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Synthesis of Carbazoles from *N*-(*N,N*-Diarylamino)phthalimides with Aluminum Chloride via Diarylnitrenium Ions

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Generation of diarylnitrenium ions from *N*-(*N,N*-diarylamino)phthalimides by treatment with AlCl_3 in benzene or in 1,2-dichloroethane leads to formation of carbazoles by intramolecular C-C bond formation. The reaction proceeds in synthetically useful yields.

