No. 54—(Spiritine),.... (a) 10568 (b) 10546

> Mean = 10557 calories per gram at con------- stant volume.

No. 55—(Genuine turpentine). .(a) 10813 (b) 10788

> Mean = 10801 calories per gram at con-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_stant volume.

The comparatively small differences shown make it very doubtful whether useful indications could be obtained. It may be possible at some future time to further investigate this subject.

The following is an attempt to define oil of turpentine on the basis of the work just recorded. The definition must be regarded as provisional, and subject to correction and amplification.

Oil of turpentine is a liquid, colourless in thin layers, and having a yellow-red tint, equivalent to about 1 unit of yellow and 0.1 unit of red (Lovibond scale) when viewed in a column 2 dm. long. Clear, but made decidedly opaque by shaking with 0.1 per cent water, and giving an opaque distillate of one-tenth volume, which settles clear in a few hours. Odour peculiar and characteristic, quite distinct from that of gasoline, rosin oil or acetone, and capable of disguising these odours to the extent of 10 per cent admixture. Density between 0.860 and 0.880, (usually about 0.870)-but samples which have been long exposed to air may have a higher density. The first fraction of one-tenth volume, has a density between 0.856 and 0.870 (usually about 0.860). The residual tenth should not exceed 0.900. The Boiling point should lie between 154° and 158° C., and nine-tenths should distil below 180° C. The *fixed residue*, on evaporating over boiling water in a 4 inch, hemispherical dish, should not exceed 2 per cent. The viscosity, at 20° C., should be nearly 1.230 (water = 1.000)-McGill viscosimeter. Flash point should be about 32° C.---(Abel instrument.)--Should dissolve completely in an equal volume of glacial acetic acid, and the first fraction should similarly dissolve. A saturated solution of asphaltum should not be rendered translucent by dilution to ten volumes. (This test is best made by comparison with a sample of known purity.) The optical activity of the first fraction should increase in a + direction by oxidation. The *refractive index* at 20° C. should lie between 1.4667 and 1.4722. That of the first fraction should not exceed 1.4700. Moistened iodide of starch paper should become blue when suspended over turpentine exposed to air. Free Bromine in solution (see Section 17) should be decolorized. Strong sulphuric acid should polymerize and char the sample at a boiling temperature. A rise of temperature (see Sec. 18), should result on mixing with sulphuric acid.

Note.-I may mention that an investigation is now being carried on with a view to utilizing the specific heat of oil of turpentine as a means of determining its purity. There is a sufficient difference between the specific heat of oil of turpentine and that of dydrocarbons of the paraffin series, to make this determination available, if a sufficiently simple and yet accurate apparatus could be devised for carrying it out.

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