ported. Members of a series of perfluoro (α -alkyl) cyclic ethers were treated with aluminum chloride to give simple replacement of the three alpha fluorine atoms by chlorine.

A quite different result was obtained when perfluoro di-(n-alkyl) ethers were similarly treated. No $\alpha, \alpha, \alpha', \alpha'$ -tetrachlorofluoro ethers were found, but instead the cleavage products corresponding to them were isolated, as illustrated by the equation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} R_{t}CF_{2}OCF_{2}R_{f} & \xrightarrow{AlCl_{3}} & (R_{t}CCl_{2}OCCl_{2}R_{f}) & \longrightarrow \\ & & R_{t}COCl + R_{t}CCl_{3} \end{array}$$

The absence of partially-reacted ethers or their cleavage products lends support to the postulation of the tetrachloro ether as a reaction intermediate. Although under these conditions the cyclic α, α, α' -trichloroperfluoro ethers were stable,^{1b} decachlorodiethyl ether on heating splits spontaneously to CCl_3COCl and C_2Cl_6 .²

The reaction of $(n-C_4F_9)_2O$ with aluminum chloride gave known products. The acyl chloride, n-C3F7COCl, 3-5 and the trichloride, n-C3F7CCl3,6 were identified by boiling points and infrared spectra. The acyl chloride *n*-C₅F₁₁COCl,⁵ from cleavage of the ether $(n-C_{6}F_{13})_{2}O$, was similarly identified. The trichloride, $n-C_5F_{11}CCl_3$, is a new compound.

It is now possible to characterize perfluoro ethers and determine their structure by cleavage followed by preparation of a suitable derivative of the resulting perfluoroacyl chloride or chlorides. In the examples described here the amides were prepared. By mixed melting point determination with authentic samples of $n-C_3F_7CONH_2^{3-5}$ and $n-C_5F_{11}CONH_{2^5}$ these amides were shown to have the normal structure.

This work verifies that the perfluoro ethers have retained the normal structure of the hydrogencontaining ethers from which they were obtained by electrochemical fluorination.^{7,8}

Experimental

Perfluoro Ethers.—The perfluoro ethers $(n-C_4F_9)_2O$ and $(n-C_6F_{13})_2O$ used in this work had been prepared in these laboratories by electrochemical fluorination⁶ of the corresponding ethers, $(n-C_4H_9)_2O$ and $(n-C_6H_{13})_2O$.⁹ Their boiling points, refractive indices and infrared spectra indicated the absence of impurities.

Reactions with Aluminum Chloride .- Reactions and processing were very similar to those previously described.^{1b} Minor differences are noted below.

Reaction of $(n-C_4F_9)_2O$.—Twenty grams of the perfluoro ether $(n-C_4F_9)_2O$ and the theoretical amount of aluminum chloride (8.0 g.) were heated together at 175° for 16 hours in a rocking autoclave of 43-ml. volume. The autoclave was chilled and opened: volatile materials were caught in a There liquid air trap on warming and partial evacuation.

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was obtained 2.3 g. of material boiling above room temperature, with n²⁵D 1.2880 (reported³ for n-C₃F₇COCl, n²⁵D 1.288). Infrared analysis showed this material to be fairly pure $n-C_3F_7COC1$. The amide, prepared by direct reaction with ammonia gas and recrystallized from CCl₄, did not depress the melting point of an authentic sample of $n-C_3F_7-CONH_2$.⁵ Anal. Calcd. for C₄H₂F₇NO: N, 6.57. Found:

N, 6.64. Distillation of the filtered reaction product gave several fractions, b.p. 87–98°, which contained both unreacted (*n*-The second of C.F.CClassic By refractive indices and infrafractions, b.p. $87-98^\circ$, which contained both unreacted $(n-C_4F_9)_{2O}$ and $n-C_3F_7CCl_3$. By refractive indices and infrared spectra the amounts were determined to be 6.0 and 2.8 red spectra the anomula were determined to be the first 2.5 g., respectively. From this the ether conversion is calculated as 70%, and the yields of $n-C_8F_7COCl$ and $n-C_8F_7COCl$ are each 30% (based upon ether not recovered). In an otherwise identical reaction, run at 150° for 13 hours, the conversion was 45% but the yield of $n-C_3F_7CCl_3$ was only 8%; $n-C_3F_7COCl$ was not recovered. Some hexachloroethane was found in the distillation residues.

Reaction of $(n-C_6F_{13})_2O$.—The ether $(n-C_6F_{13})_2O$, 110 g. and aluminum chloride, 35 g. (120% of theory) were heated at 230° for 15 hours. Upon distillation of the filtered reaction mixture there was obtained $n-C_5F_{11}COCl$, b.p. 87–93° n^{29} D 1.2992 (reported⁵ for $n-C_{5}F_{11}COCl$, b.p. 90°, n^{25} , 1.310) yield 20.6 g. (43%). Infrared analysis showed this to be pure $n-C_{5}F_{11}COCl$. Anal. Calcd. for $C_{6}ClF_{11}O$: Cl, 10.7. Found: Cl, 10.8. The amide, recrystallized from CCl₄, did not depress the relative point of an authority angle of $n \in C$ CONUL 5.

melting point of an authentic sample of *n*-C₅F₁₁CONH₂.⁵ Anal. Calcd. for C₆H₂F₁₁NO: N, 4.47; F, 66.8. Found:

Meiting point of an automatic 1.447; F, 66.8. Found: Anal. Calcd. for $C_6H_2F_{11}NO$: N, 4.47; F, 66.8. Found: N, 4.40; F, 66.7. There was also obtained a fraction which proved to be fairly pure $n-C_6F_{11}CCl_4$: it had b.p. 140–144°, $n^{26}p$ 1.3403 and weighed 28.5 g. (51%). It was, however, contami-nated by some hexachloroethane; this was removed by means of the purification procedure previously described for the cyclic α, α, α' -trichloroperfluoro ethers.^{1b} Twenty grams of pure $n-C_5F_{11}CCl_3$, b.p. 143°, $n^{25}D$ 1.3383, was obtained. Anal. Calcd. for $C_6Cl_3F_{11}$: C, 18.6; Cl, 27.5. Found:

C, 18.6; Cl, 27.5. Sixteen grams (15%) of unreacted $(n-C_6F_{15})_2O$ was re-covered. Yields are based on ether not recovered.

The reaction of 25 g. of $(n-C_6F_{14})_2O$ and 8 g. of AlCl₂ at 185° for 14 hours went to the extent of 77%. The yields of $n-C_6F_{11}COCl$ and $n-C_6F_{11}CCl_3$ were 51 and 63%, respectively

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The Chemistry of Perfluoro Ethers. III. Synthesis of ω -Trichloromethylperfluoroacyl Chlorides by Cleavage of Cyclic Perfluoro Ethers¹

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Perfluoro (α -alkyl) cyclic ethers have been found to react with aluminum chloride to give simple substitution of the three α -fluorine atoms by chlorine.^{2a} Alpha substitution also occurred with perfluoro di-(n-alkyl) ethers, but was then followed

by cleavage of the ether.2b This study has now been extended to two cyclic perfluoroethers which do not bear an α -perfluoroalkyl group. These ethers split very much as had

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the non-cyclic ethers, but the cleavage product contains both the trichloromethyl and the acyl chloride groups, as illustrated by the equations

$$\begin{array}{c} CF_2 - CF_2 \\ | \\ CF_2 - CF_2 \end{array} \bigcirc \xrightarrow{AlCl_3} \begin{bmatrix} CF_2 - CCl_2 \\ | \\ CF_2 - CCl_2 \\ \hline \end{array} \bigcirc \xrightarrow{CCl_3(CF_2)_2COCl} \\ CF_2 \xrightarrow{CF_2 - CF_2} \bigcirc \xrightarrow{AlCl_3} \begin{bmatrix} CF_2 \xrightarrow{CF_2 - CCl_2} \\ CF_2 \xrightarrow{CF_2 - CCl_2} \\ \hline \end{array} \bigcirc \xrightarrow{CCl_3(CF_2)_3COCl} \\ CF_2 \xrightarrow{CCl_3(CF_2)_3COCl} \end{array}$$

From the absence of symmetrical products such as CCl₃(CF₂)₂CCl₃ or ClCO(CF₂)₃COCl it is reasoned that the chlorine shift (which accompanies splitting) is intramolecular. The ease of splitting of these ethers is in marked contrast to the stability of the α, α, α' -trichloroperfluorocyclic ethers,^{2a} and demonstrates that the mere presence of a five- or six-membered ring is not responsible for resistance to cleavage.

The ω -trichloromethylperfluoroacyl chlorides are new compounds. They have been characterized by their physical properties and infrared spectra, and by conversion to their amides. They may be used to identify or to prove the structure of the parent ether, or alternatively as synthetic intermediates. An example of the latter is the preparation of the new trichlorotrifluoropropene CCl₃CF== CF₂, according to the scheme

$$CCl_3CF_2CF_2COCl \xrightarrow{H_2O}{NaOH}$$

$CCl_3CF_2CF_2CO_2Na \longrightarrow CCl_3CF=CF_2$

The thermal decomposition of sodium salts of perfluorocarboxylic acids to give perfluoroölefins has been reported previously.³

The proposed structure, $CF_2 = CF - CCl_3$, is confirmed by examination of the infrared spectrum. The carbon–carbon double bond absorption is found at 5.63 μ , as compared with 5.56 μ for C₃F₆.^{4a} A shift to longer wave length has been found on passing from CCl_2 =CCl- CF_3 (6.30 μ) to CCl_2 = CCl- CCl_3 (6.46 μ).⁵ These compounds also serve to illustrate the pronounced shift to longer wave length which accompanies replacement of vinylic fluorine by chlorine in perhaloölefins. This shift is 0.20–0.25 μ per substitution, and has been found to apply also to the substitution of vinylic fluorine by a perfluoroalkyl group.4b

The $\alpha, \alpha, \alpha', \alpha'$ -tetrachloro ethers, postulated as intermediates in the cleavage reaction, are themselves known compounds. They have been synthesized by chlorination of the corresponding fluorohydro ethers, and have been treated with antimony trifluorodichloride to achieve the synthesis of the perfluoro cyclic ethers.6 In the case of cyclo-C₄F₈O, Henne and Richter obtained in fair yield a product which compared closely in physical

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properties with the cyclo-C₄F₈O used in this study. An extremely low yield was obtained in the case of cyclo- $C_5F_{10}O$, but this was attributed to increased difficulty in fluorinating the tetrachloro ether cyclo-C₅Cl₄F₆O. Henne and Richter commented that extensive decomposition occurred by way of breaking the ring, although decomposition products were not described: certainly the work reported in the present paper supports this view.

Experimental

Perfluoro Ethers.—Perfluorotetrahydrofuran and per-fluorotetrahydropyran were prepared by electrochemical fluorination of the corresponding cyclic ethers.^{6–8} The boiling point of cyclo-C₄F₈O was in agreement with pre-viously reported values.^{6,8} In the case of perfluorotetra-hydropyran, physical constants have been reported for a highly nurified esample⁸: the boiling point 24.0⁹ is seen highly purified sample²: the boiling point, 34.0°, is some-what higher than earlier values.^{6,8} The ether sample used in this work was almost pure, as judged by its refractive in-dex and its infrared spectrum: the isomeric cyclic ether, perfluoro-2-methyl-tetrahydrofuran⁹ was not present.

4,4,4-Trichlorotetrafluorobutyryl Chloride .- Perfluorotetrahydrofuran, 21.6 g. (0.10 mole) and aluminum chloride, 13.3 g. (0.10 mole), were heated together at 170° for 13 hours in a 43-ml. rocking autoclave.² Volatile products were caught in a liquid air trap. After crude fractionation in a vacuum system, 9.1 g. of unreacted cyclo-C4F8O was recovered and identified by molecular weight and infrared spectrum. The conversion was 57% based on cyclo-C₄ F_6O . (Note: insufficient AlCl₂ was used.) A filtered solution of the reaction product in C₆F₁₂O was distilled to give 4,4,4-tri-chlorotetrafluorobutyryl chloride, b.p. 148°, n²⁵D 1.4105, yield 8.6 g. (55%) based on unrecovered perfluoro ether. Pot residues contained hexachloroethane. *Anal.* Caled. for C₄Cl₄F₄O: Cl, 50.3; Cl (hydr.), 12.6. Found: Cl, 50.1; Cl (hydr.), 12.3. The amide was prepared by reaction with ammonia gas, and was recrystallized from CCl., m.p., 126.5–127.0° (cor.), not altered by further recrystallization. Anal. Caled. for C₄H₂Cl₃F₄NO: Cl, 40.5; F, 29.0; N, 5.34. Found: Cl, 40.5; F, 28.7; N, 5.33. **5,5,5-Trichlorohexafluoropentanoyl** Chloride.—Perfluoro-

5,5,5-1 fichloronexanuoropentanoyi Chiorue,—reinuoro-tetrahydropyran, 19.8 g. (0.075 mole), and aluminum chlo-ride, 13.3 g. (0.10 mole), reacted at 180° for 13 hours. A filtered solution of the reaction product in $C_6F_{12}O$ was fractionated and 6.0 g. of unreacted cyclo- $C_6F_{10}O$ was re-covered and identified by infrared analysis. From this the conversion is estimated as 70%. As in the preceding example, there was little or no intermediate fraction, but pot residues contained hexachloroethane. There was obtained residues contained nexachloroetnane. Inere was obtained 5,5,5-trichlorohexafluoropentanoyl chloride, b.p. 165°, n^{25} D 1.3966, yield 9.3 g. (54%), based on unrecovered perfluoro ether. Anal. Calcd. for C₅Cl₄F₆O: Cl, 42.7; Cl (hydr.), 10.7; F, 34.4. Found: Cl, 43.0; Cl (hydr.), 10.4; F, 33.9. The amide, recrystallized from CCl₄, had m.p. 138.3-138.4° (cor.) not altered by further recrystallization. Anal. Calcd. for C₅H₂Cl₃F₆NO: C, 19.2; N, 4.49. Found: Cl 92. N 4.61 C, 19.2; N, 4.61. 4,4,4-Trichlorotetrafluorobutyric Acid.—The acyl chlo-

ride CCl₃CF₂CF₂COCl, 30.0 g. (0.106 mole), was mixed with water, 1.91 g. (0.106 mole), in a narrow-necked flask and allowed to stand until about the theoretical weight loss (as HCl gas) had occurred. The reaction mixture was distilled to give pure 4,4,4-trichlorotetrafluorobutyric acid, b.p. 212°, n^{26} D 1.4132, neutral equivalent 262, 264 (calcd. 263.5), yield 23.0 g. (81%). The sodium salt was prepared and was dried at 110°. Anal. Calcd. for C₄Cl₂F₄NaO₂: F, 26.6; Na, 8.08. Found: F, 26.2; Na, 8.26. **3,3,3-Trich**lorotrifluoropropene.—Following the general procedure of LaZerte, *et al.*⁴ the sodium salt, CCl₃CF₂-CF₂CO₂Na, 13.9 g. (0.049 mole), was found to decompose at 250–280° *in vacuo*. Volatile products were fractionally distilled to give 3,3,3-trichlorotrifluoropropene, b.p. 89– 91°, n^{26} D 1.4027, yield 4.8 g. (50%). Anal. Calcd. for C₄Cl₃F₄: F, 28.6. Found: F, 28.7. water, 1.91 g. (0.106 mole), in a narrow-necked flask and

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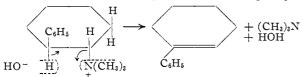
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Elimination Reactions in Cyclic Systems. III. Mechanism of the Formation of 1-Phenylcyclohexene from Trimethyl-*trans*-2-phenylcyclohexylammonium Hydroxide

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In a recent publication¹ it was shown that the product from a Hofmann degradation of trimethyltrans-2-phenylcyclohexylammonium hydroxide was practically pure 1-phenylcyclohexene. Rather than assume that this product resulted from a direct *cis* elimination and that the reaction constituted an exception to the general rule that *trans* eliminations are favored,² the authors postulated that 3-phenyl-



cyclohexene was first formed in the reaction, by a *trans* elimination, and that this initial product was rearranged under the reaction conditions to 1-phenylcyclohexene.

Our investigations of elimination reactions in cyclic systems³⁻⁵ suggested that the increased acidity of the hydrogen attached to the carbon holding the phenyl group might be sufficiently great to allow a *cis* elimination involving this hydrogen to occur more rapidly (giving 1-phenylcyclohexene) than the *trans* elimination involving a relatively non-acidic hydrogen (giving 3-phenylcyclohexene), which was suggested.¹ To test this hypothesis we have prepared 3-phenylcyclohexene and investigated its tendency to rearrange in the presence of base.

An attempt was made at first to obtain 3-phenylcyclohexene from *trans*-2-phenylcyclohexanol by the method of Price and Karabinos.⁶ Since this method was found to give a mixture of products,⁷ it was abandoned in favor of pyrolysis of the xan-

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thate of *cis*-2-phenylcyclohexanol.⁸ This sample of 3-phenylcyclohexene gave an infrared spectrum almost identical with that from the reaction of 3bromocyclohexene with phenylmagnesium bromide.⁹ Reduction of 3-phenylcyclohexene gave phenylcyclohexane identical with a sample obtained by reduction of 1-phenylcyclohexene. It is evident from the ultraviolet absorption spectrum of the sample of 3-phenylcyclohexene obtained by the xanthate method that no more than a small percentage of 1-phenylcyclohexene can be present. These results support the structure assignments and analyses of Alexander and Mudrak.⁸

The extent of rearrangement of 3-phenyl- to 1phenylcyclohexene on treatment with bases was followed by means of changes in refractive index. Under the conditions used by Arnold and Richardson¹ for the Hofmann reaction no rearrangement was observed.

In order to be sure that the non-homogeneous nature of our reaction mixture was not responsible for the failure of rearrangement, 3-phenylcyclohexene was heated with potassium hydroxide in alcohol solution at 100°. After one-fourth hour the extent of rearrangement was 0%; after 24 hr., 4.5%; after 96 hr., 9.8%; after 192 hr., 14.2%.

A slow rate of isomerization for a similar system was observed by Quelet10 for the base-catalyzed transformation of allyl-p-bromobenzene to propenyl-p-bromobenzene. Refluxing for 24 hours with a solution of potassium ethoxide in ethanol caused 40% isomerization; seven hours reflux with potassium amyloxide in amyl alcohol gave 75%isomerization. The slower rate of isomerization observed by us for 3-phenylcyclohexene is consistent with the fact the ionization of a hydrogen in an open-chain system, exemplified by ethyl acetoacetate, is about one hundred times as fast as in a comparable cyclic system, exemplified by 2-carbethoxycyclohexanone.11 1,4-Pentadiene also appears to be stable to alkali since it is formed from 1,5-diiodo- or 1,5-dichloropentane by treatment with alcoholic potassium hydroxide.¹²

The possibility that traces of silver oxide might in some way cause rearrangement of 3-phenylcyclohexene to 1-phenylcyclohexene also was eliminated, since 3-phenylcyclohexene was found to be unaffected by heating with a suspension of silver oxide under the reaction conditions.

It is highly probable that 1-phenylcyclohexene is formed in the Hofmann degradation¹ by a *cis* elimination, as indicated in the equation. This is then another example wherein increased acidity of the hydrogen being eliminated promotes a *cis* elimination in preference to a possible *trans* elimination.³⁻⁵

Experimental

Materials.—cis-2-Phenylcyclohexanol was prepared by the method of Price and Karabinos⁶ as modified by Berti.¹³

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