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Tracer technique was successfully used for the detection of S-allyl-L-cysteine in garlic. To isolate the new amino acid in large quantities, the neutral garlic amino acids were absorbed on Dowex 50 resin at pH 2.4 and fractionated with 0.2*M* ammonium formate buffer (pH 3.15). Five kg. of garlic yielded approximately 50mg. of pure S-allyl-L-cysteine, m.p. 218° (decomp.), $(\alpha)^{20}{}_{D} = -8.7^{\circ}$. Chemical constants were identical with those of synthesized S-allyl-L-cysteine.