

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 292, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

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### ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF POWDERED COLOCYNTH.

On or about April 7, and May 28, 1908, the Murray & Nickell Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Ill., shipped from the State of Illinois to the State of Missouri and the State of Michigan, respectively, consignments of a drug labeled "Powdered Colocynth." Samples from these shipments were procured and analyzed by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, and as it appeared from the findings of the analysts and reports thereon that the product was adulterated and misbranded within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, the Secretary of Agriculture afforded the Murray & Nickell Manufacturing Company, and the dealers from whom the samples were purchased, opportunities for hearings. As it appeared after hearings held that the said shipments were made in violation of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the Attorney General, with statements of the evidence upon which to base prosecutions. In due course criminal informations were filed in the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Illinois, charging the above shipments and alleging that the product was adulterated, in that it was sold under a name recognized by the United States Pharmacopœia and differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the test laid down in said Pharmacopœia, which said standard described it as a product "from which the seeds should be separated and rejected," and that it contained a large quantity of seeds, and did not state its own standard of strength, quality, or purity on the label; and was misbranded, in that it was labeled "Powdered Colocynth," which statement was false and misleading and tended to mislead the purchaser into the belief that it complied with the requirements of the United States Pharmacopœia, free from seeds, whereas, in fact, it contained a large quantity of seeds.

On January 14, 1910, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to each information and the court imposed a fine of \$10 in each case.

This notice is given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906.

JAMES WILSON,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 14, 1910.*

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