Th(NO2)4, cc.	F Caled., mg.	F Found, mg.	$Th(NO_3)_4$ , ec.	F Calcd., mg.	F Found, mg.
0.260	0.050	0.052	0.990	0.200	0.198
. 245		.049	1.020		. 204
. 520	. 100	. 104	1.000	.201*	. 200
.505		.101	1.155	. 230*	. 231
. 760	. 150	. 152	1.490	. 300	. 298
. 865	. 175*	.173	2.000	.400	. 400

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Sir:

In a spectrographic study of the electrodeless discharge in water vapor the writers have observed a band of moderate intensity with a head of wave length 3564 Å. This band is degraded toward the red and appears to have the structure of a hydride. It does not belong to any known system of hydroxyl bands and may prove to be due to OH<sup>+</sup>. Other fainter bands were also observed which have not been measured accurately or identified. The analysis of these bands is being carried out under the direction of Professor F. W. Loomis of the Department of Physics.

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