

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2305.

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

MISBRANDING OF COTTONSEED MEAL.

On January 15, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, 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 Leder Oil Co., a corporation, Demopolis, Ala., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on December 20, 1910, from the State of Alabama into the State of Vermont, of a quantity of cottonseed meal which was misbranded. The product was labeled: "100# net Buckeye Prime Cotton Seed Meal, Manufactured by the Buckeye Cotton Oil Company. General offices Cincinnati, Ohio. Guarantee: Protein 39 to 41%; Fat $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 7%; Ammonia $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 8%; Nitrogen $6\frac{1}{4}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$ %; Crude fiber 8 to 10%. Shipped by Selma, Alabama, Mill."

Examination of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed it to contain protein 34.88 per cent and fat 7.2 per cent. Misbranding was alleged in the information for the reason that the statement contained upon the sacks of the product, as set forth above, was false and misleading, in that said statement represented and alleged that the product contained 39 per cent to 41 per cent of protein, while in truth and in fact it contained only 34.88 per cent of protein.

On November 12, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$34, with costs of \$41.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 3, 1913.*