

5102. Adulteration of milk. U. S. * * * v. John A. Webster. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 7354. I. S. No. 28042-k)

On June 27, 1916, the United States attorney for the district of Connecticut, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against John A. Webster, Willimantic, Conn., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about May 4, 1915, from the State of Connecticut into the State of Rhode Island, of a quantity of milk which was adulterated.

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

Specific gravity at 60°/60° F.....	1.0306
Fat (by Babcock) (per cent).....	2.60
Total solids by calculation (per cent).....	10.77
Total solids by weighing (per cent).....	10.82
Refraction of serum at 20° C.....	36.7

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

On December 5, 1916, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*