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PREPARATION OF SOME NOVEL PYRIDONE DERIVATIVES [1]

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Abstract. 1-Amino-2- and -4-pyridone react with 4-pyrone to yield bipyridones. Some transformations of N.N'-bi-(2,6-lutidone) are described.

1-Amino-4, 6-diphenyl-2-pyridone reacts with α-haloketones to give oxadiazinopyridinium salts. 2-Aminopyridines and 2-methyl-4,6-diphenylpyrylium salts give the corresponding pyridylpyridinium salts.

ON THE PROPAGATING SPECIES IN TETRAHYDROFURAN-FLUOROSULPHONIC ACID POLYMERIZATION PROCESS

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INVESTIGATION OF OXIDATION PROCESSES AT LEAD DIOXIDE ANODE

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Abstract. The electrochemical behaviour of the lead dioxide anode for the oxidation of inorganic ions e.g., Cr⁺³ to Cr⁶⁺ and ClO⁻₃ to ClO⁻₄ and electrooxidations of organic compounds like simple alcohols and phenols in aqueous sulphuric acid has been investigated. Scanning electron micrographs of the surface of the anode were taken to establish surface changes. It is suggested that both chemical and electrochemical mechanisms occurred.

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INITIATION OF PROCAMBIAL STRANDS IN THE PRIMORDIA OF STAMENS AND CARPEL OF TRITICUM AESTIVUM L.

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Abstract. The procambial strands in the primordia of carpel and the stamens of *Triticum aestivum* L. originate independently and in isolation from the vascular system of the axis. The median strand of the carpel is initiated earlier than the two laterals. Once started, the procambial strands continue their initiation from their point of origin both acropetally and basipetally, the latter extension eventually linking them upto the strands lower down,

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AN ABNORMAL SEEDLESS PAPAYA FRUIT RESULTING FROM VIRUS INFECTION

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like the petals of the flower, and these were fleshy and green like an unripe fruit. Obviously it was a monstrosity, a fruit bearing strong resemblence to the flower. Then the flower could change its sex, male flowers became females and bore fruits. not normal but brinjal shaped. All these features have been illustrated [3]. What was not yet observed was a fruit normal in taste but abnormal in shape. Fig. 1 is a papaya fruit which, by its shape, would be mistaken for a banana. A papaya fruit has a hollow space within, full of seeds if present; but even a a seedless variety is not devoid of this concavity. Specimen Fig. 1 was longitudinally cut and its two

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Fig. 3.

THE MANGO TREE IN KARACHI AS EXTEN-SIVELY INFECTED BY A SCALE-INSECT

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THE MINERALOGY AND GEOCHEMISTRY OF SOME CLAYS FROM NAGARPARKAR

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Abstract. The clays of Parodharo near Nagarparker are exposed in a nala and can be divided into yellow and white clays on the basis of colour. Thirteen samples were collected from these clays for mineralogical, chemical and economic studies. Both types of clay contain dominant kaolinite with traces of illite. Yellow clays contain some goethite and quartz in addition. The mineralogy, chemistry and the behaviour of the clays at high temperatures makes them very suitable for ceramic and refractory use.

THE MINERALOGY AND CHEMISTRY OF REFRACTORY CLAY DEPOSITS FROM LAKHRA AND JHAMPEER IN SIND, PAKISTAN

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Abstract. The well-known coal seams at Lakhra and Jhampeer occur in the Ranikot Formation and the Sonahri Beds. The refractory clays are found in the roof rocks and the seatearths associated with the coal seams. Twenty-six samples of roof rocks, fourteen from Lakhra and twelve from Jhampeer were obtained for mineralogical, chemical and thermal investigation. The refractory clays from both localities have dominant kaolinite with some quartz and anatase. Those from Lakhra also contain traces of illite. These contain higher clays amounts of aluminium and titanium and a lower alkali content than clays of similar origin from other regions, and can be used for making sanitary ware, buff tiles, engineering bricks and refractories.

SULPHUR COMPOUNDS IN LIGHT ARABIAN AND KUWAIT CRUDE OILS

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Abstract. The sulphur compounds in petroleum, both as to type and quantity, have long been of concern to the refiners due of their corrosiveness, disagreeable odour, deleterious effects on colour or colour stability, and unfavourable influence on antiknock and oxidation characteristics. A systematic study of the distribution of sulphur compounds in crude oils is not only of theoretical interest, but also of practical value to pteroleum industry.

A study of the type of sulphur compounds present in light Arabian and Kuwait crude oils distillates up to 600°F has been carried out. The sulphur type distribution of the following types of sulphur compounds is discussed: hydrogen sulphide, elemental sulphur, mercaptans, aliphatic sulphides, aromatic sulphides, disulphides and residual sulphur.

CHEMICAL AND ORGANOLEPTIC CHARACTERISTICS OF TRAWLER CAUGHT SHRIMPS FROM THE KARACHI-MAKRAN COAST

Part I. Changes During Ice Storage and their Possible Use as Quality Indices

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Abstract. Studies have been carried out on chemical and microbiological changes that occur during ice storage of shrimps, under commercial conditions. These changes are compared as indices of quality in relation to organoleptic changes.

Significant correlation coefficients (r) are obtained between the mean organoleptic response (MOR) and the various objectively measured changes during the storage period. The merits of some of these changes as objective indices of quality particularly in relation to taste panel assessment are discussed.

CHROMATOGRAPHY OF PHOSPHATE ESTERS

Part II. Separation by Thin Layer Chromatography

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Abstract. Phosphate diesters have been separated by thin layer chromatography on silica gel GF 254 (type 60) at 25°C with chloroform: methanol (65:35) as an irrigating solvent system. Rf values of the esters in the pure form as well as in mixture have been reported.

COMPARISON OF FOUR EXTRACTION METHODS FOR THE ESTIMATION OF AVAILABLE ZINC FOR WHEAT

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Abstract. All the four methods of Zn extraction i.e. DPTA (diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid), EDTA (ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid), HCl, and NH₄OAc successfully measured plant-available Zn and predicted its deficiency for wheat crop. The correlation coefficients of various methods with Zn concentration in plants were 0.91, 0.86, 0.87, and 0.70 and with total Zn contents 0.87, 0.86, 0.82, and 0.56 respectively. The critical Zn concentration of four methods that distinguished Zn-deficient from nondeficient soils were 0.34, 0.45, 2.4 and 0.48 ppm respectively. The DTPA method is superior to other methods for the current calcareous soils. It is recommended as a routine method as it also simultaneously extracts plant available Cu, Fe and Mn contents of soils.

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LEAD DIOXIDE ELECTRODE FOR ANODIC OXIDATIONS

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Abstract. The lead dioxide covered vitreous carbon anode has been prepared by electrodeposition from various electrolytes. The performance characteristics of the thick deposits are described and the change of the surface with time before and after polarisation at different potentials has been elaborated with Scanning Electron Micrographs (SEM).

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SEEDS OF PEGANUM HARMALA A Possible New Source of Edible Oil

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TABLE I. COMPARATIVE CONSTANTS OF THE COTTONSEED AND Pegcnum harmala Kernel Oils.

Physical and chemical constant	Cottonseed oil	Peganum harmala kernel oil
Specific gravity	0.917-0.0918	0.9149
Refractive index	1 - 4745	1 - 470
Tintometer number	Yellow-2 Red-0-4	Yellow—2 Red—1·4
Acid value	0.6-0.9	3.0