(1) by heating urea and hydrazine hydrate to 100° (J. pr. Ch. [2] 52, 465); (2) from hydrazine sulphate and potassium cyanide; (3) from amidoguanidine (B. 27, 31, 56); (4) from nitrourea (A. 288, 311). Acetaldehyde Semicarbazone, NH₃CONH.N:CHCH₃, m.p. 162°, is prepared from aldehyde ammonia and semicarbazide hydrochloride (A. 303, 79). With benzaldehyde it yields Benzal Semicarbazide, NH₂CONHN=CHC₆H₅, m.p. 214°. Acetone Semicarbazone, NH₃CONHN:C(CH₃)₃, m.p. 187°, passes into bisdimethyl azimethylene (p. 228) (B. 29, 611).

Acetoacetic Ester Carbazone, NH2CONHN:C(CH3)CH2CO2C2H3, m.p. 129° (A. 283, 18), readily passes into a lactazam. Semicarbazide condenses with benzil to 1,2-diphenyl oxytriazine (Vol. II.). Semicarbazide is a reagent for

aldehydes and ketones.

Alkyl Semicarbazides are obtained (1) by reduction of the nitroso-alkyl-ureas (p. 441); (2) from alkyl hydrazines by means of isocyanic acid or its esters, whereby the secondary NH-group receives the carbamide residue. The alkyl semicarbazides only react easily with the aldehydes when the hydrazine NH₂-group is free (C. 1901, I. 1170; B. 37, 2318). 2-Methyl Semicarbazide, NH₂N(CH₃), CONH₂, m.p. 113°. 2,4-Methyl Ethyl Semicarbazide, NH₂N(CH₃)CONHC₂H₅, is an oil. 1,2-Dimethyl Semicarbazide CH₂NHN(CH₃)CONH₂, m.p. 116° (B. 39, 3263).

Carbamidohydrazoacetic Ester, m.p. 122°, and Aminohydantoic Ester, m.p. 70-74°, are prepared from hydrazinoacetic ester (p. 397) and cyanic acid (B. 31, e-Aminohydantoin, m.p. 244°, forms the partial result of the loss of alcohol

to aminohydantoic ester:

NH, NCH, CO, C, H, NHCH,CO,C,H, NH, N.CH, CO NHCONH, CONH₂
Aminohydrantoïc Ester. –ΝH. Carbamidohydrazoacetic Ester.

Carbohydrazide, NH₂NH.CO.NHNH₂, m.p. 152-153°, is obtained from the carbonic ester and hydrazine hydrate on heating to 100° (J. pr. Ch [2] **52**, 469). Dibenzal Carbohydrazide, CO(NHN=CHC₆H₅)₂, m.p. 198°.

Imidodicarboxylic Hydrazide, NH(CONHNH₂), m.p. 200° with decomposition, is obtained from nitrogen tricarboxylic ester and hydrazine. It is easily decomposed into N₂H₄ and urazole (see below) (B. **36**, 744).

Hydrazodicarbonic Ester, Hydrazicarboxylic Ester, C₂H₅OCONHNHCOO.C₂H₅, m.p. 200° h.p. with decomposition about 250° and is prepared from hydrazine.

m.p. 130°, b.p. with decomposition about 250°, and is prepared from hydrazine and Cl.CO₂C₂H₅ (B. 27, 773; J. pr. Ch. [2] 52, 476).

Hydrazodicarbonamide, Hydrazoformamide, NH₂CO.NHNH.CONH₂, m.p. with

decomposition 245°. It is obtained from potassium cyanate and salts of diamide or hydrazine: NH2NH2. It also results upon heating semicarbazide (B. 27, 57), and from Azodicarbonamide (see below) by reduction. It yields the latter upon oxidation (A. 271, 127; B. 26, 405). NaOCl partially decomposes it

into hydrazoic acid, carbon dioxide, and ammonia (J. pr. Ch. [2] 76, 433).

Azodicarboxylic Acid, Azoformic Acid, CO₂HN=NCO₂H, is prepared from azodicarboxylic amide and concentrated potassium hydroxide solution, in the form of yellow needles. Its potassium salt deflagrates at 100°. It readily decomposes in aqueous solution into CO₂, potassium carbonate, diamide, and nitrogen. It is not possible to obtain from it the still unknown diimide NH=NH. Diethyl Ester, b.p. 18 106°, is prepared from the hydrazo-ester (see above) and nitric acid. It is an orange-yellow oil.

Azodicarboxylic Amide, Azoformamide, NH2CON=NCONH2, is formed (1) by the oxidation of hydrazodicarboxylic amide with chromic acid, and (2) from azodicarboxylic diamidine, NH2C(NH)N:NC(NH)NH2 (p. 458). It is an orange-

red powder.

Carbamic Acid Azide, Azidocarbonic Amide, N3CONH2, m.p. 97°, is prepared from semicarbazide and nitrous acid; and by the combination of hydrazoic Silver nitrate decomposes it into silver cyanate and silver and cyanic acids. azide; when heated with water it is split up into N₃H, NH₂, and CO₂. Hydrogen sulphide reduces the azide to urea (A. 814, 339). Hydrocyanic acid unites with it to form urea azocyanide, carbamidocyanotriatene, NH2CONHN:NCN.

Carbodiazide, Carbazide, Nitrogen Carbonyl, CO(N₂)₂, is produced from

carbohydrazide and nitrous acid:

 $CO(NHNH_2.HCl)_2+2KNO_2=CO(N_3)_2+2NaCl+4H_2O.$