10°, micro b. p. 26–27°, $n^{20}D$ 1.3569. [c] Traces of yellow lower layer formed. [d] 0.6 cc. hydrocarbon residue boiling above 10°, micro b. p. 29°, $n^{20}D$ 1.3610. [e] $n^{20}D$ 1.3575. [f] Traces of permanent gases formed. [g] 20.6% of total n-butane charge isomerized to i-butane. [h] i-Butane charge. [i] The heart cut of this fraction was 30 × $10^{-4}$ mole, $n^{20}D$ 1.3548. [j] The complete column analysis was 9 × $10^{-4}$ mole low boiling material, 410 × $10^{-4}$ mole i-$C_4H_{10}$, 62 × $10^{-4}$ mole n-$C_4H_{10}$, 34 × $10^{-4}$ mole i-pentane, 24 × $10^{-4}$ mole boiling higher than i-pentane. [k] Propane. [l] Aluminum chloride. [m] Methyl chloride. [n] No i-butane; no alkylate. After removal of volatile products, 0.920 g. of a white to light amber solid remained, m. p. 24°, stable to pumping at $10^{-5}$ mm. [o] Ethyl bromide. [p] Light yellow solution. *Ca.* 0.3 cc. light orange lower layer developed at end of run. [q] Total distillate boiling above n-butane, $n^{20}D$ 1.3800. Traces of low boiling material. [r] Light yellow solution. [s] Traces of low boiling material; butane fraction 47.7% isomerized. [t] *Ca.* 0.5 cc. deep red lower layer formed. [u] The complete analysis was as follows: traces of $CH_4$, 140 × $10^{-4}$ mole $C_2H_6$, 80 × $10^{-4}$ mole $C_3H_8$, 82 × $10^{-4}$ mole n-$C_4H_{10}$, 185 × $10^{-4}$ mole i-$C_4H_{10}$, 130 × $10^{-4}$ mole i-$C_5H_{12}$, 95 × $10^{-4}$ mole $C_6H_{14}$ and higher, $n^{20}D$ 1.3779.

## Summary

In the presence of aluminum bromide, methyl and ethyl bromide will alkylate butanes to give substantial yields of pentanes and hexanes, respectively, as well as some higher paraffins. The occurrence of the alkylation reaction substantiates a prediction based on the mechanism of paraffin isomerization previously presented.

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# NOTES

## Trimethylchlorosilane

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Taylor and Walden[1] have recently reported the successful preparation of trimethylchlorosilane by direct chlorination of trimethylsilane. We obtained this chlorosilane in January, 1941, by the reaction of methylmagnesium chloride with a mixture of methylchlorosilanes[2] in ether solution.

### Experimental

429.5 g. of a methylchlorosilane mixture[3] (b. p. 68.0–70.1°; 57.8% Cl; 2.75 moles dimethyldichlorosilane and 0.50 mole of methyltrichlorosilane) was dissolved in one liter of anhydrous ether and added to a 5-liter, three-neck flask fitted with a stirrer, an addition funnel, and a condenser cooled by a bath of acetone and solid carbon dioxide. To this solution was slowly added 500 cc. of a 4.1 *M* solution of methylmagnesium chloride in ether; the magnesium chloride precipitated as a fine sludge. The ether solution was separated and the ether removed by distillation; fractional distillation of the residue in a column of 40 theoretical plates gave five fractions totaling 38.7 g. (0.35 mole) of trimethylchlorosilane. The higher boiling constituents contained 159.2 g. (1.23 moles) of dimethyldichlorosilane, and 30.8 g. of an intermediate fraction. These materials were analyzed by the hydrolysis of approximately 1-g. samples and the titration of the liberated acid with *N*/2 sodium hydroxide. A sample of trimethylchlorosilane collected at 57.0° (748 mm.) gave 32.5, 32.6% Cl (calcd., 32.64% Cl). The dimethyldichlorosilane distilled at 70.0° (757 mm.) and gave 54.8, 54.8% Cl (calcd., 54.95% Cl).

Another sample of trimethylchlorosilane[3] upon careful fractional distillation in a column of 50 theoretical plates gave three consecutive fractions having the following properties: (a) b. p. 57.6–57.7° (760 mm.); $d^{27}_{27}$ 0.8538; % Cl, 32.58, 32.59, 32.59; (b) b. p. 57.7° (760 mm.)-57.3° (749 mm.); $d^{27}_{27}$ 0.8536; % Cl, 32.57, 32.56, 32.57; (c) b. p. 57.7° (760 mm.); $d^{27}_{27}$ 0.8536, 0.8538; % Cl, 32.55, 32.57.

The vapor density of trimethylchlorosilane indicates this compound to be slightly associated at 100°. The result obtained by the Dumas method was 5.091 g./l. (S. T. P.) corresponding to a molecular weight of 114 (calcd., 108.6).

The molecular weight of this compound was also determined cryoscopically in cyclohexane (determined freezing point constant, 207). The following results show trimethylchlorosilane to exist as the dimer in this solvent at 6° (maximum concentration of solute, 0.3%): mol. wt., 223, 205, 216, 212 (calcd. for the dimer, 217.2).

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## The Solubility of Potassium Iodide in Sodium Hydroxide Solutions at 20°

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In former articles[2] we have presented the results of studies on the solubility of potassium iodide in potassium hydroxide solutions and of sodium iodide in sodium hydroxide solutions at 20°. The present paper extends these studies to the iodide of potassium in solutions of sodium hydroxide from 0 to 16.5 *N*.

The results of our measurements are presented in Table I and Fig. 1.

### Experimental

The solutions were equilibrated and analyzed as previously described except that the concentration of iodide was determined by titration with standard silver nitrate solution using eosine as an adsorption indicator. Equilibrium was more rapidly established than in the case of sodium iodide in sodium hydroxide solutions but less

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