

death, showed no hydrocyanic acid present. The material showed no marked decomposition.

A portion of the stomach wall, about one square inch in area, taken when the analysis was begun four days after death, extracted with 0.4% hydrochloric acid gave a solution which did not dissolve fibrin. A solution from a stomach wall where death has been due to natural causes will ordinarily do so after that length of time.

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CORRECTION.

THE MOLECULAR REARRANGEMENT OF TRIARYLMETHYL-HYDROXYLAMINES AND THE "BECKMANN" REARRANGEMENT OF KETOXIMES.

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Through an oversight in the final editing we have given (Vol. XXXVI, p. 297) the proportions by weight of aniline hydrochloride and chloroaniline hydrochloride obtained in the rearrangement of parachlorophenyl-diphenylmethylhydroxylamine. The molal ratios are:

Line 24, 28% chloroaniline, 72% aniline.

Line 29, 31.5% chloroaniline, 68.5% aniline.

Line 30, 28% chloroaniline, 72% aniline.

The provisional conclusion based on these results (p. 287), that "roughly two-thirds" of the substance rearranges to form aniline and one-third to form chloroaniline is little affected by this correction.

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NEW BOOKS.

A Textbook of Chemistry. By WILLIAM A. NOYES, Director of the Chemical Laboratory of the University of Illinois. Henry Holt & Co., New York, 1913. xv + 602 pp. 13.5 × 20.5 cm. Price, \$2.25.

This new text by Professor Noyes marks a decided step forward in the presentation of the facts and theories of general chemistry. The brief introduction and very early entrance upon equations (p. 21) are special features of the book. The usual discussions on the gas laws follow in close order with good illustrations, but, in the minds of the great majority of chemists, it is doubtful if Avogadro's hypothesis (here called a law) would be construed as other than an hypothesis. It is pleasing to note the absence of the term "equivalent weight," a term that has too long outlived its usefulness and only served for the confusion of the beginner. Graphical formulas meet with an early introduction, simplifying remarkably such discussions as the Weldon process for chlorine. The chapter on the Periodic System is introduced just after chlorine and preceding the chapter on the halogen family (Chapter X). It is surprising