groups of animals, with butter included in the diet in one case and with margarine replacing butter in the other, no differences could be found. (*Chem. Abs.*)

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QUATERNARY AMMONIUM DERIVATIVES. A. L. Linch (E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co.). *U. S. 2,359,862-4.*

COMPLEX QUATERNARY AMMONIUM COMPOUNDS. J. M. Tinker and A. L. Linch (E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co.). *U. S. 2,359,884.* The process comprises mixing at room temp. 2 molar quantities of an alkyl ester of an *a*-bromo fat acid and approx. 3 molar quantities of trimethylamine in the presence of Me alc., said reaction being continued for a sufficient period of time to permit a further reaction between the quaternary ammonium compds. initially produced, then sepg. the excess trimethylamine from the resulting product.

REFINING VITAMIN-CONTAINING MATERIALS. L. O. Buxton (National Oil Products Co.). *U. S. 2,360,039.* A process for refining a fish liver oil comprises contacting a fish liver oil with dried milk whey in the presence of a solvent for said oil, sepg. the dried milk whey from the solvent soln. of the oil and removing the solvent from the refined oil.

Abstracts

Soaps

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IMPORTANT FACTORS IN DETERGENCY. Foster Dee Snell. *Am. Perfumer & Essential Oil Rev. 16,* No. 10, 65-9 (1944). A scientific method of determining the efficiency of soap and soap builders is discussed. The factors to be considered include: the initial alkalinity or the pH of the detergent solution, total alkalinity or the buffer value of the detergent solution, its effect in lowering the interfacial tension between soil and water, and the deflocculating and emulsifying power of the detergent solution.

Work on soiled fabric is one of the best means of determining effectiveness. A typical soil contains an inert dirt, saponifiable oils, free fatty acids, mineral oil, proteins and carbohydrates. This mixture is acid necessitating the use of alkaline cleansing materials. Soap has a pH of 10.2 and this is taken as the neutral point. Soap builders will increase this alkalinity and will start the cleansing process by neutralizing the dirt and leave the soap to perform other functions. This alkalinity can be shown by comparative electrometric titration curves.

Lowering of interfacial tension may be considered as an indirect measure of wetting power and can be measured by the stalagometer method or with the du Nouy tensiometer. The other function of soap is that of floating away dirt with its emulsifying power. By combining the effects of these factors which enter into evaluation of the rate of soil removal, the composite effect of various builders in descending order of efficiency is: sodium orthosilicate,sodium sesquisilicate, sodium metasilicate, caustic soda, trisodium phosphate and soda ash.

MEDICATED SOAPS. Milton A. Lesser. *Soap 20,* No. 10, 33-6 (1944). Medicated soaps, though long known and used, have not been widely accepted, particularly by the medical profession. Soaps offer a convenient way of applying medicaments, but there is no accurate method for measuring the efficiency through the medium of suds. However, it has been found that the bactericidal value varies with the soap base. Rosin soaps have unusual efficiency against pathological organisms and the combination of rosin and coconut oil is also good.

The germicidal soaps may contain such agents as phenol, cresol, mercury salts, certain perfumes, antiseptic dyes such as proflavine, and certain hardwood oils. Therapeutic soaps may contain tar, sulfur, a combination of tar and sulfur, and ichthyol. Formulations are given for various of these soaps and their value discussed.

REFINED TALL OIL IN SOAPS. Bennett Woods and George G. Johnston. *Soap 20,* No. 10, 37-8 (1944). Tall oil may be used in hard and soft or liquid soaps. Through improved refining processes its odor has been minimized and the dark color has been lightened. The presence of tall oil is comparable to the addition of an accelerating agent for the saponification of the fats and oils in the soap kettle. It has the added advantages of low cost (lower than rosin for which it is an excellent replacement), availability and high detergency. It is therefore worthy of further consideration by soapmakers.

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PREPARATION OF WETTING, SUDSING, AND DETERGENT AGENTS. Nathaniel Beverley Tucker (The Procter & Gamble Co.). *U. S. 2,342,563.* Detergent produced by the condensation of a salt of a higher fatty acid with a low molecular weight halogen substituted alkyl sulfonate in the presence of formyl morpholine.

PROCESS FOR OBTAINING DETERGING, WETTING, FOAMING, METALLIC SALT DISPERSING, AND EMULSIFYING AGENTS. Jean Paul Amedee Vallernaud (Alien Property Custodian). *U. S. 2,350,000.* Powdered detergent produced by the condensation of the fatty acids of murumuru butter with an amine such as dodecylethanolamine and then treating the condensation product with an acid such as chloro-sulphonic acid or sulphuric acid.

DETERGENT COMPOSITION. Ernst Schubert and Heinz Piere (Alien Property Custodian). *U. S. 2,352,021.* A washing agent and detergent capable of operating in hard water without forming insoluble lime soaps, made from equal parts of water-soluble alkali lignin and soap.

SULFONATION OF OILS, FATS AND THE LIKE. Fraser Frase, Ltd. and Karl J. A. Partisch. *Brit, 553,598.* Aliphatic and aromatic compds. are sulfonated by spraying one of the reagents into a thin film of the other flowing over the surface of a wall while this is kept within required temperature limits. (*Chem. Abs.*).