formation in the volume is overwhelming, and one of the author's achievements is the deft way in which he treats so much material in so little space. More important is the selection of material, and here again the author is to be congratulated. The specialist will quibble over the inclusion or omission of one or two reactions in his field of special interest, but the quibble will be concerned with only a percentage or so of the total material in the book.

For the purpose for which the book was written-to cover the reactions of organic chemistry for students who have had an introduction to the subject -Fuson's book is the best treatment available, and I know of nothing else that can be compared with it. If we consider the amount of information presented, the number of errors is small and most of them are so obvious that they will cause no trouble. Attention should be called to the following points however. (i) The course of the nitration of p-bromotoluene is said to be interesting, but the results of nitration are not given (p. 30). (ii) The formula for chloramine T is incorrect (p. 246). The reaction schemes on pages 176, 185, 195, and 203 should be corrected to show the gain or loss of a proton. (iii) The statements about the reaction between alkoxide ion and acetate ester on page 255 and the one on page 479 are contradictory. (iv) The mechanism of cine substitution on page 387 requires correction. (v) The description of the preparation of phenyl isothiocyanate from ammonium dithiocarbamate as an oxidation by lead nitrate is inaccurate. (vi) The statements about pinacol formation (p. 548 and p. 585) are inconsistent.

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