

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2072.

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

ADULTERATION OF OIL OF CASSIA.

On or about August 30, 1911, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Circuit Court of the United States for said district an information against Clayton Rockhill and Carl L. Vietor, copartners, doing business under the firm name of Rockhill & Vietor, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by them, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about July 25, 1910, from the State of New York into the State of Massachusetts, of a quantity of oil of cassia which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "The Puritan Brand Registered Trade Mark. Essential oils. Best Standard Quality Oil of cassia. Pounds $\frac{1}{2}$ from Rockhill & Vietor, New York, U. S. A. U. S. Serial No. 3429. Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906."

Analysis of a sample of the product made by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Specific gravity, 1.0577; optical rotation, $+1.56^\circ$; solubility in 2 volumes, 70 per cent; alcohol not *perfect*; lead, present; rosin, present, trace; cinnamic aldehyde, 74 per cent; distillation residue, 8.85 per cent. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it was sold under and by a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopœia, to wit, oil of cassia, and differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the tests laid down in the said Pharmacopœia at the times of shipment and investigation, among other things, in that as determined by said tests said article contained lead and rosin and no standard of strength, quality, or purity was stated thereon, other than the false statement that it was best standard quality.

On October 8, 1912, the defendants entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court suspended sentence.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 7, 1912.*

