

they have ultimately obtained has probably not been pure. In his research the author has avoided the use of water, treating the aloes with acetone containing a little glacial acetic acid. The insoluble residue was impure aloin, a portion of which, however, was removed by the menstruum, to which ether was added, partially precipitating the resins. The ether and part of the acetone were distilled off, leaving a syrupy residue, which in a few days formed a mass of interwoven needles. These, with the crystals insoluble in the first menstruum, were united and purified by two or three recrystallisations from methylic alcohol. The body then has the formula $C_{16}H_{16}O_7H_2O$. From water it crystallises in cottony-yellow needles, having three molecules of H_2O . With benzoyl chloride it gives benzoyl barbaloin, $C_{16}H_{14}(C_7H_5O)_2O_7$, and with acetyl chloride, diacetyl barbarbaloin, both of which are amor-

phous tasteless bodies. From the mother liquors of the acicular barbaloin crystals another form separates out on concentration, in the form of short yellow lamellæ grouped in clusters. These proved to be an isomeric barbaloin containing $3H_2O$.—*Comptes rendus*, cxxv., 188.

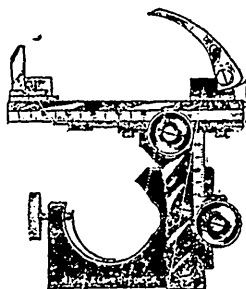
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