

5614. Misbranding of "Radium Healing Balm." U. S. * * * v. J. H. Frank Smokey. (Uranium Mining Co.) Plea of guilty. Fine, \$10 and costs. (F. & D. No. 6948. I. S. No. 17548-k.)

On August 25, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Colorado, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against J. H. Frank Smokey, trading as Uranium Mining Co., Denver, Colo., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about June 21, 1915, from the State of Colorado into the State of California, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "The Great Radium Healing Balm," which was misbranded.

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

A soap with odor of sassafras and containing—

Sodium carbonate (per cent)_____	9.3
Sodium bicarbonate (per cent)_____	4.6
Sand (per cent)_____	1.1
Water (per cent)_____	56.4

The radioactive power of the "Balm" is due to radium substances and equals 0.5×10^{-9} curies per gram, or a total of 0.033 microcuries for the jarful of 65.95 grams.

It was alleged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that certain statements appearing on its label falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy for cancers, carbuncles, rheumatism, pains, swellings, pneumonia, bronchitis, and pleurisy, when in truth and in fact it was not.

On August 25, 1917, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*