

## INTRODUCTION

*If it is asked to you to pick up ten aliphatic compounds and with them to be stranded on a desert island, you choose only alcohols. Why – because you could make nearly every other kind of aliphatic compound from them and a host of others. On your desert island you would use your alcohols not only as raw material, but also as a solvent in which the reactions are carried out and the products are recrystallised. Not only this if you are tired after a day long experiments get refresh with (isopropyl) alcohol rub and perhaps relax over a cool (ethyl) alcoholic drink.*

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