

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2106.

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

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### MISBRANDING OF DR. BENNETT'S WONDER OIL.

On March 13, 1911, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against L. R. Bennett, trading as the Bennett Medicine Co., Norfolk, Va., alleging shipment by him, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on April 15, 1910, from the State of Virginia into the District of Columbia of a quantity of Dr. Bennett's Wonder Oil which was misbranded. The product was labeled: (Blown in bottle) "Prepared by Bennett Medicine Co., Norfolk, Va." (Label on bottle) "Dr. Bennett's Wonder Oil. Good for rheumatism, neuralgia, headache, earache, dizziness, sprains, toothache, bruises, chilblains, cuts, frosted feet, burns, sore throat, pleurisy, colic pains, catarrh, deafness, cholera morbus, diarrhoea, cramps, dysentery, scalds, etc. For external use apply freely using plenty of friction. For internal use dose 10 to 30 drops in sweetened water. For children one year old 10 to 15 drops. Address all orders to Bennett Medicine Co., Norfolk, Va."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Alcohol, 46.3 per cent by volume; petroleum ether, 0.5 per cent by weight; (from original) petroleum ether, 0.012 per cent by weight; (after acidifying) residue (nonvolatile), 0.45 per cent by weight; chloroform present; morphine present. Misbranding of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that the package containing it failed to bear a statement on the label thereof of the quantity or proportion of any alcohol, opium, and chloroform, and any derivative or preparation of such substance contained therein, as required by section 8 of the Food and Drugs Act, the said product actually containing alcohol, opium, and chloroform, and derivatives therefrom.

On June 8, 1911, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

W. M. HAYS,  
*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 13, 1912.*