

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1100.

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

ADULTERATION OF CRYSTAL EGG.

On January 31, 1911, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon the report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States against the St. Louis Crystals Egg Co., a corporation, of St. Louis, Mo., alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about April 23, 1910, from the State of Missouri into the State of Massachusetts of a quantity of a food product called "Crystal Egg" which was adulterated.

Microscopical examination of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed it to be very poor in appearance with a very offensive odor, and to contain eggshells and dirt. Bacteriological examination of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department disclosed the presence of an excessive number of organisms, including the streptococci and bacteria of the B. coli group. The information therefore alleged adulteration of the product in that, in its manufacture, there had been mixed and packed with it dirt and eggshells, so as to injuriously affect its quality, and in that the product consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

On June 5, 1911, the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 29, 1911.*