

4658. Adulteration of chestnuts. U. S. * * * v. 10 Bags * * * of Chestnuts. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.
(F. & D. No. 7045. I. S. No. 1556-1. S. No. E-456.)

On November 1, 1915, the United States attorney for the Western District of New York, 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 10 bags, each containing approximately 60 pounds, of chestnuts, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Buffalo, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped on October 30, 1915, by Stevens Bros., Baltimore, Md., and transported from the State of Maryland into the State of New York, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and moldy vegetable substance, infested with worms, which said filthy, decomposed, and moldy vegetable substance, infested with worms, rendered the article unfit for human food.

On November 23, 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.*