

**4682. 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. 7091. I. S. No. 11786-L. S. No. C-399.)**

On December 2, 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 24 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 November 12, 1915, by the Gibson Canning Co., Gibson City, Ill., and transported from the State of Illinois into the State of Missouri, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The cases were labeled: (Paster label) "Superior Brand Pork and Beans with Tomato Sauce" (Design of butler and plate of pork and beans) "Contents 2 lbs. Louis Maull Cheese & Fish Co. Distributors St. Louis, Mo." (Top of case) "Louis Maull Cheese & Fish Co., St. Louis, Mo." The cans were labeled: "Superior Brand Pork and Beans with Tomato Sauce" (Design of butler and plate of pork and beans) "Contents 2 lbs. L. Maull Cheese & Fish Co. Distributors St. Louis, Mo."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted of a partially decomposed vegetable substance, and was unfit for use as food within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act.

On March 9, 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.*