHBu<sup>a</sup>:CHPr<sup>a</sup>:C(Et):CH:NHBu<sup>a</sup>.

R. S. C.

**Synthesis of *N*-trimethylglycylcholine.** T. S. Work (*J.C.S.*, 1941, 190—191).—Br·[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·O·CO·CH<sub>2</sub>Br, or (poor yield) β-bromooethyl chloroacetate, b.p. 112—114°/22 mm. (from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl·COCl and CH<sub>2</sub>Br·CH<sub>2</sub>·OH at >50°), with NMe<sub>3</sub> in a sealed tube yields the dibromide, m.p. 238°, of trimethylglycylcholine (dipicrate, m.p. 244°; aurichloride, m.p. ~250° (decomp.); platinichloride, m.p. indefinite). The crude dichloride is similarly obtained from Cl·[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·O·CO·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl.

A. Li.

**Reduction of fatty acid amides at high pressures. II. Reduction of anilides.** S. Ueno, S. Takase, and Y. Tajima (*J. Soc. Chem. Ind. Japan*, 1941, 44, 58—59B).—Lauric, myristic, or palmitic acid and NH<sub>2</sub>Ph at 200° give the corresponding anilides, m.p. 75°, 84°, or 87°, respectively, hydrogenated at ~280°/~100—200 atm. for ~3 hr. to di-*n*-dodecyl-, m.p. 53°, -myristyl-, m.p. 56°, or -cetyl-amine, m.p. 64°, respectively.

A. T. P.

**Ethylenediamine. IV. Monoalkyl derivatives.** S. R. Aspinall (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 852—854; cf. A., 1940, II, 289).—70% aq. (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub> and EtOAc at room temp. give NH<sub>2</sub>·[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·NHAc (60%) [with a little (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NHAc]<sub>2</sub>, converted (Schotten-Baumann) into NHAc·[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·NH·CO<sub>2</sub>Ph, m.p. 103° (lit. 105°), which with RHal and KOH in boiling EtOH gives SO<sub>2</sub>Ph·NR·[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·NHAc, whence conc. HCl liberates (80% yields) NH<sub>2</sub>·[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·NHR. Examples are R = Me, b.p. 115—116°/757 mm. [dipicrate, m.p. 220°; B<sub>2</sub>, m.p. 112°], and (SO<sub>2</sub>Ph)<sub>2</sub> derivative, m.p. 94°], Et, b.p. 129—131°/759 mm. [dipicrate, m.p. (anhyd. and + solvent) 195°; B<sub>2</sub>, m.p. 120°], and (p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Br·SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> derivative, m.p. 126°], and CH<sub>2</sub>Ph, b.p. 100°/4 mm. [dipicrate, m.p. 222° (decomp.)]; B<sub>2</sub>, m.p. 188°, and (p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Br·SO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> derivative, m.p. 198°.

R. S. C.

**Amino-acid constituent of ox brain kephelin.**—See A., 1941, III, 343.

**Glycyl-*l*-methionine.** W. C. Hess and M. X. Sullivan (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 881—882).—Chloroacetyl-*l*-methionine (prep. by CH<sub>2</sub>Cl·COCl in *N*-NaOH), m.p. 105—107°, and 25% aq. NH<sub>3</sub> at 70° give 57—64% of glycyl-*l*-methionine, m.p. 140—145°.

R. S. C.

**Introduction of substituted vinyl groups. VII. Alkylidene- and substituted vinyl-alkylmalononitriles.** A. C. Cope and K. E. Hoyle (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 733—736; cf. F 2 (A., II.)

A., 1940, II, 85).—With a little piperidine in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (exothermic reaction) or piperidine and AcOH or NH<sub>4</sub>OAc-AcOH in boiling C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> or without other catalyst in AcOH at 100°, cyclohexanone (I) and CH<sub>3</sub>(CN)<sub>2</sub> give cyclohexylidenemalononitrile (II), b.p. 137—138°/10 mm., whence O<sub>3</sub> in C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> regenerates (I). With NH<sub>4</sub>OAc-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> or piperidine in AcOH, CH<sub>3</sub>(CN)<sub>2</sub> and the appropriate ketone give α-ethylpropylidene- (III), b.p. 122—125°/23 mm., α-methylbutylidene- (IV), b.p. 110—113°/12 mm., and isopropylidene-malononitrile (V), b.p. 107—108°/23 mm. The cryst. products previously considered to be (II) and (V) are dimers. The monomeric products polymerise when boiled or kept with piperidine [(V) so rapidly that it cannot be alkylated (see below)], and a dimeride, m.p. 168—170° (softens at 158°), of (V) is isolated. Treatment of (II), (III), or (IV) with NaOPr<sup>β</sup>-Pr<sup>β</sup>OH at 50° and then with EtI, first at 0° and then at the b.p., gives ethylcyclohexenyl-, b.p. 153—154°/20 mm., ethyl-α-ethylpropenyl-, b.p. 128—130°/29 mm., and ethyl-α-methylbutenyl-malononitrile, b.p. 121—124°/24 mm., identified by conversion into the derived barbituric acids. The Na derivative of (IV) with EtI, EtBr, or Et<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> in Pr<sup>β</sup>OH or EtOH gives the imino-ether, CH(Et):CMe·C(Et)(CN)·C(OEt):NH, b.p. (impure) 142.5—143°/26 mm.

R. S. C.

**Manufacture of mono- and di-methylformamides.**—See B., 1941, II, 107, 108.

**Grignard reductions. IX. Reduction of acid halides.** F. C. Whitmore, J. S. Whitaker, W. A. Mosher, O. N. Breivik, W. R. Wheeler, C. S. Miner, jun., L. H. Sutherland, R. B. Wagner, T. W. Clapper, C. E. Lewis, A. R. Lux, and A. H. Popkin (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 643—654).—Interaction of RCOCl with MgR'Hal proceeds by independent reactions: (a) → CORR' → CHRR'·OH, and (b) RCOCl + MgR'Hal → MgHal<sub>2</sub> + RCHO + olefine, followed by RCHO + MgR'Hal → CH<sub>2</sub>R·OH + MgHal·OH + olefine and RCHO → CHRR'·OH. CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>γ</sup>·CMeBu<sup>γ</sup>·COCl with MgBu<sup>γ</sup>Cl or CMe<sub>2</sub>Et·MgCl gives ~70% of CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>γ</sup>·CMeBu<sup>γ</sup>·CHO, but owing to further reaction > traces of other aldehydes are obtained. Free Mg has no effect on the reaction; RCOCl and RCOBr react similarly, but RCOI gives by-products (CH(Et)<sub>2</sub>·COHal-MgBu<sup>γ</sup>Cl). MgR'Cl, MgR'Br, and MgR'I give similar results. Essentially the same reactions occur whether RCOCl is added to MgR'Hal or vice versa, but in the latter case CH<sub>2</sub>R·OH is obtained as ester. Lowering the temp. increases slightly the amount of ketone isolated. Et and Bu esters are formed in small amount by interaction of RCOCl with the solvent Et<sub>2</sub>O or Bu<sub>2</sub>O in presence of MgCl<sub>2</sub>. Some RCO<sub>2</sub>CHRR' is also formed. Increasing the concn. of MgR'Hal slightly increases the yield of CH<sub>2</sub>R·OH (MgBu<sup>γ</sup>Cl-CH(Et)<sub>2</sub>·COCl). Reduction to CH<sub>2</sub>R·OH is best obtained by adding RCOCl gradually with stirring to 2—3 mols. of MgR'Hal. Branching or larger size of R or R' greatly increases the amount of reduction. RCO<sub>2</sub>Na is not reduced by CMe<sub>2</sub>Et·MgCl (a good reducing agent) in Et<sub>2</sub>O. Addition of CH(Et)<sub>2</sub>·COCl (13.4%) to MgBu<sup>γ</sup>Cl gives CH(Et)<sub>2</sub>·CHBu<sup>γ</sup>·OH (I) (88.3%), b.p. 131—132°/150 mm. (α-naphthylurethane, m.p. 101—102°), CH(Et)<sub>2</sub>·CH<sub>2</sub>·OH (II) (21.7%), b.p. 103°/150 mm., and C<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>6</sub> (21.7 g.). CH(Et)<sub>2</sub>·CHO and MgBu<sup>γ</sup>Cl in Et<sub>2</sub>O give (I) and a little (II). CH(Et)<sub>2</sub>·COBu<sup>γ</sup> [prepared from (I) by K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>], b.p. 120.5—121°/150 mm., and MgBu<sup>γ</sup>Cl in boiling Et<sub>2</sub>O (not at 25°) give 38% of (I). Addition of CH(Et)Bu<sup>α</sup>·COCl to MgBu<sup>γ</sup>Cl gives 64% of CH(Et)Bu<sup>α</sup>·CHBu<sup>γ</sup>·OH (III), b.p. 105°/17 mm. (phenylurethane, m.p. 96—97°), and 29.6% of CH(Et)Bu<sup>α</sup>·CH<sub>2</sub>·OH (IV), b.p. 133—134°/150 mm. [oxidised by CrO<sub>3</sub> to CH(Et)Bu<sup>α</sup>·CO<sub>2</sub>H (anilide, m.p. 88.5—89.5°)]. The acetate, b.p. 170°/150 mm., of (III) at 480—500° gives C(Et)Bu<sup>α</sup>·CHBu<sup>γ</sup>, oxidised by O<sub>2</sub> to Bu<sup>γ</sup>CHO and COEtBu<sup>α</sup>. Addition of CH(Et)Bu<sup>α</sup>·COCl to MgBu<sup>γ</sup>Cl and MgI<sub>2</sub> gives 42.8% of (III) and 19.3% of (IV). Addition of Bu<sup>γ</sup>COCl to MgBu<sup>γ</sup>Cl gives 74% of CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>γ</sup>·OH, and of CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>γ</sup>·COCl, b.p. 94°/100 mm., to MgBu<sup>γ</sup>Cl gives 67% of Bu<sup>γ</sup>·[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·CHBu<sup>γ</sup>·OH (V), m.p. 58—59° [acetate, b.p. 152°/150 mm.]; proof of structure as for (III)], and 13.5% of Bu<sup>γ</sup>·[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·OH. Addition of MgBu<sup>γ</sup>Cl to (a) Pr<sup>α</sup>COCl or (b) Pr<sup>β</sup>COCl gives (a) 21% of COPr<sup>α</sup>Bu<sup>γ</sup>, 11.6% of Bu<sup>α</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>α</sup>, and 36.8% of Pr<sup>α</sup>CO·CHPr<sup>α</sup>Bu<sup>γ</sup>, and (b) 45% of Pr<sup>β</sup>CO·CHPr<sup>β</sup>Bu<sup>α</sup>, b.p. 131°/100 mm., 19% of Pr<sup>β</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>β</sup>, and 17.7% of COPr<sup>β</sup>Bu<sup>γ</sup>. Addition of Bu<sup>γ</sup>COCl to CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>γ</sup>·MgCl gives 87% of Bu<sup>γ</sup>·[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>·COBu<sup>γ</sup>, b.p. 108—110°/150 mm. [reduced by Al(OPr<sup>β</sup>)<sub>3</sub> to (V) (cf. lit.)], and a trace of CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>γ</sup>·OH. With (a) MgBu<sup>γ</sup>Cl or (b) CMe<sub>2</sub>Et·MgCl, COMePr<sup>β</sup> gives (a) CHMePr<sup>β</sup>·OH (29%) and COPr<sup>β</sup>·CH<sub>2</sub>·CMePr<sup>β</sup>·OH (VI)

(18%) (semicarbazone, m.p. 116°), *iso*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>10</sub> (63.6%) and C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub> (34.6%) with recovered COMePr<sup>B</sup> (46%) and C<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub> (trace), and (b) CHMePr<sup>B</sup>-OH (49%), COPr<sup>B</sup>-CH:CMePr<sup>B</sup> (VII) (35.6%), COMePr<sup>B</sup> (2%), and no gas. Dehydration of (VI) by boiling with I gives (VII), which with O<sub>3</sub> gives COMePr<sup>B</sup> and (?) Pr<sup>B</sup>CO·CHO. CHET<sub>2</sub>-CHBu<sup>ν</sup>-OH, b.p. 123—124°/100 mm., gives the acetate, b.p. 90°/16 mm., and thence at 490—520° 70% of CHET<sub>2</sub>-CHBu<sup>ν</sup>, b.p. 99°/20 mm., which with O<sub>3</sub> gives Bu<sup>ν</sup>CHO and COEt<sub>2</sub>. With MgBu<sup>ν</sup>Cl, (a) (CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>)<sub>2</sub>CH·COCl, (b) *n*-C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>·COCl, and (c) CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CMeBu<sup>ν</sup>-COCl give (a) (CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>)<sub>2</sub>CH·CH<sub>2</sub>-OH (60%), m.p. 44°, b.p. 108°/17 mm. (3:5-dinitrobenzoate, m.p. 101—102°), and (CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>)<sub>2</sub>CH·OH (17%), b.p. 97—101°/5 mm. (3:5-dinitrobenzoate, m.p. 96—97°), (b) *n*-C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>-CHBu<sup>ν</sup>-OH (67%), b.p. 149°/7 mm. [3:5-dinitrobenzoate, m.p. 64°; oxidised to *n*-C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>-COBu<sup>ν</sup>, b.p. 155°/20 mm. (semicarbazone, m.p. 79°)], *n*-C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>-OH (13.7%), and *n*-C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>CHBu<sup>ν</sup>-C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>-*n* (10.4%), m.p. 69—70°, and (c) CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CMeBu<sup>ν</sup>-CHO (62.5%), b.p. 101—104°/14 mm. [2:4-dinitrophenylhydrazine, m.p. 153°; oxidation by CrO<sub>3</sub> or air (less rapidly than that of PhCHO) gives the acid, m.p. 128°], and CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CMeBu<sup>ν</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH (19.7%), b.p. 113—114°/16 mm. Addition of Pr<sup>B</sup>CHO to CMe<sub>2</sub>Et-MgCl gives 84% of Bu<sup>ν</sup>OH, and of CMe<sub>2</sub>Et-MgCl to Pr<sup>B</sup>COCl gives 44% of Pr<sup>B</sup>CO<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>. By addition to CMe<sub>2</sub>Et-MgCl, CHET<sub>2</sub>-COCl gives CHET<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH (VIII) (74.5%) and CHET<sub>2</sub>-CH(OH)-CMe<sub>2</sub>Et (IX) (7.8%), b.p. 150—152°/150 mm. (phenylurethane, m.p. 71—72°; *α*-naphthylurethane, m.p. 85°), CHETBu<sup>ν</sup>-COCl gives CHETBu<sup>ν</sup>-OH (74.5%), b.p. 82°/20 mm., and CHETBu<sup>ν</sup>-CH(OH)-CMe<sub>2</sub>Et (15.7%), b.p. 125—137°/25 mm. (phenylurethane, m.p. 91—92°), CHET<sub>2</sub>-CHO gives (VIII) (67%) and (IX) (21%), Bu<sup>ν</sup>COCl gives CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-OH (97.5%), *n*-C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>·COCl gives *n*-C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>-OH (54.8%) and *n*-C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>23</sub>-CH(OH)-CMe<sub>2</sub>Et, b.p. 190°/25 mm. (phenylurethane, m.p. 150—151°), CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CMeBu<sup>ν</sup>-COCl gives CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CMeBu<sup>ν</sup>-CHO (X) (78%) and CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CMeBu<sup>ν</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH (19%) [90% obtained from (X)], CHPh·CH-CHO gives only CMe<sub>2</sub>Et-CHPh-CH<sub>2</sub>-CHO (10%), b.p. 160—165°/24 mm. (2:4-dinitrophenylhydrazine, m.p. 130—131°), and mesityl oxide (XI) gives COMe-CH<sub>2</sub>-CMe<sub>2</sub>-CMe<sub>2</sub>Et (XII) (16.2%), b.p. 118—120°/35 mm. (2:4-dinitrophenylhydrazine, m.p. 114°), a C<sub>11</sub>-diene (8.3%), b.p. 75°/35 mm., COMeBu<sup>ν</sup> (4%), and a trace of CMe<sub>2</sub>-CH-CHMe-OH. (XII) yields CHBr<sub>3</sub> and CMe<sub>2</sub>Et-CMe<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>H, m.p. 41—42° (anilide, m.p. 153°). With MgBu<sup>ν</sup>Cl in Bu<sub>2</sub>O, AcCl gives CHMeBu<sup>ν</sup>-OAc (11%), COMeBu<sup>ν</sup> (10%), Bu<sup>ν</sup>OAc (2%), (XI) (5%), and C<sub>2</sub>Me<sub>2</sub>. With CMe<sub>2</sub>Et-MgCl in Et<sub>2</sub>O, AcCl gives CMe<sub>2</sub>-CMe-COMe (9%), b.p. 73—83°/56 mm. (semicarbazone, m.p. 185—187.5°), COMe-CMe<sub>2</sub>Et (9%), and EtOAc (4%). CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CHMe-COCl and MgBu<sup>ν</sup>Cl give CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CHMe-CHBu<sup>ν</sup>-OH (67%), b.p. 102—106°/22 mm. [3:5-dinitrobenzoate; with CrO<sub>3</sub>-AcOH gives (?) CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CHMe-COBu<sup>ν</sup> (51%), b.p. 87—90°/16—18 mm., and 10% of CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CHMe-CO<sub>2</sub>H (10%)], and CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CHMe-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH (21%), b.p. 78—80°/22 mm. (3:5-dinitrobenzoate, m.p. 72.5—73.5°; *α*-naphthylurethane, m.p. 70°; also obtained from CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CHMe-CO<sub>2</sub>Et by Na-PhMe-EtOH and from CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CHMe-MgCl by CH<sub>2</sub>O). Addition of CH<sub>2</sub>Ph-COCl to MgBu<sup>ν</sup>Cl gives CH<sub>2</sub>Ph-CHBu<sup>ν</sup>-OH (14.9%), b.p. 128°/20 mm. (phenylurethane, m.p. 82.5—85.5°), CH<sub>2</sub>Ph-CO<sub>2</sub>CHBu<sup>ν</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph (20%), and Ph·[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>-OH (9.2%), but CHPh<sub>2</sub>-COCl gives 67.5% of CHPh<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH. CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-COCl and MgBu<sup>ν</sup>Cl give 48.5% of CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CHBu<sup>ν</sup>-OH and 5% of CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-OH. Bu<sup>ν</sup>COCl and CH<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-COCl with MgBu<sup>ν</sup>Cl give ~1% of RCHO. C<sub>2</sub>Et<sub>2</sub>-COCl with MgBu<sup>ν</sup>Cl gives 89.5% of C<sub>2</sub>Et<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH, b.p. 75°/13 mm. (*α*-naphthylurethane, m.p. 133—134°); C<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-COCl, b.p. 137—138°/12 mm., gives C<sub>2</sub>Bu<sup>ν</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>-OH (88.5%), b.p. 114—118°/3 mm. (phenylurethane, m.p. 77°). R. S. C.

## II.—HOMOCYCLIC.

**Synthesis of multicyclopentyls.** G. E. Goheen (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 744—749).—*cyclopentanol* (prep. from the ketone in 94% yield by H<sub>2</sub>-Raney Ni at 60—80°/1000—1600 lb.) and PBr<sub>3</sub> at 0° give the bromide (I), b.p. 136.7—137.7°. 1-Chloro-Δ<sup>2</sup>-cyclopentene (II) (prep. from the diene by dry HCl at -25°), b.p. 25—29°, and the Grignard reagent from (I) give 1-cyclopentyl-Δ<sup>2</sup>-cyclopentene (III) (73.2%), b.p. 185—186°, which with fuming HBr at room temp. gives

3-bromodicyclopentyl (IV) (89.3%), b.p. 96°/1 mm., and with H<sub>2</sub>-Raney Ni in EtOH at 100°/1800—1900 lb. gives dicyclopentyl (62%), b.p. 190—190.5°/761.8 mm. The Grignard reagent from (IV) with (II) in Et<sub>2</sub>O at 0° gives 44% of (III), 30% of 3-Δ<sup>2</sup>-cyclopentenylidicyclopentyl (V), b.p. 140—141°/10 mm., and 14% of 3:3'-di(cyclopentyl)dicyclopentyl (VI), b.p. 183—185°/3 mm., 369—370°/761 mm. Addition of NaOEt-EtOH to cyclopentanone at room temp. gives 36% of 2-cyclopentylidene-, b.p. 102—103°/5 mm., and 46.3% of 2:5-di(cyclopentylidene)-cyclopentanone (VII), m.p. 82°. H<sub>2</sub>-Raney Ni in EtOH at 160—170°/1500 lb. converts (VII) into 1:3-di(cyclopentyl)cyclopentanol (87%), m.p. 68—69° [at 70—90° di(cyclopentyl)cyclopentanone is obtained], which with ZnCl<sub>2</sub> gives 1:3-di(cyclopentyl)Δ<sup>1</sup>-cyclopentene (79.5%), b.p. 125—127°/1 mm., 300—301°/760 mm., reduced by H<sub>2</sub>-Raney Ni in *iso*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub> at 135—140°/2200—2300 lb. to 3-cyclopentylidicyclopentyl (VIII), b.p. 147—148°/12 mm., 296—297°/761 mm. An isomeride, b.p. 158°/16 mm., 293—294°/760 mm., of (VIII) is obtained by similar reduction of (V). (VI) is also obtained from the Grignard reagent of (IV) by AgBr. Physical consts. of the polycyclic hydrocarbons are recorded and discussed. R. S. C.

**Determination of carotene in presence of lycopene.**—See A., 1941, III, 407.

**Palm oil carotenoids. I. Lipoid pigments from "Sherbro" palm oil.**—See A., 1941, III, 315.

**Copper [benzene] hydrogenation catalysts.**—See A., 1941, I, 215.

**Hydrogen fluoride as a condensing agent. XIV. Alkylations.** J. H. Simons and G. C. Bassler (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 880—881; cf. A., 1941, II, 125).—Yields obtained from C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> and (a) CMe<sub>2</sub>EtF, (b) C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>-HF, or (c) C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>-CMe<sub>2</sub>EtF-HF, and from PhMe and cyclohexene, cyclohexanol, cyclohexyl fluoride, chloride, bromide, or iodide in HF show that an aliphatic fluoride does not react in absence of HF, that olefines react at least as readily as do fluorides, that increase in the at. wt. of the halogen decreases the yield, and that alcohols react very readily. R. S. C.

**Styrene substitutes and their polymerides. I. Methylstyrene and its polymeride.** E. Matsui (*J. Soc. Chem. Ind. Japan*, 1941, **44**, 88—89B).—(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O-PhMe-AlCl<sub>3</sub> at ~10° afford β-*p*-tolylethyl alcohol, b.p. 231—232°/766 mm., 112—115°/8.5 mm., dehydrated by 10% KOH to *p*-methylstyrene, b.p. 67.5—68.5°/28 mm. Polymerides of the latter, hardened at 165—170° without catalyst for 11—30 hr., show little difference from polystyrene in appearance, although they are somewhat brittle. A. T. P.

**Synthesis of *m*-di-β-phenylethylbenzene and its relationship to carcinogenic hydrocarbons.** K. Sisido (*J. Soc. Chem. Ind. Japan*, 1941, **44**, 55—56B).—*m*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>Br)<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>PhCl, and Na refluxed in PhMe afford *m*-di-β-phenylethylbenzene, m.p. 56°. A. T. P.

**Action of aluminium chloride on β-phenylethyl chloride.** K. Sisido and S. Kato (*J. Soc. Chem. Ind. Japan*, 1940, **43**, 450—451B).—The action of AlCl<sub>3</sub> on Ph·[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>-Cl (I) in CS<sub>2</sub> at 0° and subsequently at room temp. gives a red-violet elastic mass, m.p. >300°. Without solvent at 60—70° the product is a colourless, brittle mass, m.p. >300°. Both products are oxidised by K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> to *p*-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(CO<sub>2</sub>H)<sub>2</sub>, suggesting the presence of long, linear chain mols. without branching or net formation. H. W.

**Catalytic dehydrogenation of tetrahydronaphthalene and 1:2:3:4-tetrahydro-2-naphthol in the liquid phase.** H. Adkins and W. A. Reid (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 741—744).—Liquid-phase dehydrogenation of tetrahydronaphthalene (I) (best prepared by H<sub>2</sub>-Cu chromite at 200°/150—200 atm.) by Raney Ni at 350°/30—60 atm. (N<sub>2</sub>) gives 78% of C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>; at 300° a 35:25:40 equilibrium mixture of (I), dihydronaphthalene, and C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub> is set up. (I) is stable in presence of Cu chromite at 350°. 1:2:3:4-Tetrahydro-2-naphthol (similarly prepared) is dehydrogenated by Raney Ni at 250°, giving mainly C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>, and in presence of Cu chromite at 300° gives 70% of β-C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>-OH and >1% of C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub>. C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>8</sub> polymerises in steel at 350° giving products of b.p. >112°/2 mm., and decomposes in presence of Raney Ni at 300—350°; it is thus useless as H acceptor for the above dehydrogenations. R. S. C.

**7-Methylcholanthrene and 5:1'-dimethyl-1:2-benzanthracene.** W. E. Bachmann and S. R. Safr (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 855—857).—5-Keto-1'-methyl-5:6:7:8-tetrahydro-1:2-benzanthracene (I) and  $\text{Al}(\text{OPr}^i)_3\text{-Pr}^i\text{OH}$  give the 5-OH-compound (93%), m.p. 128.5—129°, which with  $\text{HCl-C}_6\text{H}_5$  at 5° gives the chloride, m.p. 127—127.5°, whence condensation with  $\text{CHNa}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$  in  $\text{EtOH-C}_6\text{H}_6$  at, successively, room temp., 60°, and the b.p., followed by hydrolysis (KOH) and decarboxylation (190°), gives 1'-methyl-5:6:7:8-tetrahydro-1:2-benzanthracene-5-acetic acid, m.p. 145—145.5°. The derived  $(\text{PCl}_5\text{-C}_6\text{H}_5)$  chloride with  $\text{SnCl}_4\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6$  at ~15° gives 97% of 1-keto-7-methyl-2a:3:4:5-tetrahydrocholanthrene, m.p. 193.5—194°, reduced (Zn-Hg-PhMe-HCl-AcOH) to 7'-methyl-2a:3:4:5-tetrahydrocholanthrene (99%), m.p. 90—98°, which with  $\text{Pd-C-N}_2$  at 310° gives 7-methylcholanthrene, m.p. 147—148° (vac.; preheated at 135°) [picrate, m.p. 151—152° (vac.; preheated at 135°)].  $\text{MgMeI}$  and (I) in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O-C}_6\text{H}_6$  at 0° give an oily carbinol, which with  $\text{Pd-C-N}_2$  at 310° gives 5:1'-dimethyl-1:2-benzanthracene, m.p. 106—107° [picrate, m.p. 150—150.5° (vac.)]. R. S. C.

**sec. and tert. Amines from nitro-compounds.** W. S. Emerson and C. A. Uranek (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 749—751).—Hydrogenation of  $\text{PhNO}_2$  (1 mol.) and  $\text{Pr}^i\text{CHO}$  (1 mol.) in presence of a little  $\text{NHMe}_2\text{Cl}$  and Raney Ni in 95%  $\text{EtOH}$  gives 63% of  $\text{NPhBu}^a_2$ ; 69% is obtained from a 1:3 mixture in presence of  $\text{AcOH}$  and  $\text{PtO}_2$  in 95%  $\text{EtOH}$ . By the latter method,  $\text{NPhEt}_2$  (70%),  $\text{NPhPr}^a_2$  (34%), and  $\alpha\text{-C}_{10}\text{H}_7\text{-NET}_2$  (40%), b.p. 155—165°/30 mm. [picrate, m.p. 152—154°], and (from  $\text{MeNO}_2$ )  $\text{NMeEt}_2$  (92%),  $\text{NMeBu}^a_2$  (56%), b.p. 155—163° (hydrochloride, m.p. 131—131.5°), [picrate, m.p. 86—87.5°], and  $\text{NMePr}^a_2$  (45%), b.p. 110—122° (picrate, m.p. 92—93°), are obtained. Ketones give sec. amines, e.g.,  $\text{NHPHPr}^i$  (53%) and  $\text{NHMePr}^i$  (59%) from  $\text{COMe}_2$  with  $\text{PhNO}_2$  and  $\text{MeNO}_2$ , respectively. The reaction mechanism is probably:  $\text{RNO}_2 \rightarrow +\text{NH}_2\text{R}\cdot\text{OH} (+\text{R}'\text{CHO}) \rightarrow \text{OH}\cdot\text{NHR}\cdot\text{CHR}'\cdot\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{OH}\cdot\text{N}\cdot\text{R}\cdot\text{CHR}' \rightarrow \text{OH}\cdot\text{N}\cdot\text{HR}\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{R}' (+\text{R}'\text{CHO}) \rightarrow \text{OH}\cdot\text{CHR}\cdot\text{N}\cdot\text{R}(\text{OH})\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{R}' \rightarrow +\text{NHR}(\text{CH}_2\text{R}')_2$ . In conformity therewith,  $\text{CH}_3\text{Ph}\cdot\text{NPh}\cdot\text{OH}$  and  $\text{Pr}^i\text{CHO}$  (2 mols.) give 38% of  $\text{NPhBu}^a\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$ , whereas only 3% thereof is obtained from  $\text{NHPH}\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$ . R. S. C.

**sec. and tert. Amines from azo-compounds.** W. S. Emerson, S. K. Reed, and R. R. Merner (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 751—752).— $(\text{NPh})_2$  (1 mol.),  $\text{RCHO}$  (2.5 mols.),  $\text{NaOAc}$ , and  $\text{H}_2$  (3—4 mols. absorbed)—Raney Ni in  $\text{EtOH}$  at 45 lb. give  $\text{NHPH}\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{R}$  amines in which  $\text{R} = \text{Pr}^a$  (71%),  $n\text{-hexyl}$  (74%), and  $\text{Ph}$  (49%) being obtained. If  $(\text{NPh})_2$  carries an  $o$ - or  $p$ -activating group ( $\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{NMe}_2$ ), *tert.* amines are formed. Thus,  $p\text{-NMe}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\cdot\text{NPh}$  and  $\text{Pr}^i\text{CHO}$  give  $p\text{-NMe}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\cdot\text{NBU}^a_2$  (76%), b.p. 150—175°/20 mm. [picrate, m.p. 121—122°], and  $\text{NHPHBU}^a$  (73%).  $p\text{-OH-C}_6\text{H}_4\cdot\text{NPh}$  gives  $p\text{-OH-C}_6\text{H}_4\cdot\text{NBU}^a_2$  (46%) (benzoate, m.p. 232—233°), and 2:1- $\text{OH-C}_{10}\text{H}_7\cdot\text{NPh}$  gives 1- $\text{NN-di-}n\text{-butylamino-}\beta\text{-naphthol}$  (41%), unstable, m.p. 106—107° (hydrochloride, m.p. 225—227°).  $(\text{NHPH})_2$  is probably formed as intermediate. R. S. C.

**Sulphonamide [derivatives]. II. Diphenyl derivatives.** A. Novelli and J. C. Somaglino (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 854—855).— $p\text{'-NO}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\cdot\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\cdot\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_2\text{-}p$  and  $\text{Sn-HCl}$  at >55° give the  $p\text{'-NH}_2$ -compound, m.p. 262—263° (decomp.). 4'-Nitrodiphenyl-4-sulphonanilide, m.p. 182—183°, gives similarly the 4'- $\text{NH}_2$ -anilide, m.p. 182—183°. R. S. C.

**Abnormal reaction in the Sommelet aldehyde synthesis.** R. C. Fuson and J. J. Denton (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 654—656).—2:4:6:1- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{Me}_3\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$  (I) and  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{N}_4$  in boiling  $\text{CHCl}_3$  give the impure salt,  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_4\text{Cl}$ , decomposed by boiling  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to  $\text{NN-di-(2:4:6-trimethylbenzyl)methylenediamine}$  (II), m.p. 151.5—152°, and by boiling  $\text{HCl-EtOH}$  to 2:4:6-trimethylbenzylamine hydrochloride (III), m.p. 315° (decomp.). In boiling aq.  $\text{HCl}$ , (II) gives  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and (III); in boiling  $\text{AcCl}$  and in  $\text{BzCl}$  at 120—150°, *acet.*, m.p. 186.5—187°, and *benz* 2:4:6-trimethylbenzylamide, m.p. 153.5—154°, respectively, are formed. With boiling aq.  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and later boiling aq.  $\text{NH}_3\text{-CH}_2\text{O}$ , (III) gives (II). 2:4:6:1- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{Me}_3\text{Br}$  and  $\text{CuCN}$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}$  at 220—230° give 2:4:6:1- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_2\text{Me}_3\cdot\text{CN}$ , m.p. 50—52°, which with  $\text{H}_2$ —Raney Ni in  $\text{EtOH}$  at 150°/2200 lb. followed by  $\text{HCl}$  gives (III).  $o\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{CO})_2\text{NK}$  and (I) at 170—180° give *phthal*-2':4':6'-tri-

*methylbenzylimide*, m.p. 209.5—210°, hydrolysed to (III) (as hydrobromide) by boiling  $\text{HBr-Ac}_2\text{O-AcOH}$ . R. S. C.

**cis-Azo-compounds. IV. Reactions with diphenylketen.** A. H. Cook and D. G. Jones (*J.C.S.*, 1941, 184—187).—*cis*-( $\text{NPh}$ )<sub>2</sub> reacts rapidly with  $\text{CPh}_2\text{CO}$  (I) in light petroleum at room temp. to give 4-keto-1:2:3:3-tetraphenyldimethylenel-1:2-di-imine (II), m.p. 175°, also obtained (more conveniently) by irradiation of a mixture of *trans*-( $\text{NPh}$ )<sub>2</sub> and (I) in light petroleum, and (in small yield) from *trans*-( $\text{NPh}$ )<sub>2</sub> and (I) at 125—130°/42 hr. in  $\text{CO}_2$ . Boiling 10%  $\text{MeOH-NaOMe}$  and (II) give *trans*-( $\text{NPh}$ )<sub>2</sub>; decomp. of (II) at 190° gives this and  $\text{NPh}\cdot\text{CPh}_2$ . (I) when irradiated with the *trans*-azo-compounds, or, in the first two cases, when treated with the *cis*-azo-compounds in light petroleum, similarly yields 4-keto-3:3-diphenyl-1:2-di-*m-tolyl*, m.p. 118°, *p-tolyl*, m.p. 172°, *o-tolyl*, m.p. 162°, and  $\beta$ -naphthyl-dimethylenel-1:2-di-imine, m.p. 222°.  $p\text{-NH}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\cdot\text{N}\cdot\text{NPh}$  with (I) in  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  or with  $\text{CHPh}_2\cdot\text{COCl}$  yields *p*-diphenylacetamidoazobenzene, m.p. 194°. *cis*- or (more slowly) *trans*- $p\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Cl}\cdot\text{N}_2\text{CN}$  with (I) in light petroleum yields 4-keto-1-cyano-2-*p*-chlorophenyl-3:3-diphenyldimethylenel-1:2-di-imine, m.p. 121° (on one occasion the *cis*-cyanide afforded an isomeride, m.p. 266°), hydrolysed (aq.  $\text{EtOH-NaOH}$ ) to  $\alpha\text{'-}\beta\text{'-cyano-}\alpha\text{'-}p\text{-chlorophenylhydrazinodi-phenylacetic acid}$ , m.p. 288° (decomp.). A. Li.

**Positional influence of chlorine and of the nitro-group on colour of azo-dyes.** Colorimetric evidence for the mesomeric and inductive effects.—See B., 1941, II, 138.

**Catalytic decomposition of phenylhydrazine in presence of uracil.** T. B. Johnson (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 761).—Uracil, thymine, and 4-methyluracil are unchanged in boiling  $\text{NHPH}\cdot\text{NH}_2$ , which is catalytically decomposed into  $\text{NH}_2\text{Ph}$ ,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$ , and  $\text{N}_2$ . R. S. C.

**Synthesis of phenol by partial-pressure evaporation.**—See B., 1941, II, 135.

**Alkylnitrophenols.** W. H. Hartung and H. F. Koehler (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 872—873).—Condensation of  $\text{PhOH}$  with *sec*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13}\cdot\text{OH}$  and *tert*- $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{17}\cdot\text{OH}$  by  $\text{ZnCl}_2$  and treatment of the product in  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  with 1:1- $\text{HNO}_3\text{-H}_2\text{O}$  at <5° gives *x-nitro-y-sec-hexyl*, b.p. 165—185°/2 mm., and *y-tert-octyl-phenol*, b.p. 157—168°/1 mm. Neither product is fungicidal. The product of nitration of *sec-hexyl-m-cresol* decomposes when distilled. R. S. C.

**Compounds related to natural oestrogens;  $\gamma$ -cyclopentyl- and  $\gamma$ -2-methylcyclopentyl- $\delta$ -p-hydroxyphenyl- $\Delta^4$ -hexene.** H. Minlon (*Contr. Biol. Lab. Sci. Soc. China*, 1940, 15, 17—27).—*cyclopentyl* bromide and  $\text{CNaEt}(\text{CO}_2\text{Et})_2$  in  $\text{PhMe}$  give *Et}\_2\text{ cyclopentylethylmalonate}*, b.p. 146—152°/17 mm.; the free acid, m.p. 168—169°, when heated at 160—180° under reduced pressure affords *a-cyclopentylbutyric acid* (I), b.p. 136—139°/15 mm. The chloride, b.p. 97—99°/15 mm., of (I) and  $\text{PhOMe-AlCl}_3\text{-CS}_2$  at room temp. afford *p-methoxy-a-cyclopentylbutyrophenone*, b.p. 132—133°/0.09 mm., which with  $\text{MgEtBr}$  yields  $\delta$ -cyclopentyl- $\gamma$ -*p*-anisylhexan- $\gamma$ -ol, b.p. 139—143°/0.5 mm., converted by  $\text{PBr}_3\text{-CHCl}_3$  at 0° and then at room temp. into  $\gamma$ -cyclopentyl- $\delta$ -*p*-anisyl- $\Delta^4$ -hexene, b.p. 123—125°/0.3 mm., and thence ( $\text{KOH-EtOH}$  at 200°) into  $\gamma$ -cyclopentyl- $\delta$ -*p*-hydroxyphenyl- $\Delta^4$ -hexene, b.p. 127—129°/0.17 mm. 2-Methylcyclopentanone and  $\text{CHBrEt}\cdot\text{CO}_2\text{Et-Zn-C}_6\text{H}_5$  afford *Et a-(1-hydroxy-2-methylcyclopentyl)butyrate*, b.p. 122—130°/16 mm., dehydrated by  $\text{SOCl}_2\text{-C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}$  and then hydrolysed by 10%  $\text{KOH-EtOH}$  to *a-(2-methyl- $\Delta^4$ -cyclopentyl)butyric acid*, b.p. 148—152°/18 mm., hydrolysed (Pd;  $\text{COMe}_2$ ) at room temp. and pressure to *a-(2-methylcyclopentyl)butyric acid*, b.p. 139—141°/16 mm. The chloride, b.p. 98—100°/16 mm., of the latter is converted into *p-methoxy-a-2-methylcyclopentylbutyrophenone*, b.p. 142—145°/0.12 mm., and thence (by  $\text{MgEtBr}$ ) into the carbinol, b.p. 145—149°/0.3 mm., and ( $\text{PBr}_3$ )  $\gamma$ -2-methylcyclopentyl- $\delta$ -*p*-anisyl- $\Delta^4$ -hexene, b.p. 124—127°/0.17 mm., demethylated to the corresponding *p-OH*-compound, b.p. 132—134°/0.1 mm. *p-OMe-C}\_6\text{H}\_4\cdot\text{CH}(\text{OH})\cdot\text{CN} (II) and  $\text{MgEtBr}$  yield  $\delta$ -keto-*a-p*-anisylbutan- $\alpha$ -ol, b.p. 173—175°/16 mm., converted by  $\text{MgEtBr}$  into *a-p*-anisyl- $\beta$ -ethylbutane- $\alpha\beta$ -diol, m.p. 78—79°, and thence ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ )  $\delta$ -*p*-anisylhexan- $\gamma$ -one (semicarbazone, m.p. 131—132°; *oxime*, m.p. 114—115°), which does not react with  $\text{Mg cyclopentyl bromide}$  (III). (II) and (III) afford cyclopentyl *a-hydroxy-p-methoxybenzyl ketone*, m.p. 71—72° (semicarbazone, m.p. 162—163°), reduced by  $\text{SnCl}_4\text{-HCl-EtOH}$  at 100° (bath) to *cyclopentyl p-methoxybenzyl ketone*,*

m.p. 54–55° (semicarbazone, m.p. 151–152°), which could not be ethylated. A. T. P.

**2-Methyl-1:4-naphthaquinol hydrogen succinate.** R. Baltzly and J. S. Buck (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 882).—2-Methyl-1:4-naphthaquinol (1 mol.) and  $(\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{O})_2$  (4 mols.) at 140° give the (mono-*H* succinate, m.p. 176–178°, showing vitamin-K activity in doses of 2  $\mu\text{g}$ . R. S. C.

**Derivatives of 4:4'-diaminodiphenyl sulphone.**—See B., 1941, III, 132.

**Synthesis of unsaturated substances from  $\beta$ -ionone and substituted vinylacetylenes.** A. F. Thompson, jun., N. A. Milas, and I. Rovno (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 752–755).—Addition of  $\beta$ -ionone (I) to  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}:\text{C}(\text{MgBr})$  in boiling  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  gives 59% of  $\alpha$ -2:6:6-trimethyl- $\Delta^1$ -cyclohexenyl- $\gamma$ -methyl- $\Delta^8$ -n-heptadien- $\Delta^8$ -inen- $\gamma$ -ol (II), b.p. 155–160°/2 mm., obtained also in 11–20% yield from  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}:\text{C}(\text{MgBr})$  and (I) by  $\text{CMe}_2\text{Et}:\text{OK}-\text{CMe}_2\text{Et}:\text{OH}$  at –10°. With tetrahydroionone both methods give 80% of  $\eta$ -2:6:6-trimethylcyclohexyl- $\epsilon$ -methyl- $\Delta^1$ -hepten- $\Delta^7$ -inen- $\epsilon$ -ol (III), b.p. 155–160°/2 mm.  $\text{H}_2$ –Pd– $\text{CaCO}_3$  reduces (II) and (III) in abs. EtOH to  $\alpha$ -2:6:6-trimethyl- $\Delta^1$ -cyclohexenyl- $\gamma$ -methyl- $\Delta^8$ -heptatrien- $\gamma$ -ol (IV), b.p. 155–160°/2 mm., and  $\eta$ -2:6:6-trimethylcyclohexyl- $\epsilon$ -methyl- $\Delta^7$ -heptadien- $\epsilon$ -ol, b.p. 150–155°/2 mm., respectively, both of which are further hydrogenated ( $\text{PtO}_2$ ) to  $\alpha$ -2:6:6-trimethylcyclohexyl- $\gamma$ -methyl-n-heptan- $\gamma$ -ol, b.p. 145–150°/2 mm.  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}:\text{CMe}:\text{CH}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}:\text{CMe}:\text{CHMe}$  give similarly  $\alpha$ -2:6:6-trimethyl- $\Delta^1$ -cyclohexenyl- $\gamma$ -dimethyl- $\Delta^8$ -hepta- (V), b.p. 165–170°/2 mm., and octa-trien- $\gamma$ -ol (VI), b.p. 170–175°/2 mm.,  $\eta$ -2:6:6-trimethylcyclohexyl- $\beta$ -dimethyl- $\Delta^1$ -hepten- $\Delta^7$ -inen- $\epsilon$ -ol, b.p. 165–170°/2 mm.,  $\theta$ -2:6:6-trimethylcyclohexyl- $\gamma$ -dimethyl- $\Delta^8$ -octen- $\Delta^8$ -inen- $\zeta$ -ol, b.p. 170–175°/2 mm.,  $\eta$ -2:6:6-trimethylcyclohexyl- $\beta$ -dimethyl- $\Delta^7$ -heptadien- $\epsilon$ -ol, b.p. 160–165°/2 mm.,  $\theta$ -2:6:6-trimethylcyclohexyl- $\gamma$ -dimethyl- $\Delta^8$ -octadien- $\zeta$ -ol, b.p. 165–170°/2 mm.,  $\alpha$ -2:6:6-trimethylcyclohexyl- $\gamma$ -dimethyl-n-heptan- $\gamma$ -ol, b.p. 155–160°/2 mm., and  $\eta$ -octan- $\gamma$ -ol, b.p. 160–165°/2 mm. (IV), (V), and (VI) have no vitamin-A activity. Attempts to rearrange them to primary alcohols failed. R. S. C.

**Sponge sterol.** A. Mazur (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 883–884).—*Spongilia lacustris* yields mixed sterols, whence, by acetylation and adsorption on  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , a sterol,  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{50}\text{O}$ , m.p. 136.5–137°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  –41.8° in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (acetate, m.p. 137°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  –47.6° in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ; benzoate, m.p. 137.5°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  –17.1° in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ; 3:5-dinitrobenzoate, m.p. 200°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  –18.3° in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ; hydrogenated to stigmasterol), and another sterol (impure) are obtained. R. S. C.

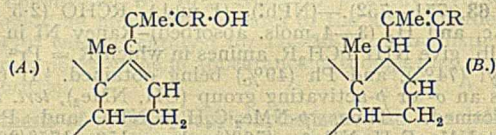
**Lanosterol. II. Oxidation of lanosterol with chromic acid. III. Action of selenium dioxide and of perbenzoic acid on lanosterol.** L. J. Bellamy and C. Dorée (*J.C.S.*, 1941, 172–176, 176–181; cf. A., 1936, 1505).—II. Lanosterol (I) with  $\text{CrO}_3$  in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{AcOH}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  at room temp. gives 40% of lanostenone (II), and an isomeride, lanostenone-B, m.p. 78° (2:4-dinitrophenylhydrazine, m.p. 191°; tetrahydrocarbazole derivative, m.p. 178°, from  $\text{NHPh}:\text{NH}_2$ ), reduced ( $\text{Na} + \text{EtOH}$ ) to (I). (II) is reduced ( $\text{Na} + \text{EtOH}$ ) to  $\alpha$ -dihydrolanosterol, or  $[\text{Al}(\text{OPr})_3$  in  $\text{Pr}^i\text{OH}$ ] to lanosterol-E, m.p. 143° (acetate, m.p. 164°). Vigorous oxidation ( $\text{CrO}_3$ ) of (I) gives an acid,  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_2$ , m.p. 81–82° (Et ester, m.p. 64°), unaffected by  $\text{Br}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2$  (Pd–C), or  $\text{BzO}_2\text{H}$ . Lanosteryl acetate (III) with  $\text{CrO}_3-\text{H}_2\text{O}-\text{AcOH}$  yields the acetate (IV), m.p. 164°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +44^\circ$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$ , of lanosterol-D, m.p. 145°, oxidised [as for (I)] to lanostenone-D, m.p. 105° (tetrahydrocarbazole derivative, m.p. 128°). Hydrogenation (Pd–C, AcOH) of (IV) yields dihydrolanosteryl-D acetate, m.p. 218°. (I) is unaffected by  $\text{Al}(\text{OBu})_3$  in  $\text{COMe}_2$ .

III. (III) with  $\text{SeO}_2$  in boiling EtOH yields the mono-acetate, m.p. 110°, of a diol,  $\text{C}_{26}\text{H}_{50}\text{O}_2$ , m.p. 143–144° (diacetate, m.p. 132°) (with a small amount of an isomeric diol, m.p. 152°). (III) must therefore contain a  $\text{CH}_2$  group adjacent to the active double linking.  $\alpha$ -Dihydrolanosteryl acetate with  $\text{SeO}_2$  in boiling AcOH yields the acetate (V), m.p. 167°, of  $\gamma$ -lanosterol (?  $\alpha$ -dihydrogosterol), m.p. 141°, oxidised ( $\text{CrO}_3$ ) to  $\gamma$ -lanostenone, m.p. 124° (tetrahydrocarbazole derivative, m.p. 228°). Hydrogenation (Pd–C, AcOH) of (V) yields  $\alpha$ -dihydrolanosteryl acetate. (III) with  $\text{BzO}_2\text{H}$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at 0° yields an oxide, m.p. 185°, hydrolysed (aq.

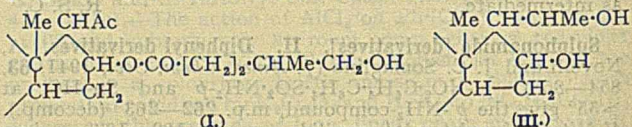
$\text{EtOH}-\text{HCl}$ ) to lanostenetriol, m.p. 130° (diacetate, m.p. 104°). (II) with  $\text{BzO}_2\text{H}$  affords an oxide, m.p. 92°, converted by  $\text{EtOH}-\text{HCl}$  into dehydrolanostenone,  $\text{C}_{25}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}$ , m.p. 126° (tetrahydrocarbazole derivative, m.p. 228°; oxime, m.p. 183°), which is hydrogenated (Pd–C) to  $\alpha$ -isodihydrogosterone, m.p. 124° (tetrahydrocarbazole derivative, m.p. 202°; oxime, m.p. 164°). The significance of these results is discussed; (I) is a tetracyclic, doubly unsaturated alcohol probably related to the triterpenes. A. Li.

**Sterols. CXIX. Sapogenins. XLVII. Pregnanetriols from  $\psi$ -sapogenins.** R. E. Marker, D. L. Turner, R. B. Wagner, P. R. Ulshafer, H. M. Crooks, jun., and E. L. Wittle (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 779–782).— $\psi$ -Tigogenin with  $\text{CrO}_3-\text{AcOH}$  at 28° gives (cf. following abstract) a non-cryst. product, converted by  $\text{H}_2$ – $\text{PtO}_2$ – $\text{AcOH}$  and subsequent hydrolysis into allopregnane-3( $\beta$ ):16:20( $\beta$ )-triol, m.p. 286–288°, and by acid or alkali into  $\text{CO}_2\text{H}:\text{CHMe}:\text{CH}_2:\text{CO}_2\text{H}$  and  $\Delta^{16}$ -allopregnene-3:20-dione.  $\psi$ -Sarsasapogenin and its diacetate or dihydro- $\psi$ -sarsasapogenin diacetate with  $\text{CrO}_3-\text{AcOH}$  at 20–30°, followed by  $\text{H}_2$ – $\text{PtO}_2$  and then  $\text{KOH}-\text{EtOH}$ , give pregnane-3( $\beta$ ):16:20( $\beta$ )-triol, m.p. 236–240° (triacetate, m.p. 145–148°). *epi*- $\psi$ -Sarsasapogenin diacetate gives similarly pregnane-3( $\alpha$ ):16:20( $\beta$ )-triol, m.p. 203–206° (triacetate, m.p. 175–177°). *epi*- $\psi$ -Tigogenin diacetate gives allopregnane-3( $\alpha$ ):16:20( $\beta$ )-triol, m.p. 263–265° (triacetate, m.p. 181°).  $\psi$ -Deoxysarsasapogenin acetate or dihydro- $\psi$ -deoxysarsasapogenin gives  $\Delta^{16}$ -pregnen-20-one, m.p. 129–131°, identified by hydrogenation ( $\text{H}_2$ –Pd– $\text{BaSO}_4$ – $\text{EtOH}-\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ ) to pregnan-20-one.  $\Delta^{16}$ -alloPregnen-3( $\beta$ )-ol-20-one with  $\text{Al}(\text{OPr})_3$ – $\text{Pr}^i\text{OH}$  and then 8%  $\text{KOH}-\text{MeOH}$  gives  $\Delta^{16}$ -allopregnene-3( $\beta$ ):20( $\beta$ )-diol, m.p. 188–190° (diacetate, m.p. 102–104°), hydrogenated ( $\text{PtO}_2$  in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}-\text{MeOH}$  containing a little AcOH; 45 lb.) to allopregnane-3( $\beta$ ):20( $\beta$ )-diol (I). Similar reduction of  $\Delta^{5:16}$ -pregnadien-3( $\beta$ )-ol-20-one gives  $\Delta^{5:16}$ -pregnadiene-3( $\beta$ ):20( $\beta$ )-diol, m.p. 169–171° (diacetate, m.p. 121°), hydrogenated to (I). R. S. C.

**Sterols. CXVII. Sapogenins. XLVI. Structure of  $\psi$ -sapogenins.** R. E. Marker, D. L. Turner, R. B. Wagner, P. R. Ulshafer, H. M. Crooks, jun., and E. L. Wittle (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 774–777).— $\psi$ -Sapogenins probably exist in tautomeric forms (A) and (B), the former accounting for formation of diketone-acids and certain other oxidations, and the latter accounting for the following reactions. Diacetates of dihydro- $\psi$ -tigogenin at 30° and of  $\psi$ -tigogenin at



15° with  $\text{CrO}_3-\text{AcOH}$  give the same product (I),  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{48}\text{O}_7$ , m.p. 102–104°, converted (hydrolysis and dehydration) by boiling 2%  $\text{KOH}-\text{EtOH}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3-\text{EtOH}$ , or 10%  $\text{HCl}-\text{EtOH}$  into  $\Delta^{16}$ -allopregnen-3( $\beta$ )-ol-20-one, by  $\text{Na}-\text{Pr}^i\text{OH}$  into allopregnane-3( $\beta$ ):20( $\alpha$ )-diol (II), by  $\text{CrO}_3$  in 90% AcOH at



25° into 3-hydroxy $\alpha$ -alloibilanic acid, and by  $\text{Al}(\text{OPr})_3$ – $\text{Pr}^i\text{OH}$  or  $\text{H}_2$ – $\text{PtO}_2$ – $\text{AcOH}$  at 70°/30 lb. (later hydrolysis by 2%  $\text{KOH}-\text{EtOH}$ ) into an allopregnane-3:16:20-triol (III), m.p. 285–288° (triacetate, m.p. 161–163°).  $\psi$ -Diosgenin diacetate and  $\text{CrO}_3-\text{AcOH}$  at 15° (no protection of the C:C) give similarly a product,  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_7$ , m.p. 84–86°, and thence by acid or alkali  $\Delta^{5:16}$ -pregnadien-3( $\beta$ )-ol-20-one, by  $\text{Na}-\text{Pr}^i\text{OH}$  a product converted by  $\text{H}_2$ – $\text{PtO}_2$ – $\text{AcOH}$  into (II), by  $\text{H}_2$ – $\text{PtO}_2$  in  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  at 30 lb. into (I), by  $\text{H}_2$ – $\text{PtO}_2$  in AcOH at 70°/45 lb. into (III), and by  $\text{Al}(\text{OPr})_3$ – $\text{Pr}^i\text{OH}$  followed by hydrolysis (2%  $\text{MeOH}-\text{KOH}$ ) into a  $\Delta^5$ -pregnene-3:16:20-triol, m.p. 281–285° (triacetate, m.p. 143°), which with  $\text{H}_2$ – $\text{PtO}_2$ – $\text{AcOH}$  also gives (III). R. S. C.

**Alkamine esters of dicyclohexylacetic and related acids.**—See B., 1941, III, 133.

**Preparation of benzoic acid of high purity.** F. W. Schwab and E. Wichers (*J. Res. Nat. Bur. Stand.*, 1940, **25**, 747—

757).—Fractional distillation in a vac., recrystallisation from  $H_2O$  or pure  $C_6H_6$ , fractional freezing, oxidation of purified PhMe followed by recrystallisation from  $H_2O$ , and hydrolysis of purified BzCl have been compared as methods for producing pure BzOH. Eight recrystallisations from  $C_6H_6$ , fractional freezing, and hydrolysis of BzCl each yield products of purity  $<99.999\%$ . The f.p. of pure BzOH is assigned tentatively as  $122.36 \pm 0.01^\circ$ . J. W. S.

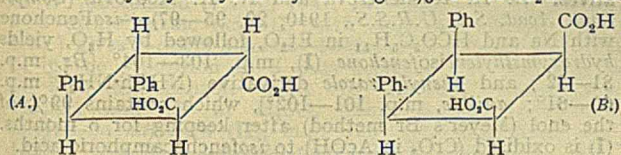
**Hippuric acid derivatives.**—See B., 1941, III, 133.

**Preparation of lower monoalkylaminoethyl aminobenzoates.**—See B., 1941, III, 132.

**Preparation of hydroxynaphthoic acids.** J. Cason (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 828–832).—1 : 3 : 8- $NH_2 \cdot C_{10}H_7(SO_3H)_2$ , Zn dust, and a little  $n\text{-}C_6H_{13}CHMe \cdot OH$  in boiling aq. NaOH give 1 : 3- $NH_2 \cdot C_{10}H_7 \cdot SO_3Na$  (81–87%), converted by KCN at  $\sim 500^\circ$  into 1 : 3- $NH_2 \cdot C_{10}H_7 \cdot CN$  (10–13%), new m.p.  $125.5\text{--}126^\circ$ , which in 70%  $H_2SO_4 \cdot AcOH$  (1 : 4) gives 4 : 2- $NH_2 \cdot C_{10}H_7 \cdot CO_2H$  (I), new m.p.  $215\text{--}216^\circ$ , and in 10%  $H_2SO_4$  at  $195 \pm 5^\circ$  gives 4 : 2- $OH \cdot C_{10}H_7 \cdot CO_2H$  (90.5%), m.p.  $225\text{--}226^\circ$  (lit.  $182\text{--}183^\circ$ ) [acetate, m.p.  $211.5\text{--}212.5^\circ$  (lit.  $168^\circ$ )], also obtained with difficulty from (I). 4-Acetoxy-2-naphthol chloride (prep. by  $PCl_5$ ), m.p.  $96\text{--}98^\circ$ , remelting at  $99.0\text{--}99.5^\circ$ , with  $H_2 \cdot Pd \cdot BaSO_4$  and a little S-quinoline in boiling xylene gives 4-acetoxy-2-naphthaldehyde (51%), m.p.  $113.2\text{--}114.2^\circ$  [semicarbazone, m.p.  $\sim 230^\circ$  (decomp.)], obtained in 73.5% yield from the crude reaction product; Wolff-Kishner reduction fails; hydrolysed by boiling  $N \cdot H_2SO_4$  to 4-hydroxy-2-naphthaldehyde, m.p.  $169.5\text{--}170^\circ$ , which with  $H_2 \cdot Cu$  chromite in abs. EtOH at  $140^\circ$  yields 3 : 1- $C_{10}H_7Me \cdot OH$ , m.p.  $87\text{--}90^\circ$ , remelts at  $91^\circ$ . 1 : 6- $NH_2 \cdot C_{10}H_7 \cdot SO_3Na$  gives similarly 5 : 2- $NH_2 \cdot C_{10}H_7 \cdot CN$  (I) ( $\sim 10\%$ ), new m.p.  $143.5\text{--}144^\circ$ , and thence 5 : 2- $NH_2 \cdot C_{10}H_7 \cdot CO_2H$  (II), new m.p.  $234\text{--}236^\circ$  (decomp.) [Ac derivative, m.p.  $291\text{--}292^\circ$  (gas)]. 10%  $H_2SO_4$  and (I) at  $220 \pm 5^\circ$  give 67% of 5 : 2- $OH \cdot C_{10}H_7 \cdot CO_2H$ , new m.p.  $215\text{--}216^\circ$  (acetate, new m.p.  $215\text{--}216^\circ$ ), but at  $180^\circ$  give (II). 2 : 6- $NH_2 \cdot C_{10}H_7 \cdot SO_3Na$  gives 6-amino-2-naphthonitrile (1.5%), m.p.  $199.0\text{--}199.5^\circ$ , and thence 6 : 2- $OH \cdot C_{10}H_7 \cdot CO_2H$ , new m.p.  $243\text{--}244^\circ$  (acetate, new m.p.  $223\text{--}224^\circ$ ). 5 : 1- $OH \cdot C_{10}H_7 \cdot CO_2H$ , new m.p.  $237\text{--}240^\circ$  (decomp.) (acetate, m.p.  $205\text{--}206^\circ$ ), is similarly obtained (53–57%). M.p. are corr. R. S. C.

**Fluoranthencarboxylic acids.**—See B., 1941, II, 137.

**Spatial structure of two new diphenylcyclobutanedicarboxylic acids;  $\mu$ - and  $\omega$ -truxinic acids.** M. M. Schemjakin (*Compt. rend. Acad. Sci. U.R.S.S.*, 1940, 29, 199–201; cf. A., 1940, II, 87).—The monoanilide of  $\mu$ -truxinic acid is unchanged when heated at  $270^\circ$  or boiled with 10% HCl for 2.5 hr.; it is readily hydrolysed by boiling 5% KOH- $H_2O$ . The



monochloride, new m.p.  $139^\circ$ , of  $\omega$ -truxinic acid is smoothly converted by  $NH_3 \cdot Ph$  in dry  $C_6H_6$  into the monoanilide, m.p.  $108\text{--}111^\circ$  (decomp.) and  $169\text{--}173^\circ$  after re-solidification. It is readily hydrolysed by boiling aq. KOH and is converted when heated alone or with 10% HCl into the anil, m.p.  $179^\circ$ .  $\mu$ - and  $\omega$ -Truxinic acid are (A) and (B) respectively.

H. W.

**Properties of  $\mu$ -truxinic acid.** M. M. Schemjakin (*Compt. rend. Acad. Sci. U.R.S.S.*, 1940, 29, 202–205).—The most characteristic property of  $\mu$ -truxinic acid (I) is the difference in character between the two  $CO_2H$ . (I), m.p.  $196^\circ$ , dissolves in aq.  $Na_2CO_3$  with formation of a Na H salt and with  $NH_3$  in Et<sub>2</sub>O gives the  $NH_4$  H salt, m.p.  $150\text{--}160^\circ$  (decomp.). (I) is unchanged by boiling  $Ac_2O$ . The Me ester, m.p.  $196^\circ$  (A., 1940, II, 87), is the Me Hester (II), since it is obtained by short treatment of the monochloride (III) with MeOH and is converted by  $MeOH \cdot H_2SO_4$  or  $NaOH \cdot Me_2SO_4$  into the Me<sub>2</sub> ester (IV), m.p.  $183^\circ$ . (I) is isomerised to  $\omega$ -truxinic acid (V) at  $240\text{--}245^\circ$ . (II), (III), (IV), and  $\mu$ -truxinmonoanilide (VI) are partly transformed into (V) when boiled with 5–10% aq. NaOH until dissolution is complete; with boiling 10% HCl, (V) is the sole product [except from (VI), which hydrolyses only with difficulty]. (III) and NaOMe in boiling

MeOH afford Me<sub>2</sub>  $\omega$ -truxinate, m.p.  $133^\circ$ , also obtained with the  $\beta$ -ester from (IV) at  $260^\circ$ . H. W.

**Preparation of symmetrical diaryls by the action of reducing agents on diazotised amines.** Reducing agents. E. R. Atkinson, H. J. Lawler, J. C. Heath, E. H. Kimball, and E. R. Read (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 730–733).—Diphenic acid is obtained in 90% yield from  $o\text{-}CO_2H \cdot C_6H_4 \cdot N_2Cl$  by  $Cu_2O \cdot NH_3$  ( $<1$  atom of Cu).  $CuCl \cdot HCl$  gives  $o\text{-}C_6H_4Cl \cdot CO_2H$ .  $Cu^{II} \cdot NH_3$  gives no Ph<sub>2</sub> derivative. R. S. C.

**Lactones of the cyclopentanopolyhydrophenanthrene series.**—See B., 1941, III, 133.

**Condensation of malonanilic acid with aldehydes. II. With  $o$ -,  $m$ -, and  $p$ -hydroxybenzaldehyde. III. With  $o$ -,  $m$ -, and  $p$ -nitrobenzaldehyde.** P. I. Ittyerah and K. C. Pandya (*Proc. Indian Acad. Sci.*, 1941, 13, A, 119–121, 122–125; cf. Mehra *et al.*, A., 1938, II, 365; 1939, II, 478).—II. Malonanilic acid (I) and  $o\text{-}OH \cdot C_6H_4 \cdot CHO$  at  $100^\circ$  (not at  $60^\circ$ ) yield coumarin-3-carboxylanilide, m.p.  $247^\circ$ , also obtained in presence of a base. (I) and  $m$ - or  $p\text{-}OH \cdot C_6H_4 \cdot CHO$  afford  $m$ -, m.p.  $209^\circ$ , or  $p$ -hydroxybenzylidenemalonanilic acid, m.p.  $239\text{--}240^\circ$  (in 52% and 18% yield). Benzylidenemalonanilic acid, m.p.  $238^\circ$ , is obtained in 86% yield from PhCHO and (I) at  $100^\circ$ .

III. (I) and  $o$ -,  $m$ -, or  $p\text{-}NO_2 \cdot C_6H_4 \cdot CHO$  at  $100^\circ$  give a mixture of substituted cinnamanilide and benzylidenemalonanilic acid, reaction proceeding least rapidly with the  $o$ -compound, probably owing to the presence of a H bond.  $p$ -, m.p.  $240^\circ$  (decomp.) (Ag salt, decomp.  $231^\circ$ ), and  $m$ -nitrobenzylidenemalonanilic acid, m.p.  $226^\circ$  (decomp.) (Ag salt, decomp.  $211^\circ$ ), are new. H. W.

**Interconversion of mixed benzoinis.** R. P. Barnes and V. J. Tulane (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 867–868).—Both  $p\text{-}OMe \cdot C_6H_4 \cdot CO \cdot CHPh \cdot OAc$  and  $\alpha\beta\text{-diacetoxy-4-methoxystilbene}$ , m.p.  $127^\circ$ , are obtained by boiling  $Ac_2O \cdot KOAc$  from  $p\text{-}OMe \cdot C_6H_4 \cdot CH(OH) \cdot CPh$ .  $p\text{-}OMe \cdot C_6H_4 \cdot CO \cdot CHPh \cdot OH$  (I), or  $p\text{-}OMe \cdot C_6H_4 \cdot CO \cdot CHPhBr$ . The enediol is an intermediate in the last two cases, (I) being the stable form favoured by resonance. R. S. C.

**$\Delta^2$ -cyclohexenone and related substances.** F. C. Whitmore and G. W. Pedlow, jun. (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 758–760).—Addition of  $MgRX$  to  $\Delta^2$ -cyclohexenone (I) results in 1 : 2- and 1 : 4-addition, reduction, and formation of complex products in the following proportions:  $R = Me$ ,  $X = Br$  38, 15, 0, 18; Et, Br 52, 24, 0, 13;  $Pr^i$ , Cl, 10, 44, 12, 16; Bu, Cl, 0, 70, 0, 14. *iso*Phorone with  $MgMeBr$  and  $MgEtBr$  gives no 1 : 4-addition and only 8% with  $MgPr^iBr$ . (I) and its 2 + 3-Me derivative are prepared (yields 37 and 2 + 20%, respectively) from cyclohexene and 1-methylcyclohexene, respectively, by  $CrO_3 \cdot AcOH$ . Compounds of the following probable constitution are described: 1-methyl-, b.p.  $63\text{--}65^\circ/20$  mm. [and thence by  $CuSO_4$  a diene, b.p.  $106.5\text{--}107^\circ/738$  mm. [maleic anhydride adduct, m.p.  $65\text{--}66^\circ$ ; with  $KMnO_4$  gives  $(CH_3(CO_2H)_2)_2$ ], and 1-*iso*-propyl- $\Delta^2$ -cyclohexenol, b.p.  $72\text{--}74^\circ/13$  mm.; 3 : 3 : 5 : 5-tetramethyl-, m.p.  $37\text{--}38^\circ$ , and 3 : 5 : 5-trimethyl-1-ethyl- $\Delta^2$ -cyclohexenol, m.p.  $49\text{--}50^\circ$ ; 3 : 5 : 5-trimethyl-3-*iso*-propylcyclohexanone, b.p.  $115^\circ/20$  mm. [semicarbazone, m.p.  $199\text{--}200^\circ$  (decomp.)]; 2 : 4-dinitrophenylhydrazones, m.p.  $154\text{--}155^\circ$ ; 3-*tert*-butylcyclohexanone, b.p.  $96\text{--}98^\circ/20$  mm. [semicarbazone, m.p.  $207\text{--}208^\circ$  (decomp.)]; 2 : 4-dinitrophenylhydrazones, m.p.  $158\text{--}159^\circ$ . A polymeric product was obtained from (I) and  $\Delta^{1,3}$ -cyclohexadiene. R. S. C.

**Reaction of cyclopentadiene and keten.** B. T. Brooks and G. Wilbert (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 870–871).—Contrary to Smith *et al.* (A., 1939, II, 116), keten and cyclopentadiene in PhMe at  $100^\circ$  give  $\Delta^2$ -dicyclo[0, 2, 3]hepten-6 (or 7)-one, b.p.  $157.5\text{--}159^\circ$  (semicarbazone, m.p.  $222^\circ$ ), hydrogenated (Pd-aq. EtOH) to dicyclo[0, 2, 3]heptan-6-one, b.p.  $164\text{--}165^\circ$  (semicarbazone, m.p.  $216^\circ$ ), which with boiling 1 : 1 conc.  $HNO_3 \cdot H_2O$  gives glutaric acid. R. S. C.

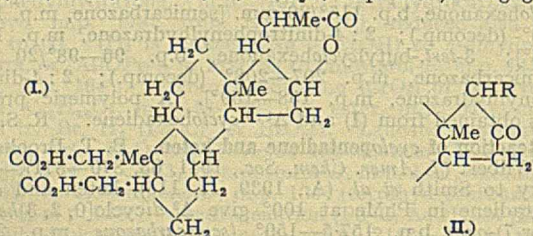
**Naphthalene series. VIII. Preparation and properties of 2 : 4-dipropionyl- and 4-acetyl-2-propionyl-1-naphthol. IX. Properties of 4-propionyl-1-naphthol and preparation of 4-propionyl-1-naphthol.** R. D. Desai and A. Hamid (*Proc. Indian Acad. Sci.*, 1941, 13, A, 126–131, 132–136).—VIII. Gradual addition of  $EtCOCl$  to 2 : 1- $COEt \cdot C_{10}H_7 \cdot OH$  and anhyd.  $ZnCl_2$  in PhNO<sub>2</sub> gives an almost quant. yield of 2 : 4-*di*-propionyl-1-naphthol (I), m.p.  $103^\circ$ , less advantageously obtained by use of  $AlCl_3$  and (V) (below). (I) does not give

a picrate. It is converted by Br in glacial AcOH into 4-propionyl-2-*a*-bromopropionyl-1-naphthol, m.p. 100°, converted by hot 5% NaOH into a neutral compound,  $C_{18}H_{14}O_3$ , m.p. 254°, and an acidic product,  $C_{18}H_{14}O_3$ , m.p. 133°. (I) with  $HNO_3$  (d 1.5) (1 mol.) in cold, glacial AcOH gives 4-nitro-2-propionyl- (II), m.p. 162°, 2-nitro-4-propionyl- (III), m.p. 100°, and 2:4-dinitro-1-naphthol (IV), m.p. 138°; with 2 mols. of acid the products are (III) and (IV). (I) and anhyd.  $ZnCl_2$  in boiling AcOH or  $EtCO_2H$  give 2:1- $COEt:C_{10}H_6:OH$ . (I) is converted by  $Ac_2O$  and anhyd. NaOAc at 170–180° into 6-propionyl-2:3-dimethyl-1:4-naphthapyrone, m.p. 168°, hydrolysed by boiling 5% NaOH to 1-hydroxy-4-propionyl-2-naphthoic acid, m.p. 205°; this passes above its m.p. into 4:1- $COEt:C_{10}H_6:OH$  (V), m.p. 188°, and is reduced (Clemmensen) to 1-hydroxy-4-propyl-2-naphthoic acid, m.p. 174°, decarboxylated to 4:1- $C_{10}H_6:Pr:OH$ , 2:1- $COEt:C_{10}H_6:OH$ ,  $AlCl_3$ , and anhyd.  $ZnCl_2$  in  $PhNO_2$ , or  $EtCOCl$ , 4:1- $C_{10}H_6:Ac:OH$ , and  $AlCl_3$  give 4-acetyl-2-propionyl-1-naphthol (VI), m.p. 142°, in 80% or 75% yield. (VI) does not form a picrate. When heated with  $ZnCl_2$  in AcOH or  $EtCO_2H$  it affords 2:1- $COEt:C_{10}H_6:OH$ . (VI) and Br in  $CHCl_3$  yield 4-bromoacetyl-2-propionyl-1-naphthol, m.p. 158°, converted by 5% NaOH or NaOMe into an acidic product,  $C_{18}H_{14}O_4$ , m.p. 108°. With 1 mol. of fuming  $HNO_3$  in cooled glacial AcOH, (VI) gives (II), (IV), and 2:1- $NO_2:C_{10}H_6:OH$ . (VI) is converted by Kostanecki's reaction into 6-acetyl-2:3-dimethyl-1:4-naphthapyrone, m.p. 189°, hydrolysed in alkaline solution to 1-hydroxy-4-acetyl-2-naphthoic acid, m.p. 219–220°, which passes at 200° into 4:1- $C_{10}H_6:Ac:OH$ .

IX. (V), m.p. 188°, is best obtained by addition of  $EtCOCl$  to  $\alpha-C_{10}H_7:OH$  and anhyd.  $ZnCl_2$  in well-cooled  $PhNO_2$ ; inferior results are obtained with  $(EtCO)_2O$  or  $AlCl_3$ . (V) gives an acetate, m.p. 92°, a picrate, m.p. 158°, and a semicarbazone, m.p. 223°.  $ZnCl_2$  in glacial AcOH or  $EtCO_2H$  transforms (V) into 4:2:1- $COEt:C_{10}H_6:Ac:OH$ , 2:1- $C_{10}H_6:Ac:OH$ ,  $\alpha-C_{10}H_7:OH$ , and 2:1- $COEt:C_{10}H_6:OH$ . With differing amounts of Br in  $CHCl_3$  (V) gives 2-bromo-4-propionyl-, m.p. 111°, and 2-bromo-4-*a*-bromopropionyl-, m.p. 132°, -1-naphthol. With 1 mol. of fuming  $HNO_3$ , (V) yields 2-nitro-4-propionyl-1-naphthol, m.p. 100°, accompanied by 2:1- $NO_2:C_{10}H_6:OH$  and (IV), which is the sole product when 2 mols. of  $HNO_3$  are used. (V) is reduced (Clemmensen) to 4-propyl-1-naphthol (VII), b.p. 150°/6 mm. (picrate, m.p. 138°), and (?) 4-propyl-1:2:3:4-tetrahydro-1-naphthol, b.p. 126–128°/6 mm. (VII) and  $ZnCl_2$  in boiling AcOH afford 2-acetyl-4-propyl-1-naphthol, m.p. 185°. (VII) couples with  $PhN_2Cl$  to 2-benzeneazo-4-propyl-1-naphthol, m.p. 186°, and 4-propyl-1:2-naphthoquinone-2-phenylhydrazone, m.p. 150°.

H. W.

Sterols. CXIV. Sapogenins. XLIII. Oxidation products from tigogenin. R. E. Marker, D. L. Turner, and P. R. Ulshafer (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 763–767).—Marker's formula for the side-chain of steroidal sapogenins is supported by the following reactions. Tigogenin lactone and  $CrO_3$  in 90% AcOH at 25° or tigogenone and AcOH- $HNO_3$  (d 1.5) at 90° give the lactone 2:3-diacid (I), m.p. 244–245° (Windaus *et al.*, A., 1925, i, 1438; +0.5H<sub>2</sub>O, m.p. 238°). Tigogenin



and  $CrO_3$ -AcOH at 90–95° give gitogenoic 2:3-diacid (II) ( $R = \cdot CHMe:CO[CH_2]_2CHMe:CO_2H$ ), +0.5H<sub>2</sub>O, m.p. 216–219° (also obtained from gitogenic acid) (with some 3-dehydro-tigogenin lactone), which with fuming  $HNO_3$  at room temp. gives 16-ketobisnorallitolibolilanic acid (II) ( $R = CHMe:CO_2H$ ) (cf. *loc. cit.*), m.p. 295–298° (decomp.), reduced by  $H_2$ -PtO<sub>2</sub>-EtOH- $Et_2O$  to (I). Dihydrogitogenin diacetate and  $CrO_3$  in AcOH at 90–95° give tigogenin lactone, 3-dehydrogitogenoic acid, and 3-hydroxyallitolibolilanic acid (III), m.p. 244–247° (decomp.) (oxidised by  $CrO_3$  to the known 3-CO-acid). Tigogenoic acid (IV) with  $NH_2OH \cdot HCl$  and KOAc in MeOH at 130° gives a dioxime, brown at 230°,

decomp. 250° (gas), with KOH in boiling aq. EtOH gives anhydrotigogenoic acid, m.p. 256–258°, and with  $H_2$ -PtO<sub>2</sub> at 45 lb. in AcOH gives anhydrotetrahydrogitogenoic acid, m.p. 203–205°, also obtained by oxidation ( $CrO_3$ -AcOH) of dihydrogitogenin monoacetate followed by hydrolysis ( $EtOH$ -KOH). Oxidation by  $CrO_3$  in AcOH and subsequent hydrolysis converts the acetate of (IV) into (III). R. S. C.

Sterols. CXVIII. Action of selenious acid on  $\Delta^5$ -pregnenediol and on  $\Delta^5$ -androstenediol. R. E. Marker, H. M. Crooks, jun., and E. L. Wittbecker (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 777–779).— $\Delta^5$ -Pregnene-3( $\beta$ ):20( $\alpha$ )-diol (prep. from  $\Delta^5$ -<sup>16</sup>-pregnadien-3( $\beta$ )-ol-20-one by Na-EtOH), m.p. 174–176°, gives a diacetate, m.p. 144–146°, which with  $SeO_2$  and NaOAc in boiling  $C_6H_6$ -AcOH gives a product, hydrolysed to  $\Delta^5$ -pregnene-3:4:20-triol, m.p. 207–210° (triacetate, m.p. 153–154°). With boiling conc. HCl-EtOH this gives  $\Delta^4$ -pregnen-20( $\alpha$ )-ol-3-one, m.p. 158–160° (acetate, m.p. 138–140°), whence  $CrO_3$  in AcOH at room temp. gives progesterone.  $\Delta^5$ -Androstene-3:17-diol diacetate,  $SeO_2$ , and NaOAc in  $C_6H_6$ -AcOH give similarly  $\Delta^5$ -androstene-3:4:17-triol, m.p. 258–261° (triacetate, m.p. 155–156°), and thence by HCl-AcOH testosterone, which is isolated as semicarbazone, m.p. 225° (decomp.), and regenerated therefrom by  $H_2C_2O_4$  in 75% EtOH. R. S. C.

### III.—TERPENES.

Solvent effects in addition reactions. II. Addition of hydrogen bromide and chloride to  $\alpha$ -pinene. G. F. Hennion and C. F. Irwin (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, **63**, 860–862).—As indicated previously (A., 1939, I, 476), co-ordination between HHal and the solvent greatly decreases the rate of reaction of the acid. Relative reaction rates for  $\alpha$ -pinene and HBr are  $CHCl_3 > xylene > C_6H_6 > PhNO_2 > dioxan > EtOBU^a > Et_2O$  and for HCl are  $CHCl_3 > xylene > PhNO_2 > MeOH > dioxan > EtOBU^a > Et_2O$ . R. S. C.

Condensation of amino-acids with terpenes. I. Glycine and limonene nitrosochloride. C. F. Krewson (*J. Amer. Pharm. Assoc.*, 1941, **30**, 47–49).—Glycine (1 mol.) and limonene nitrosochloride (1 mol.) in 85% EtOH, heated at 50° for several hr., and then steam-distilled, yield a volatile oil containing carvone, carvoxime, and various unidentified fractions; the residue yielded 3.1% (calc. on glycine used) of limonenitrolaminooacetic acid hydrochloride [ $N$ -(2-keto-1- $\Delta^8$ -*p*-menthenyl)glycine oxime hydrochloride], m.p. 141.0–141.5° (uncorr.) (Cu derivative,  $Cu[C_{10}H_{15}(N \cdot OH) \cdot NH \cdot CH_2 \cdot CO_2]_2 \cdot CuCl_2$ ). The mechanism of the formation of the reaction products is discussed. F. O. H.

isoFenchone. Hydroxymethyleneisofenchone and its derivatives. A. K. Rushentzeva and N. K. Kedrova (*Compt. rend. Acad. Sci. U.R.S.S.*, 1940, **29**, 95–97).—isoFenchone with Na and  $HCO_2C_2H_5$  in  $Et_2O$ , followed by  $H_2O$ , yields hydroxymethyleneisofenchone (I), m.p. 103–104° [ $Bz$ , m.p. 81–82°, and phenylpyrazole derivative ( $NHPh \cdot NH_2$ ), m.p. 60–61°; anilide, m.p. 101–102°], which contains 99% of the enol (Meyer's Br method) after keeping for 6 months. (I) is oxidised ( $CrO_3$  in AcOH) to isofenchomaphoric acid. A. Li.

Triterpene group. VIII. Minor triterpenoid constituents of Manila elemi resin (continued). (Miss) I. M. Morice and J. C. E. Simpson (*J.C.S.*, 1941, 181–184).—By adsorption on  $Al_2O_3$ ,  $\psi$ -taraxastenediol (I),  $C_{30}H_{52}O_2$ , m.p. 270–272°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -10.9^\circ$  (monoacetate, m.p. 281–284°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -1.5^\circ$ ), has been isolated from the resin; it is the precursor of  $\psi$ -taraxasterol. (I) is a saturated dihydric alcohol containing C-OH, and it is converted ( $HCO_2H$ ) by dehydration into  $\psi$ -taraxasteryl acetate, which with  $BzO_2H$  gives the oxide, m.p. 265–267°, a reaction not shown by the acetate of (I). From the resin were isolated small amounts of diol A,  $C_{30}H_{54}O_2$  (?), m.p. 234–236°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -70 \pm 10^\circ$  (diacetate, m.p. 211–212°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} +35^\circ$ ), and alcohol B,  $C_{30}H_{54}O_2$  (?), m.p. 252–254°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -17^\circ$  (monoacetate, m.p. 227–229°,  $[\alpha]_D^{25} -39^\circ$ ). All  $[\alpha]_D^{25}$  in  $CHCl_3$ . F. R. S.

### IV.—MISCELLANEOUS UNCLASSIFIABLE SUBSTANCES.

Action of ultra-violet light on lignin. L. V. Forman (*Paper Trade J.*, 1940, **111**, TAPPI Sect., 266–272).—Lignin (I) in the form of solvent-extracted sprucewood meal undergoes

drastic colour change when irradiated with ultra-violet light, and its OMe content is decreased. The effect of "native" (I), though appreciable, is not so great. Extraction of irradiated (I) with EtOH removes a no. of degradation products among them being vanillin (II) and a product (OMe 10.6%, similar to native (I). Filter-paper impregnated with an EtOH solution of (II) discolours very rapidly when exposed to ultra-violet light; dehydrodivanillin is probably formed.

H. A. H.

## V.—HETEROCYCLIC.

**2-Cyanoacetyl coumarin-5-sulphonyl chloride.**—See B., 1941, II, 104.

**Cannabis indica. VII. Relation between chemical constitution and hashish activity.** P. B. Russell, A. R. Todd, S. Wilkinson, A. D. Macdonald, and G. Woolfe (*J.C.S.*, 1941, 169—172).—The following compounds prepared from the corresponding coumarin and MgMeI have been tested pharmacologically: 5'-hydroxy-2:2:5'-trimethyl-4'-n-amy-3':4':5':6'-tetrahydrodibenzopyran, b.p. 150—160°/10<sup>-3</sup> mm. (acetate, b.p. 150°/10<sup>-3</sup> mm.) [from 6-hydroxy-5'-methyl-7-n-amy-3:4-cyclohexenocoumarin, m.p. 188° (acetate, m.p. 119—120°)], and the 6'-hydroxy-2:2-dimethyl compound, b.p. 158—165°/10<sup>-3</sup> mm. [from 5-hydroxy-7-n-amy-3:4-cyclohexenocoumarin, m.p. 180° (acetate, m.p. 80°)]; 5-hydroxy-2:2:4:7-tetramethyl- $\Delta^3$ -chromen, m.p. 97° (not tested); 5-hydroxy-2:2:4-trimethyl-7-n-amy-4- $\Delta^3$ -chromen, b.p. 140—150°/10<sup>-1</sup> mm. [from 5-hydroxy-4-methyl-7-n-amy-4-cyclopentenocoumarin, m.p. 185° (acetate, m.p. 97°)]; 5-hydroxy-2:2:7-trimethyl, b.p. 140—150°/10<sup>-1</sup> mm. [from 5-hydroxy-7-methyl-3:4-cyclopentenocoumarin, m.p. 254° (acetate, m.p. 131°)], and 5-hydroxy-2:2-dimethyl-7-n-amy-3:4-cyclopentenocoumarin, m.p. 178° [from 5-hydroxy-7-n-amy-3:4-cyclopentenocoumarin, m.p. 76° (acetate, m.p. 65—66°)]. The question of chemical constitution and hashish activity is discussed. All b.p. are at bath temp.

F. R. S.

**Constitution of natural tannins. VII. Colouring matters derived from  $\beta$ -naphthaldehyde.** A. Russell and J. C. Speck (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 851—852; cf. A., 1939, II, 557).—2-C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>7</sub>CHO and the appropriate COPhMe derivative in AcOH give 2-phenyl-, decomp. 118°, 2-o-anisoyl-, decomp. 110°, 2-2':4'-di-, decomp. 132°, and 2-2':3':4'-tri-methoxy-phenyl-1-a-naphthopyrylium chloride (I), decomp. 121°. 2-o- and 2-p-Hydroxy- and 2-2':4'-dihydroxy-phenyl-1-a-naphthopyrylium chloride (all decomp. ~200°) are obtained as benzoates and liberated therefrom by boiling conc. HCl-EtOH. Hydrolysis of (I) by AlCl<sub>3</sub> in boiling PhCl gives the (OH)<sub>2</sub>-compound, decomp. ~200°.

R. S. C.

**Dismutation of some disulphides. IV.** F. S. Fowkes and E. W. McClelland (*J.C.S.*, 1941, 187—190).—5:5'-Dichloro-2:2'-dithiobenzoic acid (I) with Ac<sub>2</sub>O and KOAc (130°, 4 hr.) gives 5-chloro-3-acetoxy-1-thionaphthen, m.p. 67°; the Cl in the p-position to S thus decreases the tendency of a 2:2'-dithiobenzoic acid to undergo dismutation. CH<sub>3</sub>Ac<sub>2</sub> and (I) in H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> afford 5-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-acetyl-1-thionaphthen (II), m.p. 166° (Ac derivative, m.p. 132°); 3-acetoxy-2-acetyl-1-thionaphthen has m.p. 127°. NHPH-NH<sub>2</sub> and (II) yield the hydrazone, m.p. 162°, which with conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> is converted into 8-chloro-1-phenyl-3-methyl-4:5-thionaphthenopyrazole, m.p. 135°; (II) and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-AcOH give 5-chloro-3-hydroxy-2-acetyl-1-thionaphthen 1:1-dioxide, m.p. 265°. 5-Chloro-3-hydroxy-1-thionaphthen and NHPH-NH<sub>2</sub> afford 10-chlorothionaphthindole, m.p. 222°. The 3-Ac derivative with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-AcOH yields 5-chloro-3-acetoxy-1-thionaphthen 1:1-dioxide, m.p. 164°, under mild conditions, but under more vigorous conditions it gives the 3-hydroxy-dioxide, m.p. 194°, the phenylhydrazone, m.p. 290—292°, of which could not be indolised. Thus the Cl substitution of hydroxythionaphthens has no marked effect on their reactivity. 2:2'-Dithiobenzoic acid undergoes dismutation in neutral media.

F. R. S.

**$\alpha$ -Coumarilyl- and  $\alpha$ -thionaphthenoyl-acetates etc.**—See B., 1941, II, 109, 132.

**Condensation of 6-amino-2-hydroxypyridine with p-acetamidobenzenesulphonyl chloride.** M. A. Phillips (*J.C.S.*, 1941, 291—293).—6-Amino-2-hydroxypyridine sulphate in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>N with one equiv. of p-NHAc-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>Cl gives mainly 6-amino-2-pyridyl p-acetamidobenzenesulphonate (I) and some 6-p-acetamidobenzenesulphonamido-2-pyridyl p-acetamidobenzenesul-

phonate (II), m.p. 222°. Hydrolysis (HCl) of (I) yields 6-amino-2-pyridyl p-aminobenzenesulphonate, m.p. 148°, and treatment with NaOH affords 6-amino-2-hydroxypyridine. Further treatment of (I) with p-NHAc-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub>Cl leads to (II), which with NaOH gives 6-hydroxy-2-(p-aminobenzenesulphonamido)pyridine, m.p. 239—240°.

F. R. S.

**Piperidine derivatives.**—See B., 1941, III, 80.

**Chromic acid oxidation of quinoline homologues. Oxidation of Bz-ethylquinolines to quinolyl methyl ketones.** R. A. Glenn and J. R. Bailey [with, in part, W. N. Axe] (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 641—643).—Oxidation of 8-alkyl-quinolines by K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> is more rapid than that by CrO<sub>3</sub>, owing to catalysis (proved experimentally) of the latter reaction by KHSO<sub>4</sub>. Max. yields of acid are obtained by using < theoretical amount of oxidant. The following yields of 8-carboxylic acid and 8-Ac derivative, respectively, are obtained by (a) CrO<sub>3</sub>-KHSO<sub>4</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and (b) K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> from the bases named: 2:3:8-trimethyl- (a) 85, 0, 2:3-dimethyl-8-ethyl- (a) 56, 12, (b) 50, 0, 2:4-dimethyl-8-ethyl- (a) 0, 36, (b) 30, 0, 2:3-dimethyl-8-n-propyl- (a) 83, 0, 2:3:4:8-tetramethyl- (a) 86, 0, 8-ethyl- (b) 40, 40, 2-methyl-8- or 6-ethyl- (b) 0, 75, 3-methyl-8-ethyl- (b) 0, 80, 2:4-dimethyl-8-ethyl- (I) (b) 0, 30, 2:3:4-trimethyl-8-ethyl- (b) 25, 50, 3-methyl-2:8-diethyl- (II) (b) 10, 55, and 3-methyl-2:6-diethyl-quinoline (III) (b) 0, 85%. The following are described: semicarbazones of 2-methyl-6-, m.p. 262°, 3-methyl-8-, m.p. 226—227°, 2:3-dimethyl-8-, m.p. (+H<sub>2</sub>O) 239°, 2:4-dimethyl-6-, m.p. (+2H<sub>2</sub>O) 251°, 2:4-dimethyl-6-, m.p. (+2H<sub>2</sub>O) 262°, 2:3:4-trimethyl-8-, m.p. (+2H<sub>2</sub>O) 258—259°, 3-methyl-2-ethyl-8-, m.p. 243°, and 3-methyl-2-ethyl-6-, m.p. 251°, -acetylquinoline; 3-methyl-2-ethylquinoline-8-carboxylic acid, new m.p. 223°; (I) (from boiling p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Et-NH<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>Ac<sub>2</sub> and, later, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> at 100°), b.p. 299—300°/742 mm. (picrate, m.p. 190—191°); (II) (from o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Et-NH<sub>2</sub> and EtCHO), m.p. 18.5—19.5°, b.p. 298°/754 mm. (picrate, m.p. 194—195°); (III), b.p. 313.5°/748 mm. (picrate, m.p. 152—153°).

R. S. C.

**Nitrogen compounds in petroleum distillates. XIX. Isolation from Californian petroleum, and synthesis, of 2:3:8-trimethyl-4-ethylquinoline. XX. Isolation of 2-methyl-8-ethylquinoline from Californian petroleum; proof of its structure by degradation and synthesis.** R. A. Glenn and J. R. Bailey (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 637—638, 639—641; cf. A., 1940, II, 357).—XIX. The fraction, b.p. 308—313°, of the bases previously (A., 1939, II, 24) obtained from Californian petroleum yields, by countercurrent extraction, 2:3:4-trimethyl-8-ethyl-, 2:3:4:8-tetramethyl-, and 2:3:8-trimethyl-4-ethylquinoline (I), b.p. 310—311°/748 mm. [picrate, m.p. 178°; nitrate, m.p. 161° (decomp.); phthalone, m.p. 158° (red Na salt)]. K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> oxidises (I) to 2:3-dimethyl-4-ethylquinoline-8-carboxylic acid, m.p. 178°, converted by distillation with soda-lime into 2:3-dimethyl-8-ethylquinoline (II), b.p. 302°/749 mm. (picrate, m.p. 220—221°). Condensation of COEt<sub>2</sub> and paraldehyde by dry HCl at 0° and subsequent interaction with NH<sub>2</sub>Ph or o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Me-NH<sub>2</sub> and conc. HCl at 100° gives (II) and (I), respectively. (I) is the first base isolated from petroleum to contain in the Py-nucleus an alkyl other than Me.

XX. The fraction, b.p. 258—264°, of the bases obtained as above yields by distillation and crystallising the picrates 2-methyl-8-ethylquinoline (III), b.p. 263.0—263.5°/755 mm. [picrate, m.p. 169°; phthalone, m.p. 246° (red Na salt)]; nitrate, m.p. 143° (decomp.), and a base, C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>13</sub>N (picrate, m.p. 153.0—153.5°). SeO<sub>2</sub> converts (III) in boiling EtOH into 8-ethylquinoline-2-aldehyde (semicarbazone, m.p. 189—190°), oxidised by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-COMe<sub>2</sub> (90%) or Ag<sub>2</sub>O-EtOH (8% yield) to 8-ethylquinoline-2-carboxylic acid, m.p. 121°, which, when fused alone, gives 8-ethylquinoline (IV), b.p. 256° [picrate, m.p. 146° (decomp.); nitrate, m.p. 146°], also obtained with some quinoline from o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Et-NH<sub>2</sub>, PhNO<sub>2</sub>, FeSO<sub>4</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>BO<sub>3</sub>, glycerol, and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>Et-NH<sub>2</sub>, MeCHO, ZnCl<sub>2</sub>, and HCl give 22% of (III). K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> oxidises (III) to 8-acetyl-2-methylquinoline (46%) [picrate, m.p. 182° (decomp.); semicarbazone, m.p. 209°], stable to K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, but oxidised by NaOBr to 2-methylquinoline-8-carboxylic acid. K<sub>2</sub>Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> oxidises (IV) to 8-acetylquinoline (40%) (semicarbazone, new m.p. 225°) and quinoline-8-carboxylic acid (40%).

R. S. C.

**Quinoline "sulphanilamides."**—See B., 1941, III, 109.

**Synthesis of analgesics.** P. V. A. Raman (*J. Indian Chem. Soc.*, 1940, 17, 715—720).—Homopiperonylamine (I) is condensed with Et furoate at 100° and the crude amide is cyclised with  $\text{POCl}_3$  in boiling PhMe to 6:7-methylenedioxy-1-2'-furyl-3:4-dihydroisoquinoline, m.p. 95—96° [*picrate*, m.p. 206° (decomp.)]; *methiodide* (II), m.p. 238° (decomp.). (II) is reduced by Zn dust and dil.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  at 100° to 6:7-methylenedioxy-1-2'-furyl-2-methyl-1:2:3:4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, isolated as the *picrate*, m.p. 100° (decomp.). Me 7-methoxycoumarone-2-carboxylate, m.p. 79°, and (I) at 100° afford 7-methoxy-2-coumaronylhomopiperonylamine, m.p. 86°, cyclised ( $\text{POCl}_3$  in boiling PhMe) to 6:7-methylenedioxy-1-7'-methoxy-2'-coumaronyl-3:4-dihydroisoquinoline, m.p. 140—142° [*picrate*, m.p. 220° (decomp.)]; *methiodide* (III), m.p. 190—191° (decomp.). Reduction (Zn dust and dil.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) of (III) gives 6:7-methylenedioxy-1-7'-methoxy-2'-coumaronyl-2-methyl-1:2:3:4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, an oil, isolated as the *picrate*, m.p. 185—187° (decomp.). 9-Phenanthrolyl chloride and (I) in conc. KOH yield the non-cryst. 6:7-methylenedioxy-1-9'-phenanthryl-3:4-dihydroisoquinoline [*picrate*, m.p. 145—147° (decomp.)]; the corresponding *methiodide* is reduced to the non-cryst. 6:7-methylenedioxy-1-9'-phenanthryl-2-methyl-1:2:3:4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, isolated as the *picrate*, m.p. 105—108° (decomp.). Et  $\beta$ -2-furylpropionate and (I) at 100° afford  $\beta$ -2-furylpropionylhomopiperonylamine, m.p. 92°, and (I) and Et  $\beta$ -2-5'-phenylfurylpropionate give  $\beta$ -2-5'-phenylfurylpropionylhomopiperonylamine, m.p. 104.5°, neither of which could be satisfactorily cyclised. H. W.

**Amino-alcohols derived from carbazole.** II. L. Ruberg and L. Small (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 736—741; cf. A., 1938, II, 380).—3-Acetyl-9-methylcarbazole, paraldehyde, and the appropriate sec. amine in boiling abs. EtOH- $\text{N}_2$  give 3- $\omega$ -dimethylamino-, m.p. 72.5—73° (*hydrochloride*, m.p. 193.5—194.5°), 3- $\omega$ -tetrahydroquinolino-, an oil (*hydrochloride*, sinters at 198.5°, m.p. 201—202°; *picrate*, sinters at ~170°, m.p. 177.5—178.5°), and 3- $\omega$ -diethylamino-propionyl-9-methylcarbazole, an oil (*hydrochloride*, sinters at ~162°, m.p. 167—168.5°; *picrate*, sinters at ~134°, m.p. 143—143.5°), the *hydrochlorides* of which with  $\text{H}_2$ -PtO $_2$  in MeOH give 9-methyl-3- $\gamma$ -hydroxy- $\alpha$ -dimethylamino-, m.p. 122.5—123° [*picrate*, sinters at >145°, m.p. 157.5—158.5° (gas)], - $\gamma$ -tetrahydroquinolino-, amorphous [*hydrochloride*, sinters at >177°, m.p. 187° (gas)], and - $\gamma$ -diethylamino-propylcarbazole [*hydrochloride* (I), sinters at >129°, m.p. 132—134°]. Conversion of (I) into the oily base and treatment thereof with HCl-EtOH-Et $_2$ O gives a *hydrochloride*,  $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{25}\text{N}_2\text{Cl}$ , sinters at ~184°, m.p. 189—190.5°. 9-Acetylcarbazole,  $\text{CH}_3\text{Cl}$ -COCl, and  $\text{AlCl}_3$  in  $\text{CS}_2$  give 94% (cf. lit.) of the 2- $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$ -CO derivative, sinters at 178°, m.p. 181—183°, hydrolysed by 20% aq.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  in boiling EtOH to 2-chloroacetylcarbazole (II), m.p. 208—210°, the structure of which is proved by fusion with KOH to give the 2-carboxylic acid. With  $\text{Me}_2\text{SO}_4$ -KOH, (II) gives 2-chloroacetyl-9-methylcarbazole, m.p. 173.5—175°. With  $\text{NH}_4\text{Et}$  in  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6$  at 100° (tube), (II) gives 2- $\omega$ -dimethylaminoacetylcarbazole, m.p. 134—136° (decomp.; sinters at >126°; air), 155.5—156.5° (no decomp.; sinters at >150°; vac.) [*hydrochloride*, +0.5 $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , m.p. 190.5—193° (decomp.; sinters at >100°); *picrate*, m.p. 164—165° (sinters at 160°)], reduced as *hydrochloride* by  $\text{H}_2$ -PtO $_2$ -60% EtOH or, better, 5% Na-Hg in HCl-aq. EtOH to 2- $\alpha$ -hydroxy- $\beta$ -diethylaminoethylcarbazole, m.p. 151—152° [*hydrochloride*, m.p. 182.5—184°; *styphnate*, sinters at >174°, m.p. 179—180° (decomp.)]; *N*-oxide, sinters at >176°, m.p. 181° (gas). R. S. C.

**Retene field.** XI. Synthesis of retopyridines (naphthaquinolines) from 3-aminoretene. (Miss) S. A. Cassaday and M. T. Bogert (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 703—708; cf. A., 1939, II, 206).— $\gamma$ -Keto- $\gamma$ -3-ethyl- $n$ -butyric acid (modified prep.) gives an *oxime*, m.p. 165—166°, and an Et ester, m.p. 92.5—93°, the *oxime*, m.p. 105—106°, of which with  $\text{PCl}_5$  in Et $_2$ O gives Et 3-ethylsuccinamate, m.p. 168—169°, and thence (KOH-PrOH or HCl-AcOH- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) 3-aminoretene (I) (11 g. from 100 g. of retene) [*hydrochloride*, m.p. 267—273° (vac.); Ac derivative, new m.p. 240—241°], the less advantageous prep. of which from 3-acetylretene is modified. With  $\text{PhNO}_2$ , glycerol,  $\text{FeSO}_4$ , and  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  at 140—145° and later 160—170°, (I) gives 7-methyl-3-isopropyl-naphtha[2:1-g]quinoline [6'-methyl-6-isopropyl-naphtha-1:2-7':6'-quinoline] or 6-methyl-10-isopropyl-naphtha[1:2-f]quinoline [7'-methyl-6-isopropyl-naphtha-1:2-5':6'-quinoline], m.p. 87.5—88.5°

[*picrate*, m.p. 277—279° (decomp.)]; *hydrochloride*, +3 $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (tenaciously held), m.p. 96—101°, which resists reduction. With paraldehyde in conc. HCl at 100°, (I) gives 7:10-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-naphtha[2:1-g]- or 3:6-dimethyl-10-isopropyl-naphtha[1:2-f]quinoline, m.p. 110—111° [*hydrochloride*, +3 $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (tenaciously held), m.p. 258—261°; *picrate*, m.p. 221—226° (decomp.)]. With PhCHO and  $\text{AcCO}_2\text{H}$  in boiling EtOH, (I) gives 5-keto-4-3'-retylimino-2-phenyl-1-3'-retylpyrrolidine, m.p. 218—219° [*picrate*, m.p. 234.5—235.5° (decomp.)], which with  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$ -HCl and  $\text{BaCO}_3$  in boiling MeOH gives 5-keto-4-oximino-2-phenyl-1-3'-retylpyrrolidine, m.p. 208—209°. With PhCHO in boiling EtOH, (I) gives the *CHPh* derivative, m.p. 88—89°. M.p. are corr. R. S. C.

**Barbituric acids.**—See B., 1941, III, 108.

**Direct synthesis of 1:2:4:5-tetra-substituted iminazoles.** F. Lions and E. Ritchie (*J. Proc. Roy. Soc. N. S. Wales*, 1940, 74, 365—372).—OH-CHMe-NH $_2$ , Ac $_2$ , and NH $_2$ Me in EtOH at room temp. give 1:2:4:5-tetramethylglyoxaline, m.p. 58° (*picrate*, m.p. 189°). A similar interaction of the respective  $\alpha$ -diketone, primary amine, and aldehyde-ammonia affords: 1- $n$ -butyl-, b.p. 145—146°/28 mm. (*picrate*, m.p. 145°), 1-phenyl-, b.p. 170—174°/29 mm. (*picrate*, m.p. 122°), 1- $p$ -tolyl-, b.p. 176—180°/20 mm. (*picrate*, m.p. 123°), 1-( $\beta$ -phenylethyl)-, b.p. 209—212°/28 mm. (*picrate*, m.p. 164°), and 1-benzyl-2:4:5-trimethylglyoxaline, m.p. 81° (*picrate*, m.p. 127°); 1-benzyl-2-methyl-4:5:6:7-tetrahydrobenziminazole, m.p. 76° (*picrate*, m.p. 143°), and 2-methyl-4:5:6:7-tetrahydrobenziminazole, m.p. 220° (*picrate*, m.p. 184°) (cf. Hartmann et al., A., 1939, II, 37); 1-benzyl-2- $n$ -propyl-4:5-dimethylglyoxaline, b.p. 194—196°/19 mm. A. T. P.

**Pyrazolone derivatives.**—See B., 1941, II, 172.

**Analogs of Troeger's base and related compounds.** T. R. Miller and E. C. Wagner (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 832—836).— $p\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{R}\cdot\text{NH}_2$ , ( $p\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{R}\cdot\text{NH})\text{CH}_2$ , ( $p\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{R}\cdot\text{N}\cdot\text{CH}_2$ ) $_2$  (R = OMe or OEt), 6-methoxy-3- $p$ -anisyl- or 6-ethoxy-3- $p$ -phenetyl-1:2:3:4-tetrahydroquinazoline with 39%  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  or conc. HCl at room temp. give the Troeger bases (A), 6-methoxy-3- $p$ -anisyl-, m.p. 172—172.5° (corr.) [*hydrochloride*, +2 $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , m.p. 115—120°, and anhyd., m.p. 213—215°; *picrate*, m.p. 207.5—208.5° (corr.)], and 6-ethoxy-3- $p$ -phenetyl-1:2'-methylene-1:2:3:4-tetrahydroquinazoline, m.p. 131.5—132° (corr.) [*hydrochloride*, +2 $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , m.p. 135—137°, and anhyd. m.p. 236—240° (corr.)]; *picrate*, m.p. 196.5—197.5°, converted by aq.  $\text{HNO}_3$  into nitrosoamines (B) [X = NO; R = OMe, m.p. 207.5—208.5° (decomp.), and OEt, m.p. 184—186° (corr.)], and by boiling  $\text{Ac}_2\text{O}$  into  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and compounds (B) [X = Ac; R = OMe, m.p. 298—300° (decomp.), and OEt, m.p. 232.5—233.5° (corr.)], respectively. However,  $p\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{R}\cdot\text{NH}_2$ , ( $p\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{R}\cdot\text{NH})\text{CH}_2$ , ( $p\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{R}\cdot\text{N}\cdot\text{CH}_2$ ) $_2$ , 2:5:1-NH $_2$ - $\text{C}_6\text{H}_3\text{R}\cdot\text{CH}_2\cdot\text{NH}\cdot\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{R}\cdot p$  (R = Cl or Br), or the derived tetrahydroquinazoline gives 6-chloro-3- $p$ -chlorophenyl- (I), m.p. 135—136° [*hydrochloride*, m.p. 273—274° (decomp.)]; *picrate*, m.p. 188—189° (corr.); phenylurethane, m.p. 141—142° (corr.)], and 6-bromo-3- $p$ -bromophenyl- (II), m.p. 139.5—140.5° [*hydrochloride*, m.p. 276—278° (decomp.)]; *picrate*, m.p. 203.5—204.5° (corr.); phenylurethane, m.p. 159.5—160.5° (corr.)], -1-hydroxymethyl-1:2:3:4-tetrahydroquinazoline, whence red P and boiling 57% HI yield >1 mol. of  $p\text{-C}_6\text{H}_4\text{Hal}\cdot\text{NH}_2$ . (I) and (II) are considered to be intermediates in the formation of (A) (cf. A., 1935, 1118), although attempts to achieve this conversion failed. In two experiments a substance, m.p. 121°, was obtained instead of (IV). R. S. C.

**Adamkiewicz, Hopkins and Cole, and Rosenheim tests for tryptophan.** Investigation of the configuration of the organic molecule responsible for the colour formation and its bearing on the constitution of yohimbine; action of formaldehyde on tryptophan. D. G. Harvey, E. J. Miller, and W. Robson (*J.C.S.*, 1941, 153—159).—If to an aq. solution of 2:3:4:5-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline-4-carboxylic acid (I), conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  containing a trace of an oxidising agent is added so that the two liquids do not mix, the play of colours at their zone of contact resembles that obtained when tryptophan (II) is subjected to the modified Adamkiewicz procedure. Hence (I) may be used to test conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  for the presence of oxidising agents. The colour reaction has been carried out with several compounds and only those possessing the struc-

ture of (I) give it. The following have been prepared: *Me*-2-methyl-2:3:4:5-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline-4-carboxylate hydrochloride, m.p. 264° (decomp.), 2-hydroxymethyl-, m.p. 234°, 3-methyl- (+H<sub>2</sub>O), m.p. 208°, 2:3-dimethyl-, m.p. 243–245°, and 2-phenyl-3-methyl-2:3:4:5-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline-4-carboxylic acid (+H<sub>2</sub>O), m.p. 219°, and 2:3:4:5-tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline-2:4-dicarboxylic acid, m.p. ~270° (decomp.). The reaction with (II) involves the formation of (I) or a derivative thereof and then oxidation to the blue pigment. Yohimbine (III) behaves like (I) towards conc. H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> containing an oxidising agent. Therefore probably the CO<sub>2</sub>Me in (III) is at C<sub>(5)</sub> and not at C<sub>(16)</sub> as postulated by Hahn *et al.* (A., 1934, 667). F. R. S.

Fluorescence of purines and pyrimidines.—See A., 1941, I, 193.

Cu and Co tetra-(4)-pyridylphthalocyanines.—See B., 1941, II, 77.

$\alpha$ -Unsaturated amino-ketones. IV. Mechanism of the reaction of  $\alpha$ -bromo- $\alpha$ -unsaturated ketones with *sec.* amines. N. H. Cromwell (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 837–839; cf. A., 1941, II, 110).—The mechanism previously proposed for the reaction of CHR:COR' with NHR<sub>2</sub> is confirmed, but the course of the reaction is partly dependent on the nature of the base.  $\alpha$ -Bromo- $\alpha$ -piperidino- $\beta$ -phenylpropionophenone (1 mol.) and morpholine (2 mols.) in boiling EtOH give  $\alpha$ -piperidino- $\beta$ -morpholino- $\beta$ -phenylpropionophenone (I), forms, m.p. 174–175° and 155–157°, and CHPh:C(NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>):COPh (II), m.p. 102–103°. Hydrolysis of (I) by 15% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> gives  $\omega$ -piperidinoacetophenone (hydrochloride, m.p. 226–227°), PhCHO, and morpholine (not isolated). In boiling EtOH (I) does not yield (II) and the two products thus arise by independent reactions. Piperidine and  $\alpha$ -bromo- $\alpha$ -morpholino- $\beta$ -phenylpropionophenone in boiling EtOH give mixtures (a) CHPh:CR-COPh (acid hydrolysis gives 80–85% of COPh-CO-CH<sub>2</sub>Ph), and (b) NC<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>:CHPh-CHR-COPh (hydrolysis gives mixed CH<sub>2</sub>R-COPh), in which R = piperidino and morpholino. R. S. C.

Thiazole "sulphanilamides."—See B., 1941, III, 133.

Cyanine dyes.—See B., 1941, II, 110, 140, 170.

Gelsemine. II. Bromination and nitration. T. Q. Chou and T. T. Chu (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 827–828; cf. A., 1940, II, 360).—Gelsemine and Br in CHCl<sub>3</sub> at <0° give dibromo-, m.p. 309° (decomp.), converted by dil. aq. Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> into bromo-gelsemine, m.p. >320°. Dihydrogelsemine and HNO<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> at -7°, later 5°, give dinitrogelsemine, m.p. 257–258° (decomp.), [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> +6.6° [nitrate, m.p. 219–221° (decomp.), [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> -61.7° in MeOH; methiodide, m.p. 255–256°, [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> -68.5° in MeOH]. R. S. C.

Optical activity of quinine and some of its salts in mixtures of water and ethyl alcohol. J. C. Andrews and B. D. Webb (*Ind. Eng. Chem. [Anal.]*, 1940, 13, 232–233).—Data are given of the variation in optical activity of quinine, its dihydrochloride and sulphate in various mixtures of H<sub>2</sub>O-EtOH, and on the change of rotation as the base is treated with increasing proportions of HCl and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, each in that concn. of aq. EtOH which gives the max.  $\alpha$  for each salt. J. D. R.

Alkaloids of Chinese Hanfongchi. III. Hanfongchine C. C. F. Hsu (*J. Chinese Chem. Soc.*, 1940, 7, 123–128).—The aq. NH<sub>3</sub> extract after removal of hanfongchine A and B when conc. and extracted with hot C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>OH yields hanfongchine C, a phenol, C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>2</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>(OMe)<sub>2</sub>NMe<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O or C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>25</sub>O<sub>5</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub>(OMe)<sub>2</sub>(NMe)<sub>2</sub>·8H<sub>2</sub>O, m.p. 215–217° (decomp.), [ $\alpha$ ]<sub>D</sub><sup>25</sup> -12.9° in H<sub>2</sub>O [hydrochloride, m.p. 220–222° (decomp., darkening at 214°); methiodide, m.p. 182–184°; aurichloride, m.p. 118° (decomp., contracting at 90°); platinichloride, m.p. 204° (decomp., darkening at 200°)], which gives a green-dark green colour with FeCl<sub>3</sub>, and other colour reactions. A. Li.

## VI—ORGANO-METALLIC COMPOUNDS.

Preparation of 4-acetamido-2-hydroxyphenylarsenoxide. M. A. Phillips (*J. C. S.*, 1941, 192).—Biscarboxymethyl 4-acetamido-2-hydroxyphenylthioarsinite, m.p. 160–161°, obtained from Na thiolacetate and 4:2:1-NHAc-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>(OH)·AsO<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, when dissolved in 10% NaOH to a neutral solution and mixed with a neutral solution of *p*-benzarsenous acid, gives 4:2:1-NHAc-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>(OH)·AsO in 73% yield. F. R. S.

Sulphophenylarsinic acids and their derivatives. IV. Derivatives of *p*-sulphonamidophenylarsinic acid. J. F. Oneto and E. L. Way (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 762; cf. A., 1940, II, 360).—*p*-AsO<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>·C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>·SO<sub>2</sub>Cl and the appropriate amine in warm H<sub>2</sub>O give *p*-arsinobenzenesulphon-dimethylamide, softens at 166–168°, -anilide, -*p*'-carboxyanilide, and -*p*'-sulphonamidoanilide, converted by HI into the derived di-iodoarsines, m.p. 132.5–134°, 125–126°, 234–236°, and 195–197°, respectively. Hydrolysis by aq. NH<sub>3</sub> then gives *p*-sulphon-dimethylamido-, anhyd. and +H<sub>2</sub>O, -*p*'-carboxyanilido-, +H<sub>2</sub>O, -anilido-, and -*p*'-sulphonamidoanilido-, +H<sub>2</sub>O, -phenylarsinoxide. R. S. C.

Relative reactivities of organo-metallic compounds. XXXV. Colour tests for organo-bismuth and other organo-metallic compounds. H. Gilman and H. L. Yablunsky (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 839–844; cf. A., 1940, II, 385).—BiAr<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with LiAr or MgArHal in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> gives a deep purple colour; if the solution is boiled, cooled, and hydrolysed by H<sub>2</sub>O, the org. layer is yellow to orange. Organo-metallic compounds more reactive than MgArHal give only the yellow or orange colour after hydrolysis. Less reactive Mg compounds, other types of Bi compounds, and alkyl compounds give no colour. The sensitivity is approx. that of the Michler's ketone test. Steric hindrance (*e.g.*, mesityl groups) may interfere with the test. Application of the test indicates that in the reaction of carbazole with MgMeI migration of MgI occurs on heating prior to carbonylation. R. S. C.

## VII.—PROTEINS.

Analysis of proteins. XIII. Caseo-phosphopeptone. J. Lowndes, T. J. R. Macara, and R. H. A. Plimmer (*Biochem. J.*, 1941, 35, 315–320).—Caseo-phosphopeptone, obtained from caseinogen by Levene and Hill's method (A., 1933, 1062) and purified by repeated pptn. of the Pb salt, is an octapeptide containing N 10.56, P 5.77 (N:P ratio 4:1) and glutamic acid 26.8% (2 mols. per mol. of octapeptide) but no S, diamino-acids, tyrosine, tryptophan, or threonine. Of the total N 12.6% is amino-N. All the N is converted into NH<sub>2</sub>-N in 48 hr. by treatment with 20% HCl and all P is removed by 5.5N-HCl in 48 hr. at 100° (but not by 0.25N-NaOH at 37° in 48 hr. or more). The acidity and the ratio of acidic H to N atoms indicate that, of 6 replaceable H atoms, two are in H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> radicals, two in the glutamic acid residues, one in a terminal CO<sub>2</sub>H, and one in another CO<sub>2</sub>H. Oxidation with KIO<sub>4</sub> after hydrolysis for 36 hr. with 5.5N-HCl indicates the presence of 2 mols. of serine, hydroxyglutamic acid being probably absent. The results and those of Posternak (A., 1928, 1149) and Damodaran and Ramachandran (A., 1941, II, 115) suggest that the octapeptide is probably constituted thus: phosphoserylglutamic-X-X-phosphoserylglutamic-X-X, where X probably represents isoleucine (3 mols.) and aspartic acid (1 mol.). W. McC.

Amino-acids of phosphopeptone. C. Rimington (*Biochem. J.*, 1941, 35, 321–327; cf. A., 1927, 1211).—Re-examination of the material previously obtained suggests that it consists of a nona- (C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>60</sub>O<sub>33</sub>N<sub>9</sub>P<sub>3</sub>) and a deca-peptide (C<sub>43</sub>H<sub>71</sub>O<sub>34</sub>N<sub>10</sub>P<sub>3</sub>) which each yield ~4 mols. of dicarboxylic acid per mol. when boiled for 48 hr. with 20% HCl. Hydroxyglutamic acid and threonine are absent but glutamic acid (I) is obtained in low yield. The hydrolysate of the deca-peptide yields isoleucine (II) and probably contains phosphoserine. At 37°, 1% NaOH removes ~67% of the total P of phosphopeptone as PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>, the time-curve of the hydrolysis strongly resembling that for hydrolysis by bone-phosphatase. The deca-peptide is possibly formed by the combination of 5 mols. of (I), one mol. of (II), 4 mols. of serine, and 3 H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 12 H<sub>2</sub>O being eliminated, and the nonapeptide of the same constituents except (II), 11 H<sub>2</sub>O being eliminated. W. McC.

Coupled oxidation of ascorbic acid and haemoglobin. II. Formation and properties of choleglobin. III. Determination of choleglobin and of haemoglobin and ascorbic acid consumption. R. Lemberg, J. W. Legge, and W. H. Lockwood. IV. Labile iron of blood: production during choleglobin formation. J. W. Legge and R. Lemberg (*Biochem. J.*, 1941, 35, 328–338, 339–352, 353–362; cf. A., 1939, III, 650).—II. The prep. of choleglobin (I) and cholehaemochromogen (II) by coupled oxidation of haemoglobin (from cryst. horse oxyhaemoglobin or washed erythrocytes of sheep, ox, and horse) and ascorbic acid (V) is described. Reduced (I) has an absorption band at 628–630 m $\mu$ , increased in strength by

$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$  and by incubation for short periods. After 30 min. incubation the band is replaced by a band at  $\sim 670 \text{ m}\mu$ . due to  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  choleglobin or oxycholeoglobin (III); this change is reversed by  $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$ . CO causes replacement of the band at  $670 \text{ m}\mu$ . by a band at  $628 \text{ m}\mu$ . due to CO-choleoglobin production. CO also reacts with an alkaline solution of (II), shifting the absorption band from  $618$  to  $628 \text{ m}\mu$ . Alkali converts (I) into denatured globin-cholehaemochromogen and shifts the band to  $615$ – $622 \text{ m}\mu$ . The green insol. pigment (chiefly  $\text{Fe}^{\text{III}}$  cholehaemochromogen) produced by denaturation when coupled oxidation has continued for  $> \sim 45$  min. shows the absorption band of ferrous (II) at  $616$ – $618 \text{ m}\mu$ . (shifted to  $628 \text{ m}\mu$ . by CO) when reduced with  $\text{NaOH}$ – $\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_4$ . In  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}$ , this band is at  $619 \text{ m}\mu$ .; in dil.  $\text{AcOH}$  and in neutral aq. suspension the band is at  $628 \text{ m}\mu$ . Further oxidation of (I) and (II) occurs when coupled oxidation is continued for several hr., substances having absorption spectra similar to those of verdohaematin compounds being produced. It is not known whether (I) combines reversibly with  $\text{O}_2$  but, if (III) exists, it is more labile than oxyhaemoglobin (IV). Study of the action of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  on (IV) in presence of KCN shows that cholehaematin is distinct from verdohaematin and that Barkan and Schales' "pseudohaemoglobin" (A., 1938, III, 551) is  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$  denatured globin-cyanocholehaemochromogen.

III. A spectrophotometric method of measuring the rate of production of (I) and (II) from haemoglobin (VI) and methaemoglobin is described. The rate is diminished when  $\text{AcSH}$ , glutathione, or cysteine replaces (V) but not when reduction replaces it. At first, (I) is the only oxidation product but later other substances in addition to (I) and (II) are produced. At  $p_{\text{H}}$  7.2 and  $37^\circ$  (I) is produced from (VI) in presence of concns. of (V) and glutathione such as occur in the tissues, glutathione increasing the rate of production by more than the val. expected from additive calculation. The reaction velocity is increased, without affecting (V) oxidation, by diminishing  $\text{O}_2$  pressure to 15 mm. or by adding inhibitor for Cu [which prevents autooxidation of (V)] and is doubled by changing the  $p_{\text{H}}$  from 7.2 to 8.5. The temp. coeff. is high. In air, without shaking, approx. 10 mols. of (V) are oxidised per mol. of (I) produced. (VI) in erythrocytes is protected from rapid oxidation by the low permeability of the cell membrane and by an inhibitor in the stromata.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  produces (I) from (VI) even in the absence of reducing substances. The first step in the production is probably transfer of H from (V) to (IV), a  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$  (VI)– $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  compound being produced. This compound is converted partly into (I) and partly into methaemoglobin.

IV. Of the labile Fe of blood and (VI) solutions, 67% is probably an artefact arising from the oxidation of the prosthetic group of (VI) by the  $\text{O}_2$  produced from (IV) by acid. The fraction of the labile Fe split off even in presence of CO is at least partly derived from a bile pigment–(VI) which yields bile acids when treated with acid, a small part only being derived from blood-catalase. The increase in the proportion of labile Fe which occurs during coupled oxidation of (VI) and (V)  $\propto$  the concn. of (I) produced. Incubation of (I) for 16 hr. with 0.1N-HCl liberates  $\sim 66\%$  of the Fe, the remainder being found as cholehaematin in the ppt. of denatured protein. The elimination of Fe from (I) by acid is apparently not inhibited by CO or reducing substances. W. McC.

Some applications of periodic acid to the study of the hydroxyamino-acids of protein hydrolysates. I. Liberation of acetaldehyde and higher aldehydes by periodic acid. II. Detection and isolation of formaldehyde by periodic acid. III. Ammonia split from hydroxyamino-acids by periodic acid. IV. Hydroxyamino-acid fraction of wool. V. "Hydroxyllysine." A. J. P. Martin and R. L. M. Synge (*Biochem. J.*, 1941, 35, 294–314; cf. A., 1940, II, 385).—I. *dl*-Threonine (I) and  $\text{HIO}_4$  at room temp. give a max. yield of  $\sim 70\%$  of MeCHO (removed by aeration and absorbed in aq.  $\text{NaHSO}_3$ ) at  $p_{\text{H}} \sim 7$  in aq.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , independently of the presence of other amino-acids. *dl*-Serine (II) and -alanine, and *l*-cystine, -methionine, -tyrosine, etc., afford no MeCHO. Protein hydrolysates are examined. Volatile aldehydes from wool, casein, and gelatin are converted into the 2:4-dinitrophenylhydrazones; MeCHO only is identified. In the case of wheat gluten a little EtCHO is possibly obtained also, but this is not certain, as previous results are unreliable owing to possible confusion arising from the dimorphism of the 2:4-di-

nitrophenylhydrazone of MeCHO. X-Ray powder photographs [Miss F. O. Bell] failed to establish with certainty the presence of any derivative other than from MeCHO. A micro-method for the separation of 5% of EtCHO in a mixture with MeCHO, depending on "carrier" distillation using  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  as a solvent, is described.

II. No satisfactory method is found for the determination of  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$  resulting from the action of  $\text{HIO}_4$  on serine etc. Conditions for pptn. of  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$  by dimedon are studied; the presence of other amino-acids seriously lowers the yield.

III. (I) or (II) and  $\text{HIO}_4$  in 50% aq.  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  at room temp. yield 88% or 83% of 1 mol. of  $\text{NH}_3$ , respectively. The method is applied to the determination of hydroxyamino-acid content of complete protein hydrolysates. Silk fibroin has, relatively, low (I) and high (II) content.

IV. The hydroxyamino-acid fraction prepared from a wool hydrolysate by the acetylation-benzoylation procedure is investigated. Low recoveries of threonine are obtained; nearly 2% of the N of wool is isolated as optically active serine.

V. The acetylation-benzoylation procedure is applied to the lysine fractions of gelatin and isinglass hydrolysates, when a picrate, explodes at  $226$ – $227^\circ$ , is obtained (Van Slyke *et al.*, A., 1938, III, 757). The "hydroxyllysine" is probably  $\alpha$ -diamino- $\delta$ -hydroxyhexoic acid; with  $\text{HIO}_4$  it affords  $\text{NH}_3$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}$ . A. T. P.

## VIII.—ANALYSIS.

Rapid determination of the nitrogen content of organic compounds by the Dumas method. T. Nishi (*J. Soc. Chem. Ind. Japan*, 1940, 43, 432–434b).—Shortening of the time required for an analysis depends mainly on the use of a Thorex glass combustion tube which enables partial avoidance of loss of time during heating and cooling. H. W.

Determination of sulphur in organic compounds by hydrogenation. W. Theilacker and W. Schmid (*Angew. Chem.*, 1940, 53, 255–256; *Gas- u. Wasserfach*, 1940, 83, 601).—Ter Meulen's method for determining S in org. compounds by catalytic cracking and hydrogenation to  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  has been improved and simplified. In the examination of substances containing N and halogens the method has the advantage over the method of combustion followed by volumetric determination of the  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  formed in that it can be applied to all substances. A weighed sample is slowly evaporated in a stream of  $\text{H}_2$  in a quartz or supramax tube, and the vapours are passed at red heat through platinised quartz wool on which S compounds are quantitatively converted into  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ , which is absorbed in aq.  $\text{AcOH}$  containing  $\text{Zn}(\text{OAc})_2$ . The  $\text{ZnS}$  formed is determined iodometrically. R. B. C.

Analytical procedures employing Karl Fischer reagent. VI. Determination of carbonyl compounds. J. Mitchell, jun., D. M. Smith, and W. M. D. Bryant (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1941, 63, 573–574; cf. A., 1939, I, 577).—A new analytical procedure for aldehydes and ketones is given. The  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  formed in the reaction between CO: compounds and  $\text{NH}_2\text{OH}\cdot\text{HCl}$  in presence of  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{N}$  is determined by titration with Karl Fischer reagent. Results for 21 aldehydes and ketones are given; camphor only does not react completely. The effect of interfering substances is discussed. W. R. A.

Iodometric determination of the sum of aldol and *p*-aldol in acetaldehyde. M. Hori (*J. Agric. Chem. Soc. Japan*, 1941, 17, 52–54).—The method depends on the fact that *p*-aldol is decomposed to aldol by  $\text{NaHSO}_4$ , and that aldol combines with  $\text{NaHSO}_4$  in acid, and separates again in slightly alkaline, solution. J. N. A.

Semimicro-determination of copper reduced by sugars. T. G. Phillips (*J. Assoc. Off. Agric. Chem.*, 1941, 24, 181–183).—A modification of Bertrand's method is described.

Reduction of cystine at the dropping mercury electrode.—See A., 1941, I, 216.

Photocolorimetric determination of tannins. M. Rosenblatt and J. V. Peluso (*J. Assoc. Off. Agric. Chem.*, 1941, 24, 170–181).—The blue colour developed by the Folin-Denis reagent ( $\text{Na}$  phosphotungstate-phosphomolybdate) was analysed by quartz spectrograph-photometer apparatus and the procedure established for attainment of max. transmission and stability compatible with good sensitivity. The method gives an error  $> 0.5\%$ . F. O. H.

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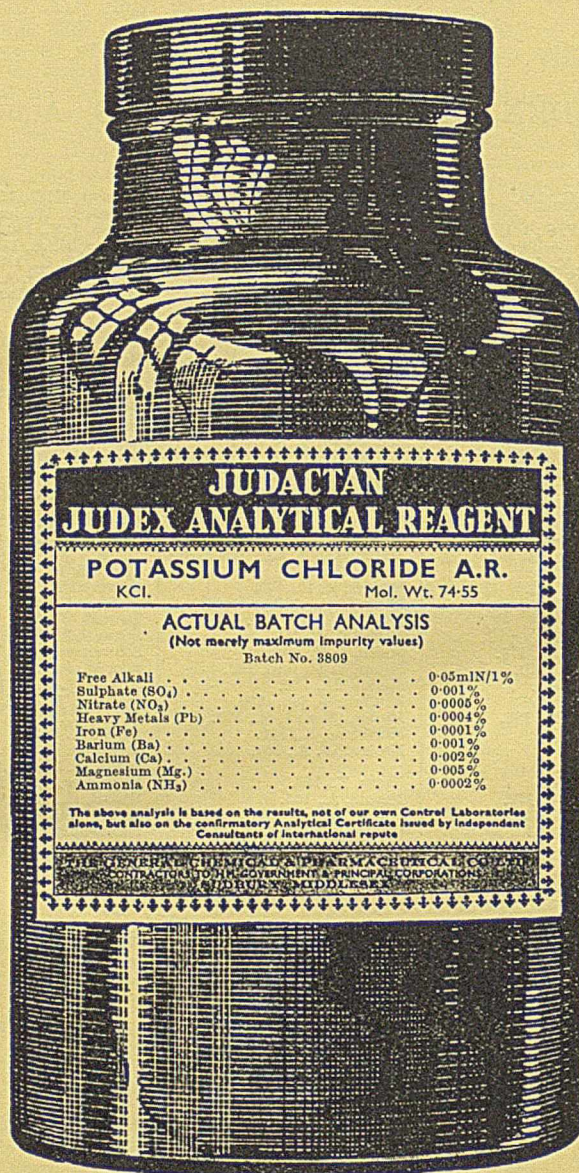
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