

S125. Misbranding of Knoxit. U. S. * * * v. 11½ Dozen Bottles, More or Less, of Knoxit. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 10131. I. S. No. 6087-r. S. No. C-1182.)

On May 3, 1919, 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 a libel for the seizure and condemnation of a certain quantity of a certain article, labeled in part "Knoxit," at Springfield, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about March 1, 1919, by the Beggs Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill., and transported from the State of Illinois into the State of Missouri, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it consisted essentially of a dilute aqueous solution of zinc acetate and hydrastis perfumed with oil of rose.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the libel in that certain statements appearing on the carton enclosing, on the label on the bottle containing, and in the circulars accompanying the article, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the article, falsely and fraudulently represented the article to be a prophylactic and remedy for catarrhal affections of the eye, nose, throat, and inflammations of the mucous membranes, and beneficial in the treatment of hemorrhoids, ulcers, and cankers, and in the obstinate cases of inflammation of the bladder, whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not effective.

On November 19, 1919, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

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

S126. Misbranding of Big G. U. S. * * * v. 12 Dozen Bottles of Big G. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 10551. I. S. No. 7705-r. S. No. C-1284.)

On June 11, 1919, 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 a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 12 dozen bottles of Big G, at Kansas City, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about November 4, 1918, by the Evans Chemical Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, and transported from the State of Ohio into the State of Missouri, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended. The article was labeled upon the cartons, in part, "Big G, A Compound of Borated Goldenseal Prepared by The Evans Chemical Co. Cincinnati, Ohio, U. S. A."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it consisted of a dilute aqueous solution of borax and berberine. No hydrastine was present.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the libel in that the labels on said cartons, containers, and bottles represented that the drug was a compound of borated goldenseal, which statement was false and fraudulent in that the drug contained no goldenseal. Misbranding of the article was also alleged in that certain statements appearing on the carton enclosing, and on the label on the bottle containing the article, regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the article, falsely and fraudulently represented that the article would be effective as a remedy for unnatural discharges of the urinary organs, catarrh, hay fever, and inflamed, ulcerated, itching conditions of the skin and mucous membrane or linings of the mouth, nose, throat, eye, and ear, and as an anti-septic, whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not effective.