

6427. Misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. * * * v. Margaret R. Ready and Richard T. Doughtie (New South Oil Mill). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50 and costs. (F. & D. No. 8604. I. S. No. 20681-m.)

On January 22, 1918, 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 an information against Margaret R. Ready and Richard T. Doughtie, trading and doing business as the New South Oil Mill, Helena, Ark., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about October 30, 1916, from the State of Arkansas into the State of Ohio, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Beauty Brand C/S Meal," which was misbranded.

Examination of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed 32.6 per cent of protein.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the statement, "Protein 36 per cent," borne on the label, regarding the article and the ingredients and substances contained therein, was false and misleading in that it represented that the article contained 36 per cent of protein; and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it contained 36 per cent of protein, whereas, in truth and in fact, it did not, but contained a less amount, to wit, approximately, 32.6 per cent of protein.

On March 12, 1918, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

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