

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 996.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

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### ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF TURMERIC.

At the March term of court, 1911, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon the report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the Circuit Court of the United States against Lehn & Fink, a corporation, of New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about September 13, 1909, from the State of New York into the State of Virginia, of a certain article of food, commercially known as "Turmeric," which was adulterated and misbranded. The product was labeled: "Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906. Guaranteed Serial No. 2. Rad. Curcumae Pulv. Powd. Turmeric. Lehn & Fink. Wholesale Druggist, New York."

Analysis of the product made by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed it to contain wheat starch or wheat flour and 10.74 per cent calcium sulphate. The information therefore alleged adulteration of the product in that cereal flour and calcium sulphate had been substituted in part for the article turmeric. Misbranding was alleged in that the label stated the article to be powdered turmeric, which led the purchaser to believe that the product was pure turmeric, and the statement on the label was therefore such as to deceive or mislead the purchaser.

On April 17, 1911, the defendant corporation pleaded guilty, and sentence was suspended by the court.

JAMES WILSON,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 28, 1911.*

