

**The Mechanism of Reaction between Thionylaniline and Organomagnesium Halides**, by Henry Gilman and Harry L. Morris.

P. 2402. The first part of the last sentence of Ref. 15 should read: "Benzene sulfonanilide melts at 112°, but..."

**Optical Rotation and Atomic Dimension. VI**, by D. H. Brauns.

P. 2786. In line 30, instead of "pseudo-cellobiose," (a name used by the author before its full identification), read "4-glucosido-mannose."

**The Alkylation of Hydroxynaphthoquinone. I. Ortho-Ethers**, by Louis F. Fieser.

P. 2922. In the title, in place of "ortho-ethers," read "oxygen ethers."

P. 2927. In the first line following the formulas, instead of "new," read "now."

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**Quantum Principles and Line Spectra.** By J. H. VAN VLECK, Assistant Professor of Physics, University of Minnesota. Bulletin of the National Research Council, Vol. 10, Part 4, 1926. 316 pp. 13 figs. 25 × 17 cm. Price \$3.00.

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**Colloid and Capillary Chemistry.** By HERBERT FREUNDLICH, Ph.D., Professor at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute for Physical Chemistry, Berlin. Translated from the third German edition by H. STAFFORD HATFIELD, B.Sc., Ph.D. E. P. Dutton and Company, 681 Fifth Avenue, New York City, 1926. xvi + 883 pp. 157 figs. 15.5 × 26 cm. Price \$14.00.

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