

5028. Misbranding of "Strange's Rheumatic Remedy." U. S. * * * v. Howell M. Strange. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 6735. I. S. No. 14218-k.)

On April 8, 1916, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district, an information against Howell M. Strange, Birmingham, Ala., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act as amended, on or about March 29, 1915, from the State of Alabama into the State of Tennessee of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Strange's Rheumatic Remedy," which was misbranded.

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

Water soluble as sodium bicarbonate (per cent)_____	73.92
Water insoluble (carbonates present) (per cent)_____	27.50
(calculated to magnesium oxid) (per cent)_____	12.31
Product is essentially a mixture of sodium bicarbonate and magnesium carbonate.	

It was charged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that statements appearing on its label and included in the circular or pamphlet accompanying it falsely and fraudulently represented it as a rheumatic remedy, as a remedy for muscular rheumatism and stomach trouble, such as dyspepsia and indigestion, for regulating urinary and kidney troubles and purifying the blood, and as a cure for stomach and kidney troubles, rheumatism, indigestion, dyspepsia, and salt rheum, when in truth and in fact it was not.

On September 12, 1916, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*