

Estimations then depend on isotope ratios in any pure sample. S^{35} -Pipsylalanine (B counts) was added, as indicator, to the derivatives obtained from silk hydrolysate and I^{131} -pipsyl chloride. Eluates of selected successive strips in the alanine band (identified by S^{35} counts) showed constant ratios, $R = I^{131}/S^{35}$. S^{35} counts are 99.7% removed by 0.003" Al which passes 56% of I^{131} counts. The alanine originally present equals RB/C_r . Analysis indicated 29% of silk nitrogen in alanine.

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Mechanisms of Reactions at Carbon-Carbon Double Bonds. By CHARLES C. PRICE. Interscience Publishers Inc., New York, N. Y., 1946. 118 pp. Price, \$2.50.

The last three quarters of this small book, based on lectures given by the author at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, consists of an exceptionally effective discussion of the reactions of olefinic compounds. It is clear, and remarkably complete for so small a compass, and is based on the best available interpretations of the mechanisms involved, which have been largely clarified in recent years by physical chemical as well as by organic chemical evidence. The treatment of vinyl polymerizations, to whose understanding the author has made important contributions, is especially timely and interesting.

The first chapter, however, is concerned with a theory of the orienting effect of groups attached to the benzene ring which the present reviewer is quite unable to understand. While he is worried by the approximations made in the calculations and by the optimism with which a verification is claimed, he is bogged down completely by the bald assumption that an electrostatic force due to an orienting group which pushes the mobile ring electrons from the carbon atom to which the group is attached toward the ortho carbon atoms should produce a greater electron density on the para carbon than on the meta and that a force which pulls the electrons in the opposite direction should put greater density on the meta carbon than on the para.

The reviewer can therefore only recommend to readers of the book the alternatives of skipping this chapter entirely or of devoting to it a great deal of critical thought and much more imagination than is at his own disposal.

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