

CHAPTER 17

HIRCIN

594. I have not obtained a sufficient amount of hircin to study it in the same detail as *phocenin* and *butyrin*. Nevertheless, I do not doubt that it constitutes a species that is analogous to these two. Hircin is characterized by yielding hircic acid on saponification.

595. It occurs in billy goat fat and in mutton tallow. It is the fat that in combination with olein forms the liquid part of tallow. It is much more soluble in alcohol than the olein.