

6616. Adulteration of shell eggs. U. S. * * * v. James Samuel Eaton and William Jasper Eaton (J. S. Eaton & Brother). Pleas of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 8657. I. S. No. 12809-m.)

On May 10, 1918, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against James Samuel Eaton and William Jasper Eaton, copartners, trading as J. S. Eaton & Bro., Taylorsville, Miss., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about June 18, 1917, from the State of Mississippi into the State of Louisiana, of a quantity of shell eggs which were adulterated.

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

99 inedible eggs, constituting 13.7 per cent, were found in
720 eggs examined.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

On May 8, 1919, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

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