

The mechanism of hydroboration is incorrect.

Page 241:

The mechanism of NBS reaction is not correct.

Page 287:

The reaction of diazomethane with alkene is factually incorrect. Ordinarily diazoalkanes do not react with double bonds, unless they have some electron withdrawing substituents, or when carbenes are generated from diazoalkanes *in situ*.

Page 350:

The author makes the error of confusing the order of a reaction with molecularity. AS_N2 reaction could be kinetically I order.

This mistake is repeated in page 356.

Page 315.

Cyclopentadiene and cyclopropenyl anion have wrong structures.

Page 335:

"It is observed..." The citation made is incorrect. The deuterium derivative used in the classic experiment by Melander is C_6D_6 and not C_6H_5D , which would give no information. For even if proton or deuterium

removal was slow, C_6H_5D would react at a rate almost as fast as C_6H_6 .

Page 368:

Table facing page 368 is pasted upside down.

Page 595:

Under nucleophilic substitution the author describes the mechanism of a hypothetical reaction.

To sum up, a forbiddingly large amount of material is presented in this book. Discussion of mechanism in a large number of cases is incorrect or unreliable. A very thorough revision to prune the unnecessary material and make the remaining portion accurate and interesting, is necessary before a reliable text book could be made out of the arduous efforts of the author. To its votaries organic chemistry has been an absorbing and aesthetically satisfying discipline. One looks in vain for portrayal of this essential feature.

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