22. Studies on Thiourea Derivatives of Fatty Acids

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It is already known, that alkylthiuronium salt is produced when alkylhalide is condensed with thiourea in alcohol (Org. Synth. collected Vol. II. 1045) and also that pseudothiohydantoin is obtained from monochloracetic acid and thiourea (Org. Synth. 27, 71).

$$\begin{array}{c} R-Br+HS-C \nearrow NH \\ NH_2 & \longrightarrow R-S-C \nearrow NH \\ NH \cdot HBr \\ CH-C=O \\ CI-CH_2-COOC \cdot H_5+HS-C \nearrow NH \\ NH & \longrightarrow S \\ NH \\ C \\ NH \cdot HCI \\ \end{array}$$

We cannot, however, find any publication in which the above mentioned reactions were performed with halogenated oleic acid ester (9,10-dibromstearic acid ester) and α -bromstearic acid. Therefore the authors intended to investigate this problem and obtained the following results:

(1) The reaction product from methyl 9,10-dibromstearate and thiourea.

(2) The reaction product from α -bromstearic acid and thiourea.

Yield	S-content	N-content
17g from 20g α-bromstearic acid	10.25%	8.07%
Calculate as		
$C_{16}H_{33}-CH-C=O$		
S NH		
	9.55%	8.18%
) NH		

In both cases, 20g of the starting material was dissolved in 60g butanol and was stirred with 7g thiourea in a 500cc round bottom fllask for 10 hours after cooling the reaction products were separated and purified.