

4681. Adulteration of canned pork and beans. U. S. * * * v. 50 Cases of Pork and Beans. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 7090. I. S. No. 11421-1. S. No. C-398.)

On December 11, 1915, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, 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 50 cases, each containing 48 cans, of pork and beans, remaining unsold in the original, unbroken packages at St. Louis, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped, on or about September 11, 1915, by the Thomas Canning Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., and transported from the State of Michigan into the State of Missouri, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The cases were labeled: "Princess Brand Pork and Beans with Tomato Sauce Packed for F. Goebel & Sons Gro. Co., St. Louis, Mo." The cans were labeled: "Princess Brand Beans and Pork Distributed by F. Goebel & Sons Grocer Co., St. Louis, Mo." (Design of dish of pork and beans) "Contents 11 oz." (Monogram F G & Sons G Co) "Princess" Design of princess) "Brand. F. Goebel & Sons Grocer Co. Exclusive Wholesale Distributors St. Louis, Mo."

The allegations in the libel were to the effect that the article was adulterated in that it consisted of a partially decomposed animal and vegetable substance, and was unfit for use as food within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act.

On March 9, 1916, 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.*