

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2377.

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

ADULTERATION OF OIL OF BENZALDEHYDE OR SYNTHETIC OIL OF BITTER ALMOND.

On July 6, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, 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 Dodge & Olcott Co., a New York corporation, doing business and having an office at St. Louis, Mo., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on July 5, 1911, from the State of Missouri into the State of Utah, of a quantity of oil benzaldehyde, otherwise known as synthetic oil of bitter almond, which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "Dodge & Olcott Co. New York. The standard of quality. D. & O. Essential oils, Drugs, Chemicals, Flavoring and Perfumery Materials. Benzaldehyde, Synthetic Oil Bitter Almond. Imported by Dodge & Olcott Co., Factory, Bayonne, N. J. New York. N. Y."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Specific gravity, 1.0461 at 25° C.; benzaldehyde, 94.7 per cent; free benzoic acid, 0.96 per cent; chlorin, 0.225 per cent; hydrocyanic acid, absent. 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, benzaldehyde, and differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the test laid down in said Pharmacopœia official at the time of shipment and investigation, in that said article contained chlorin products and in that respect differed from said standard of strength, quality, and purity laid down in said Pharmacopœia, which Pharmacopœia

does not provide for or permit the presence of chlorin in the product, and the true standard of strength, quality, and purity of said product was not plainly stated upon the bottle or other container thereof.

On December 20, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

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