

5741. Adulteration of shell eggs. U. S. * * * v. John T. Bellman. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 8034. I. S. No. 11202-m.)

On March 19, 1917, the United States attorney for the district of South Dakota, 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 T. Bellman, Yankton, S. Dak., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about July 13, 1916, from the State of South Dakota into the State of Illinois, of a quantity of eggs which were adulterated.

Examination of 4 cases, containing 684 eggs, by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed 109 eggs, or 15.9 per cent, to be inedible and decomposed.

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

On March 22, 1917, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

C. F. MARVIN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.