NEW SYNTHESIS OF ALKYLFURANS

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We have found that condensation of carboxylic acid chlorides with allyl chloride or methallyl chloride in the presence of aluminum chloride in dichloroethane or methylene chloride at temperatures no higher than -15° C gives β , γ -dichloro ketones, which undergo splitting out of hydrogen chloride and conversion to alkylfurans (Table 1) during vacuum distillation (80-100 mm) in a stream of nitrogen.

TABLE 1. 2-Alkyl- and 2,4-Dialkylfurans

R	R'	bp, ℃	n _D ²⁰	d_4^{20}	Yield,%
C₃H ₇	н	117118	1,4417	0,8872	67
i-C₃H ₇	H	106107	1,4405	0,8804	64
C ₄ H ₉	H	143144	1,4448	0,8857	73
C_5H_{11}	H	167—168	1,4480	0,8804	82
C ₆ H ₁₃	H	188189	1,4503	0,8781	84
C7H15	H	209210	1,4521	0,8732	92
C₃H ₇	CH ₃	144—145	1.4450	0,8853	69
C ₄ H ₉	CH ₃	165166	1,4488	0.8834	86
C ₅ H ₁₁	CH ₃	208—209	1,4526	0,8740	92
(ČH₂)₄CH	H	171-172	1,4850	0.9830	89
(CH ₂) ₅ CH	Ĥ	6063ª	1,4855	0,9840	87
(CH ₂) CH	CH₃	65—67 b	1,4840	0,9748	92
(CH ₂) ₅ CH	CH ₃	72—73 b	1.4855	0,9604	91

aAt 7 mm. bAt 5 mm.

The structure of the furan homologs obtained was proved by means of IR, PMR, and mass spectroscopy, and their purity was monitored by gas-liquid chromatography. The physical chemical characteristics of the synthesized 2-alkyl- and 2,4-dialkylfurans and their adducts with maleic anhydride are in agreement with the literature data.

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