

**4395. Misbranding of "Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy." U. S. v. George H. Mayr. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25 and costs. (F. & D. No. 6147. I. S. Nos. 9307-e, 2594-h.)**

On November 4, 1915, 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 George H. Mayr, Chicago, Ill., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about January 13 and December 1, 1913, from the State of Illinois into the State of Colorado, of quantities of "Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy," which was misbranded. The article was labeled: (On bottle) "Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy for Stomach Troubles, Indigestion, Gas in the Stomach and Intestines, Dizziness and Fainting Spells, Colic Attacks, Torpid and Congested Liver, Constipation, Gastritis, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis, Gall Stones, Etc. The above ailments are caused by the clogging of the intestinal tract with mucoid and catarrhal secretions backing up poisonous fluids into the Stomach, and otherwise deranging the digestive system. This Remedy Removes These accretions without surgical operation, and puts an end to Colic Attacks, Gases in the Stomach and Intestines, and all of the usual symptoms of Gall Stones. Mfd and Guaranteed by George H. Mayr Mfg. Chemist 154-156 Whiting St. Chicago, Ill. Under the Food and Drugs Act June 30th, 1906. Serial No. 25793. Important. It is very necessary that each powder should operate the bowels freely. If for any reason they should not do this within two hours take a Seidlitz Powder or a dose of salts. Begin taking Mayr's System Regulator the next day. Note. After taking powder No. 1 in the afternoon Eat Nothing Solid, a little milk, tea or soup being sufficient. Important Notice. The Powders should be kept in a dry place. If they have become hardened or spoiled, notify me and I will be pleased to mail others free of charge. Special Notice. On account of the cold weather, the contents of this bottle is liable to become congealed or solidified. Please put it in a warm place until it becomes liquified and thin. This Bottle is one Dose. Directions. First take all of Powder No. 1 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon as directed. At Bedtime take Entire Contents of Bottle at One Dose with juice of lemon or orange. Next morning upon getting up take all of Powder No. 2 as directed. When bowels operate use a vessel and note poisonous secretions removed by this remedy, in some cases dark green or yellow lumps varying in size from a fine bead to an olive—in severe cases even larger, in other cases quantities of thick tenacious slime or mucus. These accumulations are weakening and poisonous. After the system is rid of them, digestion and assimilation will improve until the patient should feel like a new person. If the above described accretions are passed, you are badly in need of this medicine. One of these doses should be taken every week for at least five weeks or until no more can be removed." (Blown in bottle) "Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy Chicago." (On carton) "Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy for Stomach Troubles, Indigestion, Gases in the Stomach and Intestines, Dizziness and Fainting Spells, Colic Attacks, Torpid Liver, Constipation, Gastritis, Yellow Jaundice, Appendicitis, Gall Stones, Etc. The above ailments are mainly caused by the clogging of the intestinal tract with poisonous accretions—which are caused by a catarrhal condition of the Gall Bladder and Duct, Liver, Stomach and Intestinal Tract—Backing up poisonous fluids into the stomach, and otherwise deranging the digestive system. This remedy painlessly removes these accretions without surgical operation, takes out inflammation from the entire intestinal tract and renders the same antiseptic. Manufactured and Guaranteed by George H. Mayr Manufacturing Chemist Office and Laboratory Mayr Building 154-156 Whiting St., Chicago Under the Pure Food and Drugs Act,

June 30, 1906. Serial No. 25793. Users of Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy should take 5 to 7 doses, one each week to entirely cleanse the intestinal tract of poisonous secretions. Mayr's System Regulator and Tonic for the Liver and Kidneys should invariably be taken in connection with the Wonderful Stomach Remedy to restore the action of these organs, create healthy bile and hinder forming of more Gall Stones and clear the skin. Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy is no faith cure. It removes the Poisonous Intestinal Accretions and Shows Them to You thereby proving its great value. With the removal of these accretions the bloating and gas or wind in the stomach disappears, as also the severe colic pains which from time to time attack the Gall Stone sufferer, sometimes rendering him unconscious. George H. Mayr Two Drug Stores S. E. Cor. Clark and Lake Sts. N. W. Cor La Salle and Washington Sts. Chicago. This preparation is gentle in action and rapid in results. No pain or gripe attends its use. It has been successfully used in thousands of cases of Stomach, Liver and Intestinal Troubles and Gall Stones. Price \$1.00 Worth \$100.00." (On box containing powder No. 1) "Mayr Wonderful Stomach Remedy Dissolve in glass of water and drink at 3 P. M. Follow with two glasses of water within half-hour." (On box containing powder No. 2) "Mayr Wonderful Stomach Remedy. Dissolve in glass of hot water and drink upon getting up following morning; then drink two more glasses of water within half-hour." The booklet accompanying the article contained, among other things, the following statements: "Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy removes all these unhealthy and dangerous conditions as if by a magic sweep, not only softening and expelling these accretions which adhere in large numbers to the walls of the gall duct and intestines, but remedies the condition that causes them to form, assisting in rendering the catarrhal or inflamed passages antiseptic and allaying all inflammation in the entire alimentary and intestinal tract, including the appendix, to which the inflamed and catarrhal condition extends, and an operation for appendicitis thus becomes unnecessary." "It does not matter whether you believe you have gall stones or not. It is enough to know that you are suffering from some stomach liver or intestinal ailment. Mayr's Wonderful Stomach Remedy has never failed in any and all of these ailments, and without pain, ill effect or inconvenience to yourself, and makes life worth living again. It is composed of nothing but strictly Pure Nature's Ingredients and would not harm a child or the weakest stomach; it acts on the very source and foundation of the ailments and must necessarily cure them. It has been thoroughly tested and proven and is absolutely the best, most positive and permanent remedy for all stomach, liver and intestinal diseases and ailments, that could be prescribed by the most eminent specialists on these disorders in America or Europe." "Roanoke, Va. Mr. Geo. H. Mayr: I feel that I owe you a free statement, as to the good derived from your Wonderful Stomach Remedy and Tonic. I was a very sick man for about three months, caused from gall stones of the liver, and was told by three of our most prominent physicians that I would have to submit to an operation to get relief, but heard of your Wonderful Remedy, and secured the full treatment and took according to directions, and passed hundreds of gall stones. Since taking your medicine I have worked regularly and don't feel any ill effects. I am praising your remedies to the highest to all of my friends, as I know it is worthy of the highest praise, and I think it the finest in the world. Wishing you much success, I am very respectfully, B. L. Dooley." "Geo. H. Mayr: I will write you in regard to your Wonderful Stomach Remedy, which I sent for about three months ago and took it as directed; and I can say that I have never had a remedy to do as much good. My doctor said I would have to have an operation performed, as I had a bad case of appendicitis. I would have written sooner, but I wanted to be sure that I was

cured. I think I am sound and well, as my side hasn't bothered me since taking your treatment. I feel like a new man. I have gained twenty-five pounds in the last two months. I feel better than I have felt in three years. I think your Wonderful Stomach Remedy is the best medicine in the world. Yours truly, S. C. Fountain, Anna, Texas."

Analyses of samples from each of the shipments, made by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department, showed the following results:

*Shipment No. 1.*

Alcohol (per cent by volume)-----	7.87
Solids (grams per 100 cc)-----	5.99
Emodin reaction: Positive.	
Salicylic acid: Absent.	
Odor and taste suggest cascara and aloes.	
Alkaloids, iodids, and mercury: Absent.	

*Shipment No. 2.*

Package contains three kinds of material, viz, a 6-ounce bottle of oil and two small paper cartons labeled "Powder No. 1" and "Powder No. 2."

The oil: A bland yellowish oil having slight odor of oil of fennel. Index of refraction at 25° C: 1.4673; Halphen test, negative. Material is olive oil with trace of oil of fennel.

Powder No. 1: Qualitative tests indicate only magnesium sulphate with water of crystallization. Product is commercial Epsom salts.

Powder No. 2: Qualitative tests indicate mixture of crystallized magnesium sulphate and a sodium salt of orthophosphoric acid. Material is a mixture of commercial Epsom salts and disodium phosphate.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the following statements regarding the therapeutic or curative effects thereof, appearing on the label aforesaid, to wit, (On carton) "Remedy for \* \* \* Gastritis, \* \* \* Appendicitis, Gall Stones \* \* \*," "This remedy \* \* \* takes out inflammation from the entire intestinal tract, and renders the same antiseptic \* \* \* Mayr's System Regulator and Tonic for the Liver and Kidneys should invariably be taken in connection with the Wonderful Stomach Remedy \* \* \*," and included in the booklet aforesaid, to wit, "A positive remedy for appendicitis \* \* \*," "\* \* \* absolutely the best, most positive and permanent remedy for all stomach, liver, and intestinal diseases \* \* \*," and contained in the booklet of the second shipment, to wit, "I feel that I owe you a free statement, as to the good derived from your Wonderful Stomach Remedy and Tonic. I was a very sick man for about three months, caused from gall stones of the liver \* \* \* heard of your Wonderful Remedy, and secured the full treatment and took according to directions, and passed hundreds of gall stones. Since taking the medicine I have worked regularly and don't feel any ill effects \* \* \*," "I will write you in regard to your Wonderful Stomach Remedy, which I sent for about three months ago and took it as directed; and I can say that I have never had a remedy to do as much good. My doctor said I would have to have an operation performed, as I had a bad case of appendicitis. I would have written sooner but I wanted to be sure that I was cured," were false and fraudulent in that the same were applied to the article knowingly, and in reckless and wanton disregard of their truth or falsity, so as to represent falsely and fraudulently to the purchasers thereof, and create in the minds of purchasers thereof the impression and belief, that it was, in whole or in part, composed of, or contained, ingredients or medicinal agents effective, among other things, when taken in connection with Mayr's System Regu-

lator and Tonic, as a remedy for gastritis, appendicitis, and gall stones, in taking out inflammation from the entire intestinal tract and rendering the same antiseptic, as a cure for gall stones of the liver, as a positive remedy and cure for appendicitis, and as a positive remedy for all stomach, liver, and intestinal diseases, when, in truth and in fact, it was not, in whole or in part, composed of, and did not contain, such ingredients or medicinal agents.

On December 10, 1915, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

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