

64. On the Alkylation of Phenol with Primary Alcohols in the Presence of Aluminium Chloride.

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With the view to introduce a normal alkyl side-chain into the aromatic, esp. phenolic, nucleus^{1) 2) 3)} we have investigated the reaction between the phenol and the alcohol in the presence of anhydrous AlCl_3 in the following three ways:

1) The alcohol- AlCl_3 equimolecular complex had been previously prepared and was then treated with phenol and AlCl_3 : the condensation without the additional AlCl_3 at 100°C . gave no reaction product, but at 150°C . gave 4% of n-butyl-phenol. The reaction with an addition of 1.0 mol. AlCl_3 at 120 – 130°C , 150°C . gave 24.0, 35.7% of n-butyl-phenol respectively.

2) The phenol- AlCl_3 equimolecular complex had been previously prepared and was then condensed with alcohol in the presence of AlCl_3 at 120 – 130°C for one hour: the reaction with 0.0, 0.5, and 1.0 mol. of the additional AlCl_3 yielded trace, 21.2%, and 15.1% of n-butyl-phenol, respectively.

3) The condensation between the previously prepared alcohol- and phenol- AlCl_3 complex in the presence of AlCl_3 at 120 – 130°C for several hours: the reaction with 0, 0.5 and 1.0 mol. of additional AlCl_3 gave 15.0, 36.7 and 23.3% of n-butyl-phenol, respectively.

The structure of the alkyl chain introduced by this method is confirmed from the consideration of the following facts: the butyl-phenol fractions obtained, b. p. ₁₀ 110 – 113°C . and b. p. ₁₀ 124 – 129°C . (o-isomer: b. p. ₁₀ 110°C .⁴⁾; p-isomer: b. p. ₁₀ 125 – 126°C .⁴⁾) are both liquid, and the benzoate derivative of the p-isomer (b. p. ₁₀ 124 – 128°C .) melts at 26.5 – 27.0°C . (m. p. 27°C .⁴⁾). On the other hand, sec- and tert-butylphenol are crystals (m. p. 55°C . and 99°C . respectively).

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65. Catalytic Dehydrogenation of Aliphatic Primary Alcohol. (II)

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In the foregoing report on the investigation of dehydrogenation of isoamyl-alcohol over Cu, $\text{CuO-Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ and $\text{Cu-Cr}_2\text{O}_3$ catalysts, we concluded that these