

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1557.

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

ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF VANILLA EXTRACT.

On September 29, 1910, the United States Attorney for the District of Colorado, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the R. Hardesty Manufacturing Co., Denver, Colo., alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on March 25, 1910, from the State of Colorado into the State of Texas of a consignment of 5 pounds of flavoring extract which was adulterated and misbranded. The product was labeled: "Oleo-de-Vanil".

Examination of the sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Specific gravity 15.6° C., 1.1780; alcohol (per cent by volume), 16.25; methyl alcohol (per cent by volume), none; solids, including glycerol, 65 per cent; ash, 0.39 per cent; vanillin, 4.07 per cent; coumarin, 1.57 per cent; no resins detected; lead precipitate, none; color, caramel. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that a substance, to wit, an imitation vanilla product, was mixed and packed with it so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and for the further reason that the product was colored in a manner whereby its inferiority was concealed. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the label on the product was in such form and manner as to cause the purchaser to believe and to indicate that the product was in truth a product of the vanilla bean, whereas it was an artificially colored imitation product of vanilla.

On January 19, 1912, a plea of guilty was entered by the defendant and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 4, 1912.*

