

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1281.

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

ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF EXTRACT OF VANILLA.

On October 26, 1911, the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against the Andrew Baumgartner Co., of Baltimore, Md., alleging shipment by them, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about February 18, 1911, from the State of Maryland into the District of Columbia, of a case of extract of vanilla which was adulterated and misbranded. The product was labeled: "Unadulterated Extract Vanilla, 20% deod. Alcohol, manufactured by The A. Baumgartner Co., Baltimore, Md."

Analysis of a sample of said product made by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture showed the following results: Vanillin, 0.38 per cent; coumarin, absent; lead number, 0.39; small amount natural color by amyl alcohol; resins, trace; alcohol by volume, 18.49 per cent; no caramel detected. Adulteration was alleged for the reason that a substance containing artificial vanillin had been mixed and packed with the product in such a manner as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for it. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statement on the label "Unadulterated Extract Vanilla" was false and misleading because said product was adulterated by the use of artificial vanillin.

On October 26, 1911, the defendant company pleaded guilty and was fined \$30.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

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