

5071. Adulteration of ketchup. U. S. * * * v. Lewis Packing Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$500 (F. & D. No. 6726. I. S. Nos. 17549-k, 19005-k, 18380-k, 19020-k.)

At the July, 1916, term of the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California, the United States attorney for said district, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in said district court an information against the Lewis Packing Co., a corporation, San Francisco, Cal., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, from the State of California into the Territory of Hawaii, of quantities of ketchup which was adulterated:

(1) On or about April 6, 1915, which shipment was labeled: (On end of keg) "Lewis Packing Co. San Francisco. Favorite Brand Catsup 1/5 of 1% Benzoate of Soda. Tomatoes, Sugar, Starch, Salt, Spices, Vinegar."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed it to be a partially decomposed vegetable product.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted, in whole or in part, of a filthy and decomposed vegetable substance.

(2) On or about June 30, 1915, which shipment was labeled: "Our Favorite Tomato Catsup Made from whole ripe tomatoes thickened with cornstarch, flavored and preserved with sugar, salt, one-fifth of one per cent benzoate of soda, vinegar and pure spices, Lewis Packing Co. San Francisco, Cal. Net weight 6 lbs."

Analysis of a sample of the article by said Bureau of Chemistry showed it to be a filthy, decomposed vegetable substance.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted, in whole or in part, of a filthy, putrid, and decomposed vegetable substance.

(3) On or about April 12, 1915, which shipment was labeled: (On end of keg) "Lewis Packing Co. San Francisco Favorite Brand Catsup 1/5 of 1% Benzoate of Soda Tomatoes, Sugar, Starch, Salt, Spices, Vinegar"

Analysis of a sample of the article by said Bureau of Chemistry showed it to be a partially decomposed vegetable product.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted, in whole or in part, of a filthy and decomposed vegetable substance.

(4) On or about May 6, 1915, which shipment was labeled: (On end of keg) "Lewis Packing Co. San Francisco Favorite Brand Catsup. 1/5 of 1% of Benzoate of Soda Tomatoes, Sugar, Starch, Salt, Spices, Vinegar"

Analysis of a sample of the article by said Bureau of Chemistry showed it to be filthy and decomposed.

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On September 28, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and on October 3, 1916, the court imposed a fine of \$500.

CLARENCE OUSLEY, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*