

**6683. Adulteration of cottonseed meal. U. S. \* \* \* v. East St. Louis Cotton Oil Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$100 and costs. (F. & D No. 8973. I. S. No. 19950-m.)**

On August 29, 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 East St. Louis Cotton Oil Co., a corporation, doing business at Caruthersville, Mo., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about August 22, 1916, from the State of Missouri into the State of Michigan, of a quantity of cottonseed meal which was adulterated.

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

Protein (per cent)----- 35.50

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it was sold as and for cottonseed meal of the following quality, namely, 38½ to 41 per cent protein; and another substance—to wit, a cottonseed meal containing not over 35.50 per cent of protein—was substituted wholly and in part for the 38½ to 41 per cent cottonseed meal, which the article purported to be.

On April 14, 1919, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$100 and costs.

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