

6252. Adulteration of ear corn. U. S. * * * v. 1 Carload of Bulk Ear Corn. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and sale. (F. & D. No. 395-c.)

On March 21, 1918, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, acting upon a report of the chief pure food inspector of the State of Georgia, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 1 carload of ear corn, remaining unsold at Milledgeville, Ga., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about February 18, 1918 by the Prater-Mottier Co., Terre Haute, Ind., and transported from the State of Indiana into the State of Georgia, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in substance in the libel for the reason that it consisted in large part, to wit, about 90 per cent of the whole, of a decomposed vegetable substance.

On May 15, 1918, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that, as the product was of a perishable character and rapidly deteriorating in quality, it should be sold by the United States marshal at public auction as damaged corn, fit for hog feed only.

CLARENCE OUSLEY, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*