

**5440. Adulteration of eggs. U. S. \* \* \* v. Joseph W. Whittier. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50 and costs.** (F. & D. No. 8042. I. S. No. 10714-m.)

On March 19, 1917, the United States attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Joseph W. Whittier, Oklahoma City, Okla., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about August 9, 1916, from the State of Oklahoma into the State of Kansas, of a quantity of eggs which were adulterated.

Examination of 1 case of 360 eggs by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed 36.7 per cent inedible eggs consisting of mixed rots, addled and stuck eggs, heavy blood rings, and green whites.

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

On April 4, 1917, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*