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CCLXII.— δ -d-Bornylsemicarbazide and δ -d-neoBornylsemicarbazide.

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For an investigation, which has so far given negative results, the author has had occasion to prepare a quantity of δ -*d*-bornylsemicarbazide and δ -*d*-neobornylsemicarbazide. The use of such optically active semicarbazides for the resolution of racemic carbonyl compounds has been suggested by various workers and a number of them have been prepared, *e.g.*, camphoryl- ψ -semicarbazide (Forster and Fierz, J., 1905, **87**, 722), δ - α -phenylethylsemicarbazide (Wilson, Hopper, and Crawford, J., 1922, **121**, 866), and δ -menthylsemicarbazide (Wilson and Crawford, J., 1925, **127**, 103), whilst Forster and Attwell attempted to prepare β -bornylsemicarbazide (J., 1904, **85**, 1188), but in no case have these substances so far been used successfully for this purpose. δ -*d*-Bornylsemicarbazide

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and δ -*d*-neobornylsemicarbazide were only tried on one racemic ketone, *viz.*, 3-methyl*cyclo*hexanone, and although well-crystallised products were obtained, they did not separate into optical antipodes on fractional crystallisation from two solvents.

EXPERIMENTAL.

Acetone- δ -d-bornylsemicarbazone.—To d-bornylamine (10 g.) melted by immersion in an oil-bath at 175°, was added acetone-semicarbazone (7.5 g.) a little at a time, and the heating continued for 15 minutes. The cold crystalline product was recrystallised from alcohol, and active acetone- δ -d-bornylsemicarbazone obtained in anhydrous needles (yield, 76%), m. p. 141—148° (corr.), $[\alpha]_D^{20*} + 25.5^\circ$ (c = 2.04 in dry alcohol) (Found : C, 66.7; H, 10.0; N, 16.5. C₁₄H₂₅ON₃ requires C, 66.9; H, 10.0; N, 16.7%).

In order to obtain a good yield, it is necessary to use anhydrous d-bornylamine. In a preliminary experiment, d-bornylamine containing two molecules of water of crystallisation, obtained by precipitation with sodium hydroxide from a solution of the hydrochloride, was used; a considerable quantity of di-d-bornylcarbamide was then produced.

δ-d-Bornylsemicarbazide Hydrochloride.—Acetone-δ-d-bornylsemicarbazone (85 g.) and 10% hydrochloric acid (850 c.c.) were heated on the water-bath for 1½ hours. δ-Bornylsemicarbazide hydrochloride crystallised on cooling and was recrystallised from alcohol after removal of a small quantity of di-d-bornylcarbamide by filtration (yield, 94%). The anhydrous substance, m. p. 190—198° (corr.), had $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} + 2.6^{\circ}$ (c = 5 in dry alcohol) (Found in air-dried substance : loss at 105° in a vacuum, 14.1. $C_{11}H_{22}ON_3Cl,2H_2O$ requires H_2O , 12.7%. Found in anhydrous substance : C, 53.1; H, 8.9; Cl, 14.2. $C_{11}H_{22}ON_3Cl$ requires C, 53.3; H, 9.0; Cl, 14.3%).

δ-d-Bornylsemicarbazide.—δ-d-Bornylsemicarbazide hydrochloride (10 g.) dissolved in a little alcohol was treated with 8.5 c.c. of 20% sodium hydroxide solution and poured into water. The base was extracted with chloroform and obtained in needles by addition of light petroleum to the concentrated solution. The substance, dried in a vacuum at 50°, melted at 75° after softening some degrees lower, and had $[\alpha]_{D}^{20}$ + 17.0° (c = 5 in dry alcohol). On keeping, it gradually decomposed (Found in dried substance : C, 62.5; H, 10.4. C₁₁H₂₁ON₃ requires C, 62.5; H, 10.0%).

 δ -*d*-Bornylsemicarbazones of various ketones were prepared by adding the requisite quantity of ketone to a concentrated solution of the base in alcohol.

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having $\alpha_{\rm D}^{18^{\circ}} - 6.0^{\circ}$, crystallised in thick, rhombic plates, m. p. 224—226° (corr.), $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20^{\circ}} + 9.2^{\circ}$ (c = 5.04 in chloroform) (Found : C, 72.8; H, 10.1. C₂₁H₃₅ON₃ requires C, 73.0; H, 10.2%).

4-Methylcyclohexanone- δ -d-bornylsemicarbazone crystallised in clusters of six-sided plates, softening slightly at 145° (corr.), melting at 154° (corr.), and having $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} + 27\cdot2^{\circ}$ ($c = 4\cdot898$ in dry alcohol) (Found : C, 70.5; H, 10.2. $C_{18}H_{31}ON_3$ requires C, 70.8; H, $10\cdot2^{\circ}$).

3-Methylcyclohexanone- δ -d-bornylsemicarbazone, prepared from optically inactive 3-methylcyclohexanone, melted at 172—177° (corr.) and had $[\alpha]_{D}^{\infty} + 27\cdot4^{\circ}$ ($c = 4\cdot85$ in dry alcohol) (Found : C, 70.5; H, 10.1. $C_{18}H_{31}ON_3$ requires C, 70.8; H, 10.2%). Recrystallisation from alcohol or ligroin failed to resolve it into its components, even when seeded with d-3-methylcyclohexanone- δ -d-bornylsemicarbazone, m. p. 173—179° (corr.), $[\alpha]_{D}^{\infty} + 7\cdot4^{\circ}$ ($c = 4\cdot726$ in dry alcohol) (Found : C, 70.4; H, 10.1. $C_{18}H_{31}ON_3$ requires C, 70.8; H, 10.2%), prepared from d-3-methylcyclohexanone kindly supplied by Dr. Kenyon.

Acetone- δ -d-neobornylsemicarbazone, prepared in the same way as acetone- δ -d-bornylsemicarbazone, but at 190° in order to keep the neobornylamine liquid, crystallised from alcohol in anhydrous needles, m. p. 175—179° (corr.), $[\alpha]_D^{20^\circ} - 92 \cdot 1^\circ$ (c = 2.008 in dry alcohol) (Found : C, 66.6; H, 10.1. $C_{14}H_{25}ON_3$ requires C, 66.9; H, 10.0%).

δ-d-neoBornylsemicarbazide hydrochloride was prepared by hydrolysis of the above acetone derivative with dilute hydrochloric acid. The anhydrous substance melted at 198—202° (corr.) and had $[\alpha]_{\rm D}^{20^{\circ}} - 50.8^{\circ}$ (c = 4.982 in dry alcohol) (Found in air-dried substance : loss at 105° in a vacuum, 5.3. C₁₁H₂₂ON₃Cl,H₂O requires H₂O, 6.8%. Found in substance dried at 105° in a vacuum : Cl, 14.1. C₁₁H₂₂ON₃Cl requires Cl, 14.3%).

 δ -*d*-neoBornylsemicarbazones were prepared by adding the requisite quantity of ketone to a concentrated solution of δ -*d*-neobornylsemicarbazide in alcohol.

4-Methylcyclohexanone- δ -d-neobornylsemicarbazone crystallised in rosettes of needles, m. p. 151—155° (corr.), $[\alpha]_D^{20^*} - 91\cdot3^\circ$ ($c = 2\cdot83$ in dry alcohol) (Found : C, 70.4; H, 10.0. C₁₈H₃₁ON₃ requires C, 70.8; H, 10.2%).

3-Methylcyclohexanone- δ -d-neobornylsemicarbazone, prepared from optically inactive 3-methylcyclohexanone, melted at 157—161° (corr.) and had $[\alpha]_{D}^{20} - 91\cdot2^{\circ}$ ($c = 4\cdot772$ in dry alcohol) (Found : C, 70.6; H, 10.3. $C_{18}H_{31}ON_3$ requires C, 70.8; H, 10.2). Recrystallisation from alcohol or ligroin failed to resolve it into its components.

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