

6309. Misbranding of Samaritan Nervine. U. S. * * * v. The Dr. S. A. Richmond Nervine Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$45 and costs. (F. & D. No. 4887. I. S. No. 2858-e.)

On July 7, 1915, the United States attorney for the Western 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 Dr. S. A. Richmond Nervine Co., a corporation, St. Joseph, Mo., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about January 15, 1913, from the State of Missouri into the State of California, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Samaritan Nervine." which was misbranded.

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

Nonvolatile matter at 100°C (per cent).....	51.74
Ash (mainly potassium bromid) (per cent).....	19.02
Potassium bromid (per cent).....	18.95
Atropin, test for: Positive.	

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 bottle and carton falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy for epilepsy, St. Vitus' Dance, epileptic fits, rheumatism, paralysis, spermatorrhea, seminal weakness, and all nervous and blood diseases, all diseases of the kidneys and liver, gravel and stone in the bladder, dropsy, scrofula, and all diseases caused by disordered kidneys and liver, when, in truth and in fact, it was not. It was alleged in substance that the article was misbranded for the further reason that certain statements included in the circular or pamphlet accompanying the article falsely and fraudulently represented it as effective for safeguarding the system in all cases of eruptions and malignant fevers; as a specific for epilepsy, scrofula, spermatorrhea, and seminal weakness, for every form of kidney disorders, healing the very worst diseases to which these organs are subject, when taken as directed and in sufficient quantities; as a remedy for all diseases of the liver, kidneys, urinary, and generative organs; as an irresistible specific in liver complaints, kidney diseases, pulmonary affections, rheumatism and gout; as a specific for heart disease; as a cure for scrofula and syphilis; as a remedy for erysipelas and salt rheum; and as a cure for loss of hearing, loss of speech, and paralysis, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On September 18, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$45 and costs.

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