trichlorosilane while the second step involves the addition of a molecule of trichlorosilane to vinyl-trichlorosilane to give 1,2-bistrichlorosilylethane. The second step has been discussed in some detail in the previous publication.¹

Additional evidence in support of the reactions as given in these equations has been obtained. A pentenyltrichlorosilane was isolated from the reaction of 1-pentyne and trichlorosilane in the presence of peroxide. There are two isomeric pentenyltrichlorosilanes which could be obtained in this reaction, however, from a consideration of the boiling point data and previous reactions that have been conducted under similar conditions, it is believed that the isolated compound is 1pentenyl-1-trichlorosilane, CH3CH2CH2CH=CH-SiCl₃.² Isolation of this substituted vinyl addition product indicates that equation (1) is one step of the reaction. Thus, it is reasonable to assume that the reactions as outlined by equations 1 and 2 are indeed the reactions whereby disubstituted products are formed from an alkyne and trichlorosilane in the presence of a peroxide.

This furnishes another method of preparing alkenyltrichlorosilanes. Vinyltrichlorosilane has been prepared by the direct reaction of vinyl chloride and silicon³ or by dehydrohalogenation of a mixture of α - and β -chloroethyltrichlorosilanes with anhydrous quinoline.³

Experimental

1-Pentenyl-1-trichlorosilane.—A mixture of 271 g. (2.0 M) trichlorosilane and 12.1 g. (0.05 M) of finely divided benzoyl peroxide was placed in a glass-lined autoclave. To this was added 34 g. (0.5 M) of 1-pentyne (Farchan Research Laboratory) in 50 g. of trichlorosilane. The mixture was heated at 80° for fifty-two hours under its own vapor pressure. Distillation of the reaction mixture gave in addition to the unused trichlorosilane 10.8 g. of 1-pentenyl-1-trichlorosilane, b. p. 85° (80 mm.) and 11.9 g. of less pure 1-pentenyl-1-trichlorosilane. A residue of 18.2 g. was obtained.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_5H_9SiCl_3$: Si, 52.26; unsaturation, 1 double bond per 205 g. Found: Si, 51.6; unsaturation (reaction with Br_2), 1 double bond per 246 g.⁴

(2) Sommer, Pietrusza and Whitmore [THIS JOURNAL, **69**, 188 (1947); **70**, 484 (1948)] has shown that only 1-octyltrichlorosilane results from the addition of trichlorosilane to 1-octene in the presence of peroxide (99% yield).

(3) Hurd, ibid., 67, 1813 (1945).

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Viscosities of 2-Methyl-3-butyn-2-ol and 1,1-Dibutoxyethane

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The kinematic viscosities of 2-methyl-3-butyn-2-ol and 1,1-dibutoxyethane (acetaldehyde dibutyl acetal) were determined over the temperature

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The viscosities were calculated from the equation V = Ct, where V is the kinematic viscosity in centistokes, C is the calibration constant for the viscosimeter, and t is the efflux time in seconds. The viscosity in centipoises equals the product of the viscosity in centistokes and the density; for methylbutynol, d^{20}_{20} 0.8628 and d^{25}_{25} 0.8588; for the dibutoxyethane, d^{20}_{20} 0.8335 and d^{25}_{25} 0.8300.

Temp., °C.	Methylbutynol	centistokes Dibutoxyethane
0	10.83	1.927
25	3.43	1.239
50	1.54	0.871
75	0.891	0.668
100	0.539	0.492

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The Alkylation of Decalin with Ethylene^{1,2}

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The alkylation of decalin⁴ with ethylene in the presence of aluminum chloride produces a complex mixture of products. From this mixture we have isolated a fraction which apparently contains some 2-ethyldecalin. The evidence for this is based on the isolation of derivatives of 2-ethylnaphthalene from the dehydrogenation products of the given fraction. Since the dehydrogenation procedure employed⁵ has been shown not to effect skeletal rearrangement in various similar methyl decalins and octalins, it is reasonable that no skeletal rearrangements occurred in this case. Derivatives of some other compounds were also isolated, but none could be identified. That some of the original products are aromatic in nature is shown by the colors obtained on adding picric acid and trinitrobenzene solutions and by the

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