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FIGURE 2. Force required to tear a 3 - inch section of lamina from midrib at different stages of cure. (Cabinet Yellowing)



FIGURE 5 Force required to tear a 3-inch section of lamina from midrib at different stages of cure. (Pile Yellowing)

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FIG. 2 BRUISING PATTERN OF TOBACCO LEAF FOR IMPACT TEST. (NUMBERS INDICATE HEIGHTS IN INCHES FROM WHICH WEIGHTS WERE DROPPED TO LEAF SURFACE.)











FIGURE Force required to tear a 3 - inch section of lamina from midrib at different stages of cure. (Cabinet Yellowing)







FIG. BRUISING PATTERN OF TOBACCO LEAF FOR IMPACT TEST. (NUMBERS INDICATE HEIGHTS IN INCHES FROM WHICH WEIGHTS WERE DROPPED TO LEAF SURFACE.)



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## Chlorogenic Acid in the Tobacco Leaf during Flue-curing

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Chlorogenic acid in the tobacco leaf during flue-curing increases to about nine times as much as that of its content in the fresh leaf. This is shown as follows: fresh leaf, 0.34; warming stage, 0.71; stretching stage, 0.68; yellowing stage, 1.61; fixing stage, 2.05; killing stage, 3.01; cured leaf, 3.06%. From above it is clear that chlorogenic acid in the tobacco leaf is formed in considerably great quantities during flue-curing.

Although polyphenols, mainly chlorogenic acid, in the tabacco leaf during flue-curing were, discussed in detail by Frankenburg1), little attention has been paid to the accurate content of chlorogenic acid during flue-curing. On the other hand, Porcsalmy2) has found that tannin (polyphenols) in Hungarian types of tobacco leaves increases during normal air-curing and flue-curing, using the Löwenthal method to the determination of tannin. However, chlorogenic acid during flue-curing has not been determined till the present. In green or cured leaf, chlorogenic acid has been determined<sup>3,4,5</sup>. In this paper, after attempts were made, a paper chromatographic method similar to that described by Dawson and Wada<sup>5</sup> was adopted for the determination of chlorogenic acid during flue-curing. However, the chromatography, using the same filter paper and solvent, was almost impossible to give the same  $R_F$  values as those obtained by Dawson and Wada. This seemed to be due to the difference of the moisture of filter paper caused by humidity in the air, therefore,

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#### EXPERIMENTAL

Plant Material: The adult leaves of Bright yellow (1957 crop) were supplied and flue-cured by the courtesy of the Utsunomiya Tobacco Experiment Station of the Japan Monopoly Corporation. The fourth and fifth leaves located from the top were primed and collected. The collected leaves were hung in a vertical position alternatively on straw-rope for flue-curing. The temperature and humidity during flue-curing are shown in Fig. 1. The times of sampling for investiga-



tion are shown in Table I. The leaves used for investigation were dried in a forced-draft hot-air oven at  $70^{\circ}$ C for one hour and ground by a mortar and stored.

Preparation of Extract: By a method similar to that described by Dawson and Wada, 10 g of dried powder was refluxed with 100 ml of 60 per cent methanol for thirty minutes on a boiling-water bath.

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TIMES	S AND TEMPERATURES OF	SAMPLING AND CONTENTS OF CHLOROGENIC Chlorogenic			nic ACID
					ratio
	Fresh leaf		32.0		
Π.	Warming stage		36.0	0.71	208
III.	Streching stage		39.0	0.68	
IV.	Yellowing stage			1.61	473
V.	Fixing stage			2.05	
VI.	Killing stage			3.01	885
VII.	Cured leaf			3.06	

calculated to original dry-weight basis. The calcium content in the leaf served as the basis for making corrections.

The extract was filtered and the residue was washed washings were concentrated under reduced pressure, and transferred to a 50-ml volumetric flask and then made up to volume with water.

Quantitative Assay: Fifty microliters of the extract were applied to Töyö No. 51 filter paper sheets butylacetate-acetic acid-water (2:2:1:1) as the solvent by the descending method. After about six hours the strip was removed and allowed to dry in the air for one hour. Under these conditions, RF values of described by Dawson and Wada, should give the same Optical density measurements were made with a Beckthe instrument. The recovery of chlorogenic acid was

#### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Roberts<sup>6)</sup> described that if the leaf is still at which the semi-permeability of the pro-55°C), polyphenols diffuse into the cytoplasm where they are oxidized to form brownish red pigments. According to his theory, the enzyme causing the oxidation of phenols and polyphenols is contained in the cytoplasm in

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the cells of the leaf, whereas the phenolic compounds are in the extracellular medium7). in the leaf without further changes owing to the rapid removal of most of the moisture from the leaf and to the inactivation of the oxidative enzymes by the high final temperatures of the flue-curing process8). Therefore, it is assumed that the content of chlorogenic acid of fresh leaf should be rather more than that of flue-cured leaf. However, it is proved from the results of this investigation that the chlorogenic acid increases during flue-curing to about nine times as much as that content in the fresh leaf, especially more increases are observed in yellowing, fixing and killing stages, as shown in Table I. It is clear that great quantities during flue-curing, as Porcsalmy described about polyphenols in tobacco

The mechanism by which chlorogenic acid is formed during flue-curing is assumed to be as follows:

In the tobacco leaf during flue-curing, the enzymes, such as oxidase and peroxidase, are strongly activated<sup>9,10)</sup> and the oxygen uptake increases<sup>6,10)</sup>. As a result, oxidative respiration in the tissues comes to a high level. For

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# CROSS - SECTION OF TOBACCO CURING CABINET





SECTION A-A



