

6215. Misbranding of W. H. Bull's Herbs and Iron Compound. U. S. * * *
v. W. H. Bull Medicine Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25
and costs. (F. & D. No. 8821. I. S. No. 11990-m.)

On May 2, 1918, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the W. H. Bull Medicine Co., a corporation, St. Louis, Mo., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about March 15, 1917, from the State of Missouri into the State of Tennessee, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "W. H. Bull's Herbs and Iron Compound," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the preparation to be a weak alcoholic solution, containing iron, phosphates, sugar, and vegetable derivatives, among which are quinine, capsicum, gentian, and podophyllum.

It was alleged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that certain statements appearing on the labels of the bottles and cartons falsely and fraudulently represented it to be effective as a remedy for the relief of nervous disorders; to regulate and assist nature's processes in painful suppressed menses, cramps, spasms, and other irregularities that bring on pain and agony; to regulate liver and kidney force; to give volume to the blood, as a relief of nervousness, liver, kidney, and bladder diseases; as a remedy for the many distressing ailments peculiar to women; and for scrofula, rickets, and passive hemorrhages, when, in truth and in fact, it was not. It was further alleged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that certain statements included in the circulars accompanying the article falsely and fraudulently represented it to be effective as a remedy for weak nerves and to eliminate stomach and bowel disorders, and to remove womb trouble, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On May 6, 1918, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

G. I. CHRISTIE, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*