

4949. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. v. William S. Hatton. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$10. (F. & D. No. 7200. I. S. No. 3448-1.)

On April 28, 1916, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Police Court of said District an information against William S. Hatton, Washington, D. C., alleging the sale by said defendant, on December 15, 1915, in the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, of a quantity of oysters, which were adulterated.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Liquor (per cent)-----	29.1
Meat (per cent)-----	70.9
Meats:	
Loss on boiling (per cent)-----	54.6
Solids (per cent)-----	15.09
Ash (Per cent)-----	0.74
Chlorids in meat, as sodium chlorid (per cent)-----	0.05
Chlorids in liquor, as sodium chlorid (per cent)-----	0.26

These results show the addition of a material amount of water.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason in-that a certain substance to wit, water, had been mixed and packed there-with so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength and had been substituted in part for oysters, which the article purported to be.

On April 28, 1916, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$10.

R. A. PEARSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*