

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2544.

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

U. S. v. Ungerer & Co. (Inc.). Plea of guilty. Sentence suspended.

ADULTERATION OF OIL OF CAJUPUT.

On March 5, 1913, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Ungerer & Co. (Inc.), a corporation, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on July 8, 1911, from the State of New York into the State of Michigan of a quantity of oil of cajuput which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "Oil of cajuput (Oleum Cajuputi) S. G. 0.915-0.925 at 25° C., guaranteed by Ungerer & Co., under the Food and Drugs Act June 30, 1906. Serial No. 521. Ungerer & Co., New York Chicago Philadelphia 8 oz."

An analysis of a sample of the product made by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Specific gravity at 25° C., 0.9151; refractive index at 20° C., 1.4682; optical rotation 100 mm. at 20° C., -1.73°; soluble in 1 volume of 80 per cent alcohol; solution slightly acid to litmus; copper present. Oil is not U. S. P. Copper present. 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 cajuput, 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 said shipment and investigation, in that said drug contained copper, which is not one of the ingredients of oil of cajuput, as determined by the test laid down in said Pharmacopœia.

On March 17, 1913, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court suspended sentence.

B. T. GALLOWAY,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 27, 1913.*

