The ionene so synthesized is identical in all respects with that prepared by the dehydration of either alphaor beta-ionone, and we have already utilized similar reactions for the synthesis of other ionenes and analogously constituted compounds.

Detailed articles describing these syntheses in full, as well as the work of Mr. Fourman, will be published elsewhere and will appear shortly.

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