

3. No isomeric 3,3'- or 2,2'-dinitro-4,4'-diaminodiphenylmethanes could be obtained.

4. Various dicarboxylic acids of diphenylmethane could not be resolved.

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NOTE

The Chemistry of Jaffe's Reaction for Creatinine. III. 2,6-Dinitrophenol.—The writer has previously shown¹ that Jaffe's reaction for creatinine cannot be obtained if any one of a number of substances, including 2,4-dinitrophenol, is substituted for the picric acid. At that time, 2,6-dinitrophenol was not available to him. Recently he has obtained some from Kahlbaum. This also fails to give a red color with creatinine and sodium hydroxide. The writer's hypothesis¹ that all three nitro groups of the picric acid undergo a change in the formation of the red tautomer of creatinine picrate is, therefore, made the more probable.

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It is to contain two sections, one devoted to matters of purely scientific interest, the other to applied chemistry. Of the nineteen articles one is in Ukrainian, another in German, and the remainder are in Russian. The table of contents is in French and there is an occasional summary in German. The equations and tables are printed chiefly in Latin characters. It is, of course, gratifying to see this evidence of renewed scientific activity. The articles, judging solely by the French index, appear to be interesting.

An outsider cannot, however, but regret the multiplicity of tongues and in this instance the added difficulty of a strange alphabet.

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¹ Greenwald and Gross, *J. Biol. Chem.*, **59**, 601 (1924). Greenwald, **THIS JOURNAL**, **47**, 1443 (1925).