

NOTE.

Preparation of Triphenylchlormethane.—In my paper on "The Preparation of Triphenylchlormethane," in the November number, page 752, this Journal, a misstatement occurs which gives an ambiguous meaning to the paper. The first paragraph should read: "It is generally stated * * * *triphenylmethane* is the principal product of the reaction," and not *triphenylchlormethane*, as it reads now.

I also wish to take this opportunity to state that Thorp ("Inorganic Chemical Preparations," p. 39) recommends the preparation of aluminum chloride, in small quantities, by the same method as given in my paper.

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NEW BOOKS.

DIE AETHERISCHEN OELE. Von E. GILDEMEISTER und FR. HOFFMANN, bearbeiten im auftrage der firma Schimmel & Co. in Leipzig. Berlin: verlag von Julius Springer. 1899.

THE VOLATILE OILS. By E. GILDEMEISTER and FR. HOFFMANN. Written under the auspices of the firm of Schimmel & Co., Leipzig. Authorized translation by EDWARD KREMERS, Madison, Wis. Milwaukee: Pharmaceutical Review Publishing Co. 1900.

THE CHEMISTRY OF ESSENTIAL OILS AND ARTIFICIAL PERFUMES. By ERNEST J. PARRY, B.Sc., etc. London: Scott, Greenwood & Co. 1899. New York: D. Van Nostrand Company.

The subject of the essential or volatile oils has until very recently been given a distinctly secondary place in the chemical text-books in comparison with the class of fixed oils. Indeed, a few lines about terpenes and camphors has been thought quite a sufficient treatment by the writers of some of the most reputable text-books until quite lately. But this state of things could not remain in view of the brilliant work done in recent years in this branch by men like Wallach, Tiemann, and von Baeyer. As Prof. Emil Fischer, of Berlin, has recently remarked, it is a chapter of organic chemistry that has undergone more rapid development within the past fifteen years than any other.

It is fortunate that, the need having been felt, it should have been filled by the firm of Schimmel & Co., of Leipzig, who are so intimately and honorably connected with the industry of the