

4323. Misbranding of lemon oleum. U. S. * * * v. Thomson & Taylor Spice Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50 and costs. (F. & D. No. 4177. I. S. No. 16088-d.)

On January 20, 1914, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, 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 Thomson & Taylor Spice Co., a corporation, Chicago, Ill., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on December 5, 1911, from the State of Illinois into the State of Indiana, of a quantity of Lemon Oleum which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it consisted largely of cottonseed oil.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that each of the cans containing the same bore a label in words and figures as follows, to wit, "Lemon Oleum. An Economical Oil Compound imparting the true Lemon Flavor W. H. Murphy Co. Chicago. Serial 7382," which said statement on the label was false and misleading, in that it represented to the purchaser, and misled and deceived the purchaser into the belief, that the article was lemon oil, whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not, but was a mixture of a small percentage of lemon oil and a large percentage of cottonseed oil.

On February 25, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*