

ABSTRACTS

Relationships between Thermal Expansion and Packing of Particles of Refractory Clay Bodies

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Thermal expansion at temperatures up to 1000°C was determined for pressed powders of fire clays, stony substances, and their mixtures. The thermal expansion curves obtained for their mixtures did not agree with those calculated from those of their components by assuming the additive relationship. A mechanism which explains this result was described.

Polymerization of Ketene and Diketene

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A polymer of the β -diketone type was obtained by boron trifluoride catalyzed polymerization of ketene or diketene, though its molecular weight was not so high. Its structure was mainly ascertained by infrared analysis.

New Addition Reactions. (I) Reaction of Epoxides with Ketene

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By the addition reaction of 1,2-epoxides with ketene using boron trifluoride as catalyst, some γ -substituted γ -butyrolactones were obtained in about 10% yield based on epoxides.

Polymerization of Acetaldehyde

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It has long been known that acetaldehyde is polymerized to give amorphous polyacetaldehyde when the monomer is frozen. In this method freezing of the mon-