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Novel bleaches, a method for bleaching substrates using these materials and detergent compositions containing same are reported. The bleaches are N-acylimines. Substrates such as fabrics may be bleached in an aqueous solution containing the N-acylimines and a peroxygen compound.

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