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value corresponds to a thermal equilibrium near 2800°A. This result is analogous to that of Moser and Isgarischew (Zeit. fur Elektrochem., 16, 613, 1910) who found that the equilibrium 
\[ \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO} + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 \] 
under the influence of the silent discharge gives 15.84% of the CO₂ decomposed. This may be shown to correspond to a thermal equilibrium of 2500°A. They also found HCl to be 0.6% decomposed by the silent discharge which may be shown to be analogous to a thermal effect of 2000°A. J. H. Davies (Zeit. Phys. Chem., 64, 657-684, 1908) found that 97.2% of ammonia is decomposed under the influence of the electric discharge. This equilibrium corresponds to a thermal equilibrium of 900°A. It appears that the equilibrium of a gaseous system under the influence of the silent electric discharge corresponds to a high temperature if the reaction velocities of the involved reaction are slow when the reaction occurs without the influence of the discharge.

### SCALE FORMATION IN WATER COOLING SYSTEM OF REFRIGERATING MACHINES

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*(ABSTRACT)*

The overflow pipe from the cooling apparatus of a refrigerating machine at the State University of Iowa became completely clogged with scale in three weeks time. Investigation by analysis of the scale and water showed the precipitation to be due to an ammonia leak. The ammonia reacting with the CO₂ and the Bicarbonate of Ca, caused the heavy precipitation of practically pure CaCO₃.

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### THE PREPARATION OF PURE OCTANE

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*(ABSTRACT)*

A study of the velocity factors involved in the preparation of octane by the Wurtz reaction has been made and a new technic developed. Using 50 grams of butyl bromide, 10.5 grams of bird shot sodium or a 25% excess, and 40 cc. of ether, at the reflux temperature, yields of 73% have been obtained in five hours when the mixture is agitated, and without agitation, but 44%

By dropping the butyl bromide on the sodium contained in a