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During the course of our work it became necessary to prepare large quantities of 9-bromoanthracene. This method is an adaptation of a published procedure² and appears to be superior to the previous methods³ used in these laboratories.

Experimental

9-Bromoanthracene. A mixture of 100g (0.56 mole) of anthracene and 100g (0.56 mole) of N-bromosuccinimide in 500 ml of carbon tetrachloride was brought to reflux. A few crystals of iodine were added and heating was continued until a vigorous reaction ensued. Moderation of the refluxing was occasionally necessary, but care should be taken not to stop the reaction. After the reaction ceased to be exothermic, the mixture was refluxed for an additional 1 hr and filtered while hot to remove the succinimide. Most of the solvent ($\sim 3/4$) was removed in vacuo and the remainder was poured into a crystallizing dish. The final traces of solvent were removed on a steam bath and the residue was allowed to crystallize with constant stirring yielding a granular material. (If all the solvent was removed using the rotary evaporator, the solid formed hard chunks which were difficult to remove from the flask. The product was also more difficult

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to dissolve in ethanol). Recrystallization from 2 l. of denatured alcohol consistently gave 105 - 110 g (72.5 - 75.8%) of yellow crystals, mp 99.5 - 101° (lit.² mp 100°).

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