

6148. Adulteration and misbranding of vinegar. U. S. * * * v. 5 Half-Barrels of Vinegar. Product ordered destroyed. (F. & D. No. 7744. I. S. No. 11952-m. S. No. C-570.)

On October 9, 1916, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 5 half-barrels of vinegar, consigned on July 11, 1916, by the Wallace-McLean Vinegar Co., Memphis, Tenn., alleging that the article had been shipped and transported from the State of Tennessee into the State of Arkansas, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part, "Orchard Made Brand. Pure Apple Cider Vinegar reduced to four per cent acetic strength."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in substance in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of distilled vinegar or dilute acetic acid, and was artificially colored in imitation of the product described in the label.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in substance for the reason that the statements borne on the labels were untrue and false and misleading.

On October 2, 1917, no claimant having appeared for the property, it was ordered by the court that the same should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

R. A. PEARSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*