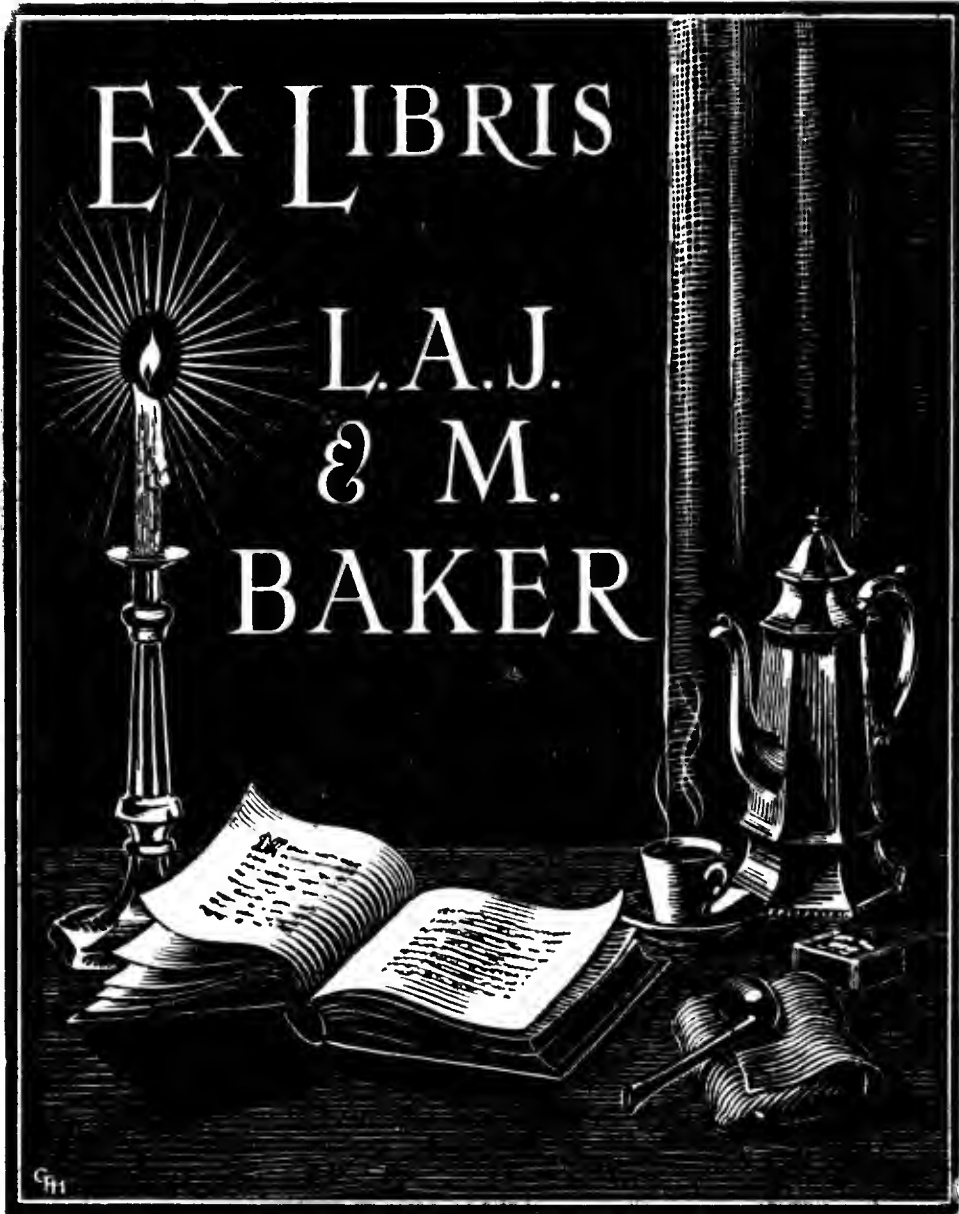


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A close student and lover of NOTES AND QUERIES—and who that reads these lines is other?—might, with the exercise of a little patience and ingenuity, detect from its columns what works, unannounced as yet, are in course of compilation, and might then, to some extent, anticipate the literary treasures coming years have in store.

It has never been the fashion in NOTES AND QUERIES to pause and count up losses. That such will be felt in a period of six years is, as all men know, inevitable. It is pleasanter, however, as well as more profitable, to rejoice in the number of eminent scholars who still lend their aid, keeping alive its traditions and glories, and constituting it an encyclopædia of information which none can afford to neglect.

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# PHENOL

The first step in the synthesis of phenol is the chlorination of benzene. This is achieved by reacting benzene with chlorine in the presence of a Lewis acid catalyst, such as iron(III) chloride. The reaction proceeds via an arenium ion intermediate, which is then attacked by a hydroxide ion to yield phenol. The overall reaction is exothermic and is carried out at a temperature of approximately 50°C. The product is purified by distillation and then dried over calcium chloride to remove any residual water.

Phenol is a weakly acidic compound, with a pKa of approximately 10. This is due to the resonance stabilization of the phenoxide ion, which is formed when phenol loses a proton. The negative charge is delocalized over the ortho and para positions of the benzene ring, making the phenoxide ion more stable than other alkoxide ions. This property makes phenol a useful reagent in organic synthesis, particularly in the synthesis of pharmaceuticals and polymers. For example, phenol is used in the synthesis of aspirin and polycarbonate plastic.

Phenol is also a common preservative in many consumer products, such as disinfectants and antiseptics. It is effective against a wide range of microorganisms, including bacteria, fungi, and viruses. However, phenol is also a toxic substance, and its use is regulated in many countries. It is classified as a hazardous material and should be handled with care. In the laboratory, phenol should be stored in a cool, dark place and should be kept away from heat and light. It should also be kept in a tightly sealed container to prevent evaporation and contamination. When handling phenol, it is important to wear appropriate personal protective equipment, such as gloves and a lab coat, and to avoid contact with the skin and eyes. If contact occurs, the affected area should be washed immediately with plenty of water.

Phenol is also used in the synthesis of many other important compounds, such as bisphenol A, which is a precursor to polycarbonate plastic. It is also used in the synthesis of many pharmaceuticals, including aspirin and paracetamol. The synthesis of phenol is a complex process, and it is important to understand the underlying chemistry in order to optimize the yield and purity of the product. This involves a detailed understanding of the reaction mechanisms and the properties of the various intermediates and reagents involved. The study of phenol chemistry is an important area of research in organic chemistry, and it continues to be an active field of investigation.

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