## Eleventh Report of the Committee on Atomic Weights of the International Union of Chemistry.

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The following report of the Committee covers the twelve-month period, September 30th, 1939, to September 30th, 1940.\* Only one change in the table of atomic weights has been adopted, in the case of holmium from 163.5 to 164.94.

Carbon and Sulphur.—Moles, Toral, and Escribano (Trans. Faraday Soc., 1939, 35, 1439) have redetermined the limiting densities of oxygen, ethylene, carbon dioxide, sulphur dioxide, and hydrogen sulphide, using an improved volumeter, in which the globes held more than 2 l. each. The gases were chemically purified and dried, and finally fractionally distilled or sublimed (carbon dioxide). In the following tables the corrected values of Density/Pressure are given. Adsorption corrections, as determined by Crespi, have been applied.

		Тн	uringian Gl.	ass Globes.		
P	= 1 atm.	0.75 atm.	0.67 atm.	0.50 atm.	0·33 atm.	0.25  atm.
			Oxyger	<i>n</i> .		
	1.42895	1.42856	1.42856	1.42829	1.42810	1.42802
	1.42898	1.42860	1.49855	1.49899	1.42802	1.42789
	1.49805	1.49864	1.49840	1.49898	1.49800	1.49809
	1.49804	1.49050	1.49954	1.49990	1.49906	1.49709
	1.49909	1.42009	1.42004	1.40000	1.42800	1.49901
	1.47097			1.42820		1.42709
A	1 49905	1 40000	1 49051	1 40000	1 49005	1.42792
Average	1.42895	1.42800	1.42801	1.42828	1.42800	1.42790
			Ethylen	ne.		
	1.26037	1.25807	1.25732	1.25582	1.25431	1.25341
	1.26035	1.25809	1.25730	1.25572	1.25420	1.25350
	1.26041	1.25810	1.25730	1.25577	1.25425	1.25358
	1.26033	1.25809	1.25732	1.25579	1.25433	1.25346
	1.26033	1.25805	1.25730	1.25571	1.25429	1.25351
	1.26036	1.25804	1.25733	1.25583	1.25430	1.25349
	0000	1 20001	1 20100	1.25578	1 20100	1.25344
				1.25586		1.25363
				1.95574		1 20000
Average	1.26036	1.25807	1.95731	1.25578	1.25428	1.25350
monage	1 20000	1 20001	1 20101	1 20010	1 20120	1 20000
			Sulphur di	oxide.		
	2.92658		$2 \cdot 90377$	$2 \cdot 89233$	$2 \cdot 88090$	2.87515
	2.92654		$2 \cdot 90362$	$2 \cdot 89226$	$2 \cdot 88085$	$2 \cdot 87518$
	2.92652		$2 \cdot 90357$	$2 \cdot 89230$	$2 \cdot 88069$	$2 \cdot 87513$
	2.92654		$2 \cdot 90379$	$2 \cdot 89220$	$2 \cdot 88070$	$2 \cdot 87497$
	$2 \cdot 92653$		2.90367	$2 \cdot 89223$	2.88085	$2 \cdot 87498$
	2.92659		$2 \cdot 90374$	$2 \cdot 89231$	2.88083	$2 \cdot 87522$
	2.92653		$2 \cdot 90367$	$2 \cdot 89227$	$2 \cdot 88084$	
					$2 \cdot 88080$	
Average	2.92655		2.90369	$2 \cdot 89227$	$2 \cdot 88081$	$2 \cdot 87511$
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0			JENA GLASS	GLOBES.	C 141	
Ux	ygen.	-	Carbon di	oxide.	Suipn	ur aioxiae.
= 1 atm.	P = 0.5 at	n. P	P = 1  atm. P	r = 0.5  atm.	P = 1  atm	P = 0.5  atm
1.429000	$1 \cdot 42832$		1.976896	1.97016	$2 \cdot 92658$	$2 \cdot 89229$
1.428937	$1 \cdot 42829$		1.97695	1.97011	2.92657	$2 \cdot 89233$
l·428963	$1 \cdot 42828$		1.976935	1.97015	$2 \cdot 92654$	$2 \cdot 89227$
l·428921	$1 \cdot 42830$		1.97694	1.97013	$2 \cdot 92652$	$2 \cdot 89234$
1.428952	$1 \cdot 42828$		1.97695	1.97011	$2 \cdot 92656$	$2 \cdot 89237$
l·428910	1.42828		1.97693	1.97016	$2 \cdot 92654$	$2 \cdot 89226$
1.428916	1.42831		1.97694	1.97014	$2 \cdot 92654$	$2 \cdot 89230$
l •428943						
1.428954						
1.428944	$1 \cdot 42829$		1.97693	1.97017	$2 \cdot 92655$	$2 \cdot 89231$

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Hydrogen sulphide was investigated by Regnault's globe method.

		Hydrogen	sulphide.		
	P	P = 0.5 atm.			
Globe I.	Globe II.	Globe I.	Globe II.	Globe I.	Globe II.
1.53854		1.53846	1.53834		1.52948
1.53836	1.53843	1.53843	1.53840	1.52935	1.52941
1.53833	1.53832		1.53848	1.52949	1.52936
1.53834	1.53851	1.53843	1.53850	1.52942	1.52934
1.53837	1.53849	1.53849	1.53848	1.52942	1.52944
1.53843	1.53841	Av. 1.53842	1.53844	Av. 1.52942	1.52941
		1.53	3843	1.55	2941

The following equations have been derived for Density/Pressure values.

Oxygen	D/P	1.427619 + 0.0001326 P
Ethylene	D'/P	1.251223 + 0.009134 P
Sulphur dioxide	D P	$2 \cdot 857957 + 0 \cdot 068593 P$

These and the data for carbon dioxide and hydrogen sulphide give the following molecular and atomic weights.

	Mol. wt.	At. wt., C.	At. wt., S.
Ethvlene	28.046	12.007	
Sulphur dioxide	64.061		32.061
Carbon dioxide	44.008	12.008	
Hydrogen sulphide	34.079		32.063

Phosphorus.—Hönigschmid and Hirschbold-Wittner (Z. anorg. Chem., 1940, 243, 355) have compared phosphorus oxybromide with silver. The oxybromide was prepared by refluxing the pentabromide with phosphorus pentoxide. After distillation, in order to remove tribromide, the material was again refluxed with bromine and pentoxide. It was then fractionally distilled many times in an exhausted all-glass system and fractions for analysis were collected in sealed glass bulbs. After six distillations with rejection of substantial light fractions the main portion was divided into light (H), middle (M and  $M_1$ ), and heavy (E) fractions. The light fractions rejected earlier were combined and fractionated and the heavy fraction (V) was analysed.

The bulbs were weighed in air and under water, broken under aqueous ammonia, and the glass was collected for weighing. After acidification of the solution it was compared with weighed quantities of pure silver by the usual nephelometric process. Finally the silver bromide was collected and weighed. Weights are corrected to vacuum.

## THE ATOMIC WEIGHT OF PHOSPHORUS.

Fraction.	POBr <sub>3</sub> , g.	Ag, g.	POBr <sub>3</sub> : 3Ag.	At. wt., P.	AgBr, g.	POBr <sub>3</sub> : 3AgBr.	At. wt., P.
v	5.54550	6.25967	0.885909	30.968	10.89645	0.508927	30.975
	$5 \cdot 16219$	$5 \cdot 82671$	0.885928	30.974			
	5.30583	5.98897	0.885934	30.976			
		Avera	age 0.885924	30.973		0.508927	30.975
н	4.70003	5.30521	0.885927	30.974	9.23529	0.508921	30.972
н	$4 \cdot 46732$	5.04259	0.885918	30.971	8.77784	0.508932	30.978
н	4.58384	5.17404	0.885931	30.975	9.00649	0.508949	30.988
		Avera	age 0.885925	30.973		0.508934	30.979
м	4.64994	5.24880	0.885905	30.967	9.13691	0.508918	30.970
м	$5 \cdot 20581$				10.22916	0.508919	30.971
м	$5 \cdot 45761$	6.16028	0.885935	30.976	10.72369	0.508930	30.977
м	5.07426	5.72777	0.885905	30.966	9.97123	0.508890	30.955
м	6.31287	7.12578	0.885920	30.971	$12 \cdot 40460$	0.508914	30.968
		Avera	age 0.885916	30.970		0.508914	30.968
M	$5 \cdot 83139$	6.58233	0.885916	30.970	$11 \cdot 45824$	0.508925	30.974
м	6.43986	7.26901	0.885934	30.976	$12 \cdot 65365$	0.508933	30.979
M	5.70576	6.44029	0.885948	30.980	11.21107	0.508940	30.983
м	5.70714	$6 \cdot 44202$	0.885924	30.972	$11 \cdot 21406$	0.508927	30.975
$\mathbf{M}$	5.31468	5.99898	0.885931	30.975	10.44279	0.508933	30.979
		Avera	age 0.885931	30.975		0.508932	30.978
E	5.07335	5.72633	0.885969	30.987	9.96817	0.508955	30.991
E	5.05071	5.70099	0.885936	30.976	9.92415	0.508931	30.978
E	5.95421	6.72069	0.885952	30.982	11.69909	0.508946	30.986
		Avera	age 0.885952	30.982		0.508944	30.985
		Average of	all 0∙885929	30.974		0.508930	30.976
Ave	rage, omittir	ng Fraction	E, 0.885924	30.973		0.508925	30.975

Since sample E appears to be slightly different in composition from the others, the authors prefer the average obtained with the other four samples, 30.974. This value is slightly lower than that found recently by Hönigschmid and Menn (30.978) by analysis of the oxychloride, but the authors feel that the latter value is more reliable.

Potassium.—Baxter and Harrington (J. Amer. Chem. Soc., 1940, 62, 1836) have compared potassium chloride with silver. Purification of the potassium salt consisted in crystallisation of the chlorate, perchlorate, and chloride. Fusion in an atmosphere of hydrogen containing hydrogen chloride preceded the weighing of the salt. The comparison with silver followed conventional nephelometric technique. Vacuum weights are given.

THE ATO	MIC WE	сібнт о	F P	TASSIUM.
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KCl, g.	Ag, g.	KCl: Ag.	Atomic weight of K.
4.88482	7.06819	0.691099	39.099
4.08265	5.90751	0.691094	39.098
8.52040	$12 \cdot 32907$	0.691082	39.097
8.62997	$12 \cdot 48749$	0.691089	39.098
8.77749	12.70096	0.691089	39.098
	Aver	age 0.691085	39.098

Iodine.—Baxter and Kelley (J. Amer. Chem. Soc., 1940, **62**, 1824) by displacement of liquids have found the following values for the specific gravity  $(d_{4^{\circ}}^{2^{\circ}})$  of iodine pentoxide: (xylene) 4.907, (mesitylene) 4.905, (kerosene) 4.952, (chlorobenzene) 4.980.

All these values are lower than that recently found by Moles and Villan but higher than the older value found by Baxter and Tilley. Of the above values, that found with chlorobenzene is preferred. By displacement of air the value 4.98 was found.

Since with the use of this value no correction for air adsorption (0.001%) is necessary but the vacuum correction is 0.001 smaller, the weights of iodine pentoxide given by Baxter and others in various recent investigations need no correction, in contradiction to the claim of Moles (see Report of this Committee for 1938).

Baxter and Titus (J. Amer. Chem. Soc., 1940, 62, 1826) have redetermined the ratio of silver iodide to silver chloride by heating the former substance in chlorine in a special quartz weighing tube. Silver was purified by (A) crystallisation of silver nitrate, reduction, and fusion on lime, and (B) precipitation as chloride and as metal, electrolytic transport, and fusion. Iodine was purified (I and II) by distillation from potassium iodide and sublimation in air over hot platinum, (III) by crystallisation as iodic acid, decomposition and sublimation. To prepare silver iodide, a solution of the silver in nitric acid was added to a solution of hydriodic acid made by dissolving iodine in distilled hydrazine. The silver iodide was prepared for weighing by heating to fusion in the quartz reaction tube in a stream of air laden with iodine and then in pure air. After being weighed, the salt was heated, at first gently, later more strongly until fused, in a current of chlorine, and then in air to displace the chlorine. Prolonged heating of silver iodide in air was found to induce slight decomposition. In two experiments the silver iodide was converted into silver bromide and weighed before conversion into chloride.

Vacuum weights are given in the following table.

THE ATOMIC WEIGHT OF IODINE.

Sample	Sample				At. wt. of			At. wt. of
of Āg.	of Î <sub>2</sub> .	AgI, g.	AgCl, g.	AgI : AgCl.	iodine.	AgBr, g.	AgI : AgBr.	iodine
в	Ī	$19 \cdot 29812$	11.78127	1.638033	126.911			
в	I	18.56636	11.33416	1.638089	126.919			
в	I	17.61333	10.75259	1.638055	126.914			
в	I	17.28888	10.55452	1.638055	126.914			
Α	II	24.77025	15.12167	1.638063	126.915	19.81186	1.250274	126.916
Α	II	26.53177	16.19680	1.638087	126.918	$21 \cdot 22030$	1.250301	126.922
Α	III	$27 \cdot 13226$	16.56361	1.638064	126.915			
Α	III	26.72367	16.31365	1.638117	126.923			
Α	III	$23 \cdot 26211$	$14 \cdot 20115$	1.638044	126.912			
Α	III	$24 \cdot 35477$	$14 \cdot 86829$	1.638034	126.911			
Α	III	$23 \cdot 82804$	14.54653	1.638057	126.914			
Α	III	$23 \cdot 54677$	$14 \cdot 37480$	1.638059	126.914			
			Averag	e 1.638062	126.915		1.250288	126.919

THE ATOMIC WEIGHT OF BROMINE.

AgBr, g.	AgCl, g.	AgBr : AgCl.	At. wt. of bromine
19.81186	15.12167	1.310163	79.915
21.22030	16.19680	1.310154	79.914

Baxter and Lundstedt (J. Amer. Chem. Soc., 1940, 62, 1829) have determined the ratio of silver to silver iodide and of silver iodide to silver chloride. Silver was purified by (A) three electrolyses with a dissolving anode, (B) an additional electrolysis of (A), and (C) an additional electrolysis of (B). Spectroscopically these three specimens appeared identical, although the residual electrolytes proved to contain small but diminishing proportions of impurities. Sample (D) was purified by crystallisation of silver nitrate, reduction with formate, and one electrolytic transport; sample (E) by precipitation as chloride, reduction with formate, and one electrolytic transport. All five samples were finally fused in hydrogen on a pure lime support. Quantitative synthesis of silver chloride much as with the iodide gave the following results (vacuum weights):

	Тне Атоміс	Weight of	Chlorine.	
Sample of Ag.	Ag, g.	AgCl, g.	Ag : AgCl.	Atomic wt. of Cl.
A	9.00350	11.96264	0.752635	35.457
в	10·40823	$13 \cdot 82954$	0.752609	$35 \cdot 461$
D	8.99809	11.95549	0.752632	$35 \cdot 457$

Iodine was purified as follows: Sample I, three distillations from aqueous potassium iodide, made from a portion of the partially purified material in each case, and distillation in a current of oxygen over red hot platinum; sample II, decomposition of sodium iodate, made from recrystallised iodic acid, and distillation with steam.

Weighed quantities of silver were dissolved in nitric acid and precipitated with an excess of iodide made by reduction of iodine with hydrazine. The precipitate was washed with dilute nitric acid and collected on a weighed platinum sponge crucible. After being weighed, it was transferred to a special quartz weighing vessel and the change in weight on fusion in iodine was found. The filtrate and washings were evaporated, and the dissolved silver iodide recovered. Weights are corrected to the vacuum standard.

THE ATOMIC WEIGHT OF IODINE.

Sample of Ag.	Sample of I.	Ag, g.	AgI, g.	I: Ag.	Atomic wt. of I.
Α	I	9.11927	19.84738	1.176422	$126 \cdot 9124$
Α	I	10.48742	$22 \cdot 82508$	1.176425	$126 \cdot 9127$
Α	II	10.14331	22.07589	1.176399	$126 \cdot 9099$
Ā	II	9.00775	19.60483	1.176440	$126 \cdot 9143$
D	II	9.53995	20.76333	1.176461	$126 \cdot 9166$
$\overline{\mathbf{D}}$	I	9.78621	$21 \cdot 29919$	1.176449	126.9153
B	II	9.04011	19.67510	1.176423	$126 \cdot 9125$
в	I	9.99801	21.76008	1.176441	$126 \cdot 9144$
Α	II	9.14163	$19 \cdot 89601$	1.176418	126.9120
B	II	10.00740	21.78024	1.176413	$126 \cdot 9114$
D	Ι	10.47710	$22 \cdot 80288$	1.176450	$126 \cdot 9154$
В	I	9.52800	20.73713	1.176441	126.9144
C	I	9.89577	21.53744	1.176429	$126 \cdot 9132$
С	Ι	10.47841	$22 \cdot 80542$	1.176420	$126 \cdot 9122$
С	I	10.44012	22.72226	1.176437	126.9140
Ē	I	$8 \cdot 47813$	18.45227	1.176455	126.9160
			Avera	ge 1·176433	$126 \cdot 9135$

The weighed silver iodide obtained in many of the experiments was converted into silver chloride as in the foregoing experiments of Baxter and Titus.

## THE ATOMIC WEIGHT OF IODINE.

			Atomic				Atomic
AgI, g.	AgCl, g.	AgI : AgCl.	wt. of I.	AgI, g.	AgCl, g.	AgI : AgCl.	wt. of I.
$21 \cdot 24430$	12.96904	1.638078	126.917	21.28690	12.99508	1.638073	126.916
21.70430	$13 \cdot 24993$	1.638069	126.916	$22 \cdot 65326$	$13 \cdot 82927$	1.638066	126.915
$19 \cdot 80231$	12.08877	1.638075	$126 \cdot 917$	$22 \cdot 47202$	13.71853	1.638078	126.917
21.61515	$13 \cdot 19557$	1.638061	126.915	18.19991	$11 \cdot 11055$	1.638075	126.917
$22 \cdot 69504$	$13 \cdot 85480$	1.638063	126.915		Avera	ge 1.638071	126.916
20.61686	12.58599	1.638080	126.917			0	

If the mean of all the silver iodide syntheses, 126.913(5), is combined with the mean of all the above silver iodide-silver chloride conversions, 126.915(6), the average value 126.914 is obtained. With the conversion factor 1.000275 this atomic weight yields the packing fraction  $-3.0 \times 10^{-4}$ , while mass spectrograph data seem to indicate a value slightly larger than  $-4 \times 10^{-4}$ .

Combination of recent experimental ratios involving iodine pentoxide yields values tending to support the above average :

Assumed.		At. wt. I
O = 16.0000	$2Ag/I_2O_5 = 0.646236$ and $Ag/I = 0.849904$	$126 \cdot 920$
O = 16.0000	$6AsCl_3/I_2O_5 = 3.25818$ and $AsCl_3/I_2 = 0.714191$	$126 \cdot 905$
Ag = 107.880	$6AsCl_3/I_2O_5 = 3.25818$ and $AsCl_3/3Ag = 0.6560128$	126.915
Ag = 107.880	$AsCl_3/I_2 = 0.714191$ and $AsCl_3/3Ag = 0.560128$	126.913
Ag = 107.880	$I_2O_5/Na_2CO_3 = 3.14950$ and $2Ag/Na_2CO_3 = 2.03556$	126.916
	Average	126.914

*Cæsium.*—Baxter and Harrington (*J. Amer. Chem. Soc.*, 1940, **62**, 1834) have compared cæsium chloride with silver. Nearly pure cæsium nitrate remaining from an earlier investigation (Baxter and Thomas) was fractionally crystallised through twenty series with occasional rejection of the most soluble fraction until rubidium and potassium could not be detected spectroscopically in the most soluble fraction. The three least soluble fractions of the twentieth series were combined and precipitated as perchlorate, and this salt was crystallised three times in platinum vessels. Conversion into chloride by thermal decomposition in platinum followed, and the chloride was crystallised four times in platinum in the presence of a small quantity of hydrazine to prevent attack of the platinum. The purified salt was prepared for weighing by drying and fusion in a platinum boat in an atmosphere of dry hydrogen and hydrogen chloride. After being weighed, the salt was dissolved and compared with weighed quantities of silver in the usual way, with the aid of a nephelometer. Tests showed the fused salt to be neutral and free from hydrazine and ammonia.

Weights are corrected to vacuum.

THE ATOMIC WEIGHT OF CÆSIUM.

CsCl, g.	Ag, g.	CsCl : Ag.	Atomic wt. of cæsium.	CsCl, g.	Ag, g.	CsCl:Ag.	Atomic wt. of cæsium.
15.73190	10.08001	1.560703	$132 \cdot 912$	$15 \cdot 19052$	9.73300	1.560723	132.914
17.98374	11.52285	1.560702	$132 \cdot 912$	17.58470	$11 \cdot 26723$	1.560694	$132 \cdot 911$
11.82978	7.45177	1.560674	132.909	18.32957	11.74473	1.560663	132.907
$18 \cdot 23097$	11.68119	1.560712	$132 \cdot 913$	16.59433	10.63256	1.560709	$132 \cdot 912$
$16 \cdot 45522$	10.54340	1.560713	132.913	17.53781	11.23671	1.560760	132.918
14.74725	9.44889	1.560739	132.916		Average	1.560709	132.912(5)
17.06711	10.93545	1.560714	$132 \cdot 913$		0		

With the conversion factor 1.000275, the packing fraction of cæsium is calculated to be  $-3.79 \times 10^{-4}$ , which compares favourably with the physical values  $-3.8 \times 10^{-4}$  (Dempster),  $-4.0 \times 10^{-4}$  (Hahn, Flügge, and Mattauch), and  $-3.8 \times 10^{-4}$  (Aston).

Holmium.—Hönigschmid and Hirschbold-Wittner (Z. anorg. Chem., 1940, 244, 63) have analysed holmium chloride by comparison with silver. The holmium material had been purified by Feit (*ibid.*, 1940, 243, 276) by fractionation as bromate and as basic nitrate. X-Ray analysis by Noddack showed the following atom per cent. of rare-earth impurity: yttrium, 0.013; erbium, 0.04; dysprosium, 0.03; other rare earths, 0.02. After repeated precipitation of the hydroxide and oxalate, the chloride was prepared by solution of the oxide in hydrochloric acid and the chloride was twice precipitated by saturating the aqueous solution with hydrogen chloride. Drying was effected by gradually heating the chloride, ultimately to fusion in a current of hydrogen chloride. Comparison with silver in the usual way with a nephelometer followed and the silver chloride was collected. Weights are corrected to vacuum. THE ATOMIC WEIGHT OF HOLMIUM.

Ho, g.	Ag, g.	HoCl <sub>3</sub> : 3Ag.	At. wt., Ho.	AgCl, g.	HoCl <sub>3</sub> : 3AgCl.	At. wt., Ho
$2 \cdot 20620$				$3 \cdot 49683$	0.63092	164.929
$2 \cdot 16354$	$2 \cdot 58091$	0.83829	164.932	$3 \cdot 42918$	0.63092	164.932
$2 \cdot 22679$	$2 \cdot 65622$	0.83833	164.946	3.52933	0.63094	164.940
1.44966	1.72930	0.83829	164.934	$2 \cdot 29770$	0.63092	164.931
3.18194	3.79581	0.83828	164.929	5.04342	0.63091	164.927
4.74923	$5 \cdot 66553$	0.83827	$164 \cdot 926$	7.52767	0.63090	164.924
	Aver	age 0.83829	164.933		0.63092	164.930

Correction for the yttrium content raises the experimental average to 164.94. Since holmium appears to be a simple element, the atomic weight may be computed from the mass number with the use of the conversion factor and the packing fraction  $-0.8 \times 10^{-4}$ . The physical value 164.94 thus agrees exactly with the above value, and is adopted for the table.

Hartley, Henry, and Whytlaw-Gray (*Trans. Faraday Soc.*, 1939, **35**, 1452) have measured experimentally the adsorption of certain gases on fused silica surfaces, and find this to be only a small fraction of that on glass surfaces. In the following table are given the values in ml.  $\times 10^{-6}$  per cm.<sup>2</sup> at 760 mm. and 21°:

Gas	$SO_2$	$N_2O$	$C_2H_4$	$CO_2$	$N_2$	CO	Α	$O_2$
Ml. $\times 10^{-6}$ /cm. <sup>2</sup>	11·Õ	1.61	1.51	$1 \cdot 4\overline{4}$	0.74	0.44	0.42	$0.\overline{20}$
Unimolecular layer, %	50			6				0.7

Even with sulphur dioxide the effect upon the measurements with a micro-displacement balance with uncompensated bulb of 1.7 ml. is only  $1 \times 10^{-5}$ , and of course disappears if the two arms of the balance expose equal surfaces.

Bloom due to condensed silica vapour during the construction of the silica apparatus was found to increase the quantity of adsorbed gas to many times its value on clean surfaces.

Attention is called to the marked discrepancies between several chemical values in the atomic weight table and the corresponding values based on mass-spectrographic evidence. In most of these cases the element is simple so far as is known, so that the atomic weight cannot be far from the mass number. Although it seems unlikely that new physical evidence will alter the mass spectrographic values materially, the Committee hesitates to change the values in the table at the present time. The packing fractions used below are taken from the table of Hahn, Flügge, and Mattauch (*Ber.*, 1940, **73**, A, 1), and the value 1.000275 is used for the conversion factor.

Scandium. Simple element, packing fraction  $-8.9 \times 10^{-4}$ , physical atomic weight 44.96.

Terbium. Simple element, packing fraction  $-1.4 \times 10^{-4}$ , physical atomic weight 158.93.

Thulium. Simple element, packing fraction  $-0.4 \times 10^{-4}$ , physical atomic weight 168.95.

*Iridium*. Abundance ratio  $^{191}$ Ir/ $^{193}$ Ir =  $38 \cdot 5/61 \cdot 5$ , packing fraction  $+ 2 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-4}$ , physical atomic weight 192.22. In this case the chemical atomic weight 193.1 appears to be impossible.

Gold. Simple element, packing fraction  $+ 2.0 \times 10^{-4}$ , physical atomic weight 196.99. Hönigschmid (Angew. Chem., 1940, 53, 177) reviews the determinations of atomic weights carried out during the past thirty years in his laboratory at Munich.

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	Symbol.	Atomic Number.	Atomic Weight.		Symbol.	Atomic Number.	Atomic Weigh <b>t</b> .
Aluminium	Al	13	26.97	Neon	Ne	10	20.183
Antimony	Sb	51	121.76	Nickel	Ni	28	58.69
Argon	Α	18	39.944	Niobium			00.00
Arsenic	As	33	74.91	(Columbium)	Nb (Cb)	41	92.91
Barium	Ba	56	137.36	Nitrogen	N N	7	14.008
Bervllium	Be	4	9.02	Osmium	Ôs	76	190.2
Bismuth	Bi	83	209.00	Oxygen	õ	8	16.0000
Boron	B	5	10.82	Palladium	ъ	46	106.7
Bromine	Br	35	79.916	Phosphorus	P	15	30.98
Cadmium	Čđ	48	112.41	Platinum	D+	78	105.93
Cæsium	Čs.	55	132.01	Potassium	ĸ	10	30.008
Calcium	Ča	20	40.08	Presendymium	Dr	50	140.09
Carbon	Č	6	12.010	Protoactinium	Do	01	921
Cerium	Če	58	140.13	Radium		91	201
Chlorine	cĩ	17	25.457	Radon	Dn	00 96	220.00
Chromium	Cr	94	59.01	Phonium		00 75	106.91
Cobalt		24	52.01	Rheilium Bhodium	Re Dh	10	109.01
Copper	Cu	21	69.57	Rubidium		40	102.91
Dispresium	Dr	29	169.46	Rubidium	RD D.	31	80.48
Erbium	Dy E	60	102.40	Kuthemum	Ku	44	101.7
Erblum	EI En	69	107.2	Samarium	Sm	02	150.43
Europium	Eu	03	102.0	Seandium	SC	21	45.10
Codelinium	r C J	9	19.00	Selenium	Se	34	78.96
Gadonnium	Ga	04	190.8	Silicon	51	14	28.06
Gallium	Ga	31	69.72	Silver	Ag	47	107-880
Germanium	Ge	32	72.60	Sodium	Na	11	22.997
Gold	Au	79	197.2	Strontium	Sr	38	87.63
Hainium	HI	72	178.6	Sulphur	S	16	32.06
Helium	He	2	4.003	Tantalum	Ta	73	180.88
Holmium	Ho	67	164.94	Tellurium	Te	52	127.61
Hydrogen	н	1	1.0080	Terbium	ть	65	$159 \cdot 2$
Indium	ln	49	114.76	Thallium	TI	81	204.39
Iodine	Ī	53	126.92	Thorium	$\mathbf{Th}$	90	$232 \cdot 12$
Iridium	Ir	77	193.1	Thulium	$\mathbf{Tm}$	69	169· <b>4</b>
Iron	Fe	26	55.85	Tin	Sn	50	118.70
Krypton	Kr	36	83.7	Titanium	Ti	<b>22</b>	47.90
Lanthanum	La	57	138.92	Tungsten	w	74	183.92
Lead	Pb	82	207.21	Uranium	U	92	238.07
Lithium	Li	3	6.940	Vanadium	$\mathbf{v}$	23	50 <b>·95</b>
Lutecium	Lu	71	17 <b>4</b> ·99	Xenon	Xe	54	131.3
Magnesium	Mg	12	24.32	Ytterbium	$\mathbf{Y}_{\mathbf{b}}$	70	173.04
Manganese	$\mathbf{Mn}$	25	54.93	Yttrium	Y	39	88.92
Mercury	Hg	80	200.61	Zinc	Zn	30	65.38
Molybdenum	Mŏ	42	95.95	Zirconium	Zr	40	91.22
Neodymium	Nd	60	144.27				