

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2746.

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

U. S. v. Magnus. Mabee & Reynard. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50.

ADULTERATION OF OIL OF LAVENDER FLOWERS.

On August 6, 1912, 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 Magnus, Mabee & Reynard, a corporation, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on June 14, 1911, from the State of New York into the State of Georgia, of a quantity of oil of lavender flowers which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "4 oz. net weight. Oil Lavender Flowers. Mt. Blanc. Magnus & Lauer. Packed expressly for Hirsch and Pigman, Wholesale Drug-gists, Savannah, Ga."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Specific gravity at 25° C., 0.9004; refractive index at 20° C., 1.4655; rotation at 20° C., -1.94°; soluble in three volumes of 70 per cent alcohol; esters as linalyl acetate, 17.71 per cent; deficient in esters. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it was sold under and by a name, to wit, oil of lavender flowers, recognized in the United States Pharmacopœia or National Formulary, and differed from the standards of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the tests laid down in said Pharmacopœia, official at the time of investigation, and the standard of strength, quality,

and purity of the product was not stated on the container in which it was offered for sale.

On May 22, 1913, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and on May 23, 1913, the court imposed a fine of \$50.

C. F. MARVIN,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

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