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Three molecular links ...

... were prepared in one pot from a single pair of chelating ligands. In their Communication on page 9956 ff., L. J. Charbonnière, A. Trabolsi et al. describe the self-assembly of a [2]catenane, a trefoil knot, and a Solomon link through combined metal templation, dynamic covalent-bond formation, and noncovalent interactions. During the reaction, product evolution was monitored by mass spectrometry, which provided evidence for the mechanistic routes to all three products.



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