

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the product consisted chiefly of cottonseed oil, and that the cans were short volume.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in that a substance, to wit, cottonseed oil, had been mixed and packed with the article so as to lower and reduce and injuriously affect its quality and strength; it was further adulterated in that a substance, to wit, cottonseed oil, had been substituted in large part for olive oil, which the article purported to be.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in that the statements on the cans containing the article, regarding the article, to wit, "Finest Quality Olive Oil," "Extra Pure," "Termini Imerese," "Italy Sicilia—Italia," "1 Gallon Net," and "Guaranteed Absolutely Pure," were false and misleading in that they represented that the said article was olive oil, that the said article was a foreign product produced in the kingdom of Italy, and that each of the cans contained 1 full gallon of the article, whereas said article was not olive oil, but was a mixture composed in large part of cottonseed oil, said article was not a foreign product produced in the kingdom of Italy, but was a domestic product produced in the United States of America, and each of the cans did not contain 1 full gallon of the article, but contained a less amount; the article was further misbranded in that it was a mixture composed in large part of cottonseed oil prepared in imitation of olive oil, and was offered for sale and sold under the distinctive name of another article, to wit, olive oil; the article was further misbranded in that it was falsely branded as to the country in which it was manufactured and produced, in that it was an article manufactured and produced in the United States of America and was branded as manufactured and produced in the kingdom of Italy; said article was further misbranded in that the labeling as above set forth was intended to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that the said article was olive oil, that the article was a foreign product, olive oil produced in the kingdom of Italy, and that each can contained 1 full gallon of the article, whereas the article was not an olive oil, but was a mixture composed in large part of cottonseed oil, it was not a foreign product, an olive oil produced in the kingdom of Italy, but was a domestic product, an article produced in the United States of America, and each of the cans contained less than 1 full gallon of the article; the article was further misbranded in that the statements on the cans as above set forth purported said article to be a foreign product, when not so. The article was further misbranded in that it was food in package form, and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package.

On March 18, 1920, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

E. D. BALL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

**7833. Adulteration and misbranding of olive oil. U. S. \* \* \* v. Accursio Dimino. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25.** (F. & D. No. 11972. I. S. No. 13580-r.)

On March 10, 1920, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Accursio Dimino, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said defendant, on April 19, 1919, of an article, and transportation of same from the State of New York into the State of Connecticut, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended. The article was labeled in part, "Finest Quality Table Oil Termini Imerese."