

United States Department of Agriculture,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 859, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

ADULTERATION OF CRYSTAL EGGS.

On or about July 7, 1909, the St. Louis Crystal Eggs Company, St. Louis, Mo., shipped from the State of Missouri into the State of Massachusetts one barrel of a food product invoiced and sold as Crystal Eggs, a dried egg product. Analysis of a sample of this product, made in the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, showed that the eggs had been preserved with boric acid and therefore were adulterated within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906. As it appeared from the findings of the analyst and reports thereon that the said shipment was liable to seizure under section 10 of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the United States attorney for the District of Massachusetts.

On July 16, 1909, a libel was filed in the District Court of the United States for said district against the said one barrel of eggs, charging the above interstate shipment, and alleging the product so shipped to be adulterated in that it contained an added poisonous and deleterious ingredient, to wit, boric acid, which might render such food injurious to health, and praying seizure, condemnation, and forfeiture of the product.

On January 31, 1911, the cause came on for hearing, and default having been entered in due course of law, the court being fully informed in the premises, issued its decree condemning and forfeiting said barrel of eggs to the use of the United States, and ordering the destruction thereof by the marshal of said district, which order was duly executed.

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

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

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