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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2249.

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

ADULTERATION OF OYSTERS.

On November 15, 1912, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Supreme Court of said District an information against John Bryant, Washington, D. C., alleging the sale by said defendant, at the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on March 25, 1912, of a quantity of oysters in the shell which were adulterated. The product bore no label.

Bacteriological examination of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: 5 out of 5 oysters showed the presence of gas-producing organisms in 1 cc quantities of the shell liquor; 5 out of 5 in 0.1 cc quantities; and 5 out of 5 in 0.01 cc quantities. 100 streptococci found in 4 oysters; 10 streptococci found in 1 oyster; 100 *B. coli* type found in each of 5 oysters. Score 500 points. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal or vegetable substance.

On November 15, 1912, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$5.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 25, 1913.*

