$$\begin{array}{c|c} \text{OH} & \text{ONa} & \text{OH} \\ \hline & \text{NaOH} & \begin{array}{c} \text{Oi CO}_2 \\ \hline & \text{(ii) H}^+ \end{array} \\ \hline & 2\text{-Hydroxybenzoic acid} \\ \text{(Salicylic acid)} \end{array}$$

## 3. Reimer-Tiemann reaction

On treating phenol with chloroform in the presence of sodium hydroxide, a –CHO group is introduced at *ortho* position of benzene ring. This reaction is known as *Reimer - Tiemann reaction*.

The intermediate substituted benzal chloride is hydrolysed in the presence of alkali to produce salicylaldehyde.

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
OH \\
\hline
CHCl_3 + aq NaOH
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\hline
O Na^+ \\
\hline
CHCl_2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
NaOH
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\hline
CHO \\
H^+
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
CHO
\end{array}$$
Salicylaldehyde

## 4. Reaction of phenol with zinc dust

Phenol is converted to benzene on heating with zinc dust.

## 5. Oxidation

Oxidation of phenol with chromic acid produces a conjugated diketone known as benzoquinone. In the presence of air, phenols are slowly oxidised to dark coloured mixtures containing quinones.

$$\begin{array}{c}
OH \\
& Na_2Cr_2O_7 \\
& H_2SO_4
\end{array}$$

benzoquinone

## Intext Questions

- **11.6** Give structures of the products you would expect when each of the following alcohol reacts with (a) HCl  $-ZnCl_2$  (b) HBr and (c)  $SOCl_2$ .
  - (i) Butan-1-ol

- (ii) 2-Methylbutan-2-ol
- ${f 11.7}$  Predict the major product of acid catalysed dehydration of
  - (i) 1-methylcyclohexanol and
- (ii) butan-1-ol
- **11.8** *Ortho* and *para* nitrophenols are more acidic than phenol. Draw the resonance structures of the corresponding phenoxide ions.
- **11.9** Write the equations involved in the following reactions:
  - (i) Reimer Tiemann reaction
- (ii) Kolbe's reaction

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