

3677. *Adulteration of pork and beans. U. S. v. 25 Cases of Pork and Beans. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 5828. I. S. No. 22177-h. S. No. E-84.)*

On August 4, 1914, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 25 cases, each containing 24 cans of pork and beans, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Philadelphia, Pa., alleging that the product had been shipped on July 24, 1914, and transported from the State of Maryland into the State of Pennsylvania, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The cases were labeled: (On one end) "89" (On other end) "Housekeeper Brand Pork and Beans With Tomato Sauce—Packed at East Brooklyn Pres. Works, East Brooklyn, Md." Each of the cans was labeled in part: "Contents 2 lbs. 2 oz. Housekeeper Pork & Beans—Tomato Sauce—Packed at East Brooklyn Preserving Works, East Brooklyn, Md."

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the libel for the reason that it had been mixed in a manner whereby inferiority was concealed, and further, for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed and putrid vegetable substance.

On September 2, 1914, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

D. F. HOUSTON, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

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