

Second Supplement to Bibliography on Molecular or Short-Path Distillation

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The appearance of numerous publications resulting from the increasing use of molecular or short-path distillation during the past two and one-half years has made it desirable to prepare a supplement to the two previous bibliographies on this subject (31, 29) in order to cover the patent and scientific literature up to December 31, 1942.

The recent development of revolving-plate stills for molecular distillation has increased the efficiency of this form of distillation and extended it to less stable substances (71). Many large units of this type, which employ centrifugal force to spread the distilland, are now used in commercial production of vitamin A (72).

Of the few new applications of molecular distillation the work of Bailey (6) and Hechtman (65) on the distillation of lignin and that of Hurd *et al.* (102, 103, 122) on the separation of sugars may be mentioned. However, the suggested applications of the technique enumerated by Hickman (71) should lead to still greater use, especially in pharmaceutical, biochemical, and related fields of research.

Especially noteworthy are a number of publications of general and review nature, which have appeared in various countries. Withers (161) in Australia and Blasco (14) in Spain have written two of the most recent reviews. Two other brief reviews are by Skishakov (142) in Russia and Dam (26) in Denmark. In Great Britain, Howat (96-100) has published several articles on molecular distillation equipment and its applications to the production of vitamins. Wittka (162) in Germany has published an article containing many designs of molecular stills and an extensive bibliography of articles and patents. A series of papers by Kaufmann and Wolf (116, 117) describe the application of molecular distillation in the field of fats and oils. Their first paper contains 80 patent citations. In the United States, an article of general scope has been published by Embree (56) on the separation of natural components of fats and oils and one by Hickman (71) on the use of high-vacuum stills in pharmaceutical and biochemistry. Abstracts of references listed in previous bibliographies with 58 additions were published by Detwiler (30) in December, 1941. These abstracts are in mimeographed form and are arranged in chronological order. They may be obtained on request from the Northern Regional Research Laboratory, Peoria, Illinois.

The present supplement contains approximately 160 citations on molecular or short-path distillation, including a number of earlier articles and patents which were not listed in the first two bibliographies. In addition, several references on high-vacuum pumps, low-pressure gages, vacuum technique, etc., have been selected from the extensive literature on these subjects.

Where available, the Chemical Abstract (CA) reference has been included with each citation. Patents

are indicated with an asterisk and are in groups by the senior patentee following articles by the same senior author. In general, the dates appended to patents include not only the one of final approval or of publication but also the one of application.

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Fat Acid Composition of Linseed Oil From Different Varieties of Flaxseed¹

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The quantity of some chemical constituents in different varieties of the same crop may vary greatly. Plant breeders recognize the importance of production for specific compounds, as well as for total crop yields. Perhaps more emphasis is given to specific compounds in food crops than in a crop like flaxseed which is grown primarily for oil, but here also we find varietal differences.

Plant breeders have relied upon the iodine number as the criterion of the quality of linseed oil. Varietal differences in the iodine number of linseed oils have been repeatedly demonstrated in this laboratory. Dillman and Hopper (1) found the iodine number of oils from Redwing and Linota to average 10 points higher than oils from Rio and Bison when each of the four varieties was grown for several crop years at widely separated locations. Sometimes there is a difference of as much as 20 points between high and low iodine number producing varieties when grown under apparently identical conditions.

Attempts have been made to account for these differences in the iodine number by determining the fat acids of the oil. Gross and Bailey (2) found higher oleic acid and lower linolenic acid in oils from Bison than in oils from Abyssinian. Dillman and Hopper (1) recently reported the composition of a group of oils from Linota, Redwing, Bison and Rio. They found the highest percentage of saturated acids in Rio oils, the highest percentage of oleic acid in Bison oils and higher linolenic acid in Redwing and Linota

oils than in Rio and Bison oils. Their results were based on analyses carried out in 1929, 1930, and 1931. Many refinements in thiocyanometric technique, as well as an improved method for the determination of the saturated acids, have been made since the above mentioned work was carried out. The composition of linseed oils, when calculated from empirical thiocyanogen numbers by using modified Kaufmann equations (3, 4, 5), differs greatly from that reported earlier. When calculating the composition of oils for analytical results supplied by the laboratories of Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, Dillman and Hopper (1) chose constants recommended by Riemen-schneider, Swift and Sando (6) for 0.1 N thiocyanogen solutions.

The properties of a drying oil should depend more upon the fat acid composition than upon the total number of double bonds, as measured by the iodine number. Now that methods for the analysis of an oil like linseed have been improved so that the results appear to be near true values, it would seem that more complete analyses may be necessary for an evaluation of the many available products. The object of the present investigation is to determine whether or not there are varietal differences in the fat acid composition of linseed oil other than those which might be predicted from the iodine number.

A number of linseed oil samples² (pressed from finely ground seed) were selected for analysis. The

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