

**4335. Adulteration and misbranding of coffee. U. S. v. 15 Sacks of Coffee.
Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.
(F. & D. No. 5607. I. S. No. 8008-h. S. No. 2131.)**

On March 4, 1914, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, 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 15 sacks, each containing 50 pounds, of coffee, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Petersburg, Va., alleging that the product had been shipped on or about January 17, 1914, and transported from the State of New York into the State of Virginia, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. Each of the sacks was labeled, in part: "Bed Rock Rio —A— * * *."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted of an excessive amount of rotten and decomposed berries, which mixture had been coated or glazed in such manner as to conceal damage and inferiority.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the article was labeled "Red Rock Rio," when, in fact, it consisted of a mixture of coffee and decomposed and rotten berries, which had been coated or glazed in such manner as to conceal inferiority.

On October 4, 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.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

4336. Misbranding of "Acid Iron Mineral Compound." U. S. * * * v. 180 Bottles * * * "Acid Iron Mineral Compound." Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 5668. I. S. No. 9605-h. S. No. C-22.)

On April 10, 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 a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 180 bottles of a drug designated as "Acid Iron Mineral Compound," remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the product had been shipped on February 3, 1914, and transported from the State of Virginia into the State of Illinois, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that each of the bottles bore a label in words and figures as follows, to wit, "Beware of Imitations. Registered A-I-M Trade-Mark None Genuine Without Our Trade Mark. Acid Iron Mineral. Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, No. 1682. For Adults, $\frac{1}{2}$ increasing to 1 teaspoonful in half glass water 3 times a day after meals. Children, smaller dose according to age. Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Kidney Trouble, Liver Complaint, Chronic Diarrhoea, Internal Hemorrhage of the Bowels and Lungs, Epilepsy or Fits, Irregular Menses, Heart Trouble, General Debility, Nervous Prostration, Sick Headache, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Impure Blood, etc. For Cuts, Wounds, Burns, Bruises, Ground Itch, Poison Oak, Dew Poison, Snake Bites, Bites or Stings of Poisonous Insects, bathe the affected parts with the Mineral. For Old sores, Sore throat, Sore Eyes, Catarrh, Tetter, Eczema, Erysipelas, or any Cutaneous Affection, bathe the affected parts and take as directed above after each meal. For Flux or Cholera Morbus, take a dose after each action of the bowels until relief is obtained. For Colic, one dose, repeat in half hour if necessary. For Piles, take dose after meals for several days, then use an injection or apply with soft cloth or sponge $\frac{1}{2}$ Mineral and $\frac{1}{2}$ warm water each day before retiring for 3 days, after which, use Mineral water pure until relief is obtained. Price, 50 Cts. Distributed by Acid Iron Mineral Co. Salem, Va.," which said label was false and misleading, and the statement contained in the label regarding the curative effect of said drug product was false and fraudulent, in that the label aforesaid purported to state that the drug product was a specific for indigestion, dyspepsia, kidney trouble, liver complaint, chronic diarrhea, internal hemorrhage of the bowels and lungs, epilepsy or fits, irregular menses, heart trouble, general debility, nervous prostration, sick headache, rheumatism, neuralgia, impure blood, etc., whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the carton inclosing the bottle bore a label in words and figures as follows, to wit, "Acid Iron Mineral Compound Registered A-I-M Trade-Mark. Distributed by Acid Iron Mineral Co. Salem, Va. Nature's Great Household Remedy, A Concentrated Mineral Water Strengthened with Magnesium Sulphate (Already Present In Small Quantities) Beware of Imitations. Its immense popularity has caused unscrupulous persons to try to imitate it. None genuine without registered trade mark A-I-M upon each bottle. Its Merits and Curative Powers have proven more than words can tell. Guaranteed when directions are followed to give relief. It is a valuable aid in bringing back the color, in strengthening and invigorating the system, and in digesting the food. Valuable in any stomach or bowel trouble. It is a household necessity. Price, 50 Cents. Acid Iron Mineral Compound Guaranteed under the Food and Drug Acts of June 30, 1906. No. 1682. It Is Not A Patent Medicine. It is like a Spring of Mineral Water at your door, that can be used in the privacy of your own home at a small expense. We con-