

4081. Adulteration of evaporated apples. U. S. * * * v. 18 Boxes of so-called Evaporated Apples. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 5800. I. S. No. 9188-h. S. No. C-58.)

On or about July 3, 1914, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Texas, 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 18 boxes, each containing 50 pounds of so-called evaporated apples, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Dallas, Tex., alleging that the product had been shipped, on or about June 4, 1914, and transported from the State of Missouri into the State of Texas, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The product was labeled: "Grandma's Brand Evaporated or Dried Product of Apples—Prepared with salt water and sulphur fumes—Label and branding guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906—U. S. Government Registration, 1909, by J. W. Teasdale & Company at Washington, D. C. Northern selected late and winter apples."

It was alleged in the libel that an analysis of official samples of said evaporated apples by the United States Bureau of Chemistry, made under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, showed that said apples had a moisture content of 29.8 per cent; that said so-called apples were of poor stock, sour, and musty; that water had been mixed and packed with said goods in such manner as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect their quality; and, in addition, said apples consisted in whole or in part of decomposed vegetable substance; said so-called evaporated apples being adulterated in violation of section 7, paragraphs 1 and 6 under "Food," Food and Drugs Act, being an act of Congress approved June 30, 1906.

On January 30, 1915, 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.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 1, 1915.*