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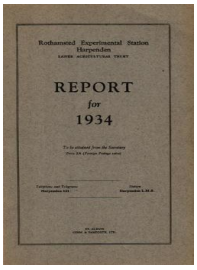

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Measurements of the logarithmic decrement of a cylinder executing rotational oscillation while immersed in a strong lithium chloride solution revealed no inconstancy in the viscosity, even though the final amplitude was so small that the maximum velocity gradient was only 0.003 sec.$^{-1}$.

The data confirm and extend that obtained by Ostwald and Malss using a capillary viscometer in which the velocity gradient at the wall for the lowest stress was 0.6 sec.$^{-1}$.

The anomalies reported earlier by the authors appear to have been due to the ability of the strong salt solutions used to "creep"

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under the rubber sleeves which held the capillaries in place, a property not shared by the glycerine-water mixture used to check the standardisation of the apparatus. On sealing the joints, the anomalies in the case of the lithium chloride solution disappear, but the clay pastes still show a characteristic behaviour including departure from the R^4 law.

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Experiments are described on the behaviour of heather honey under shearing, both in its undisturbed ("gel") and stirred ("sol") forms. In both cases, the viscosity increased at low stresses, but in neither case was there found any sharp elastic limit (yield value). The sol form showed (considering its very high viscosity) only a very small deviation from truly fluid behaviour.

A simple viscometric test is described to characterise honeys having thixotropic properties. This test should prove of use in deciding whether excess water in a honey is caused by unripeness, or is natural, owing to its heather origin.

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When a quantity of isolectric protein is brought into contact with an excess of a strong acid in dilute solution a certain quantity of the acid reacts with the protein. If a sufficient excess of acid is present to cause substantially all the carboxyl groups to be unionised, the quantity which reacts is equivalent to the ionisable amino group.

A difficulty arises in estimating the number of ionisable amino groups by this method, when the common mineral acids are used, because the anions of the combined acid, being free to execute thermal movements, affect the activity coefficient of the residual acid. This disturbance should be absent when metaphosphoric acid is used, since, judging by their coagulating action, metaphosphate ions become firmly bound to the amino ions of the protein. The coagulation also makes the separation of an aliquot for back titration a simple matter.

The hypothesis is advanced that a metaphosphate ion condenses with an ionised amino group through the nitrogen atom's association with the three oxygens to form a tetrahedral group about the phosphorus atom. This hypothesis explains why metaphosphoric acid alone among the mineral acids has been found to coagulate white of egg. It also indicates that among the many different kinds of metaphosphoric acid molecules that can be built up by the polymerisation of HPO_3 only a particular group should have this coagulating power.

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