

of the United States for said district an information against the Planters Trading Co. (Inc.), a corporation, Baltimore, Md., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about February 1, 1919, from the State of Maryland into the State of Pennsylvania, of a quantity of oysters which were adulterated.

Examination of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it contained added water.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that water had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for oysters, which the article purported to be.

On August 11, 1920, a plea of nolo contendere was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

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

S496. Adulteration of fava beans. U. S. * * * v. 147 Sacks of Fancy California Fava Beans. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released on bond. (F. & D. No. 11507. I. S. No. 2945-r. S. No. W-529.)

On November 1, 1919, the United States attorney for the District of Utah, 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 of 147 sacks of fancy California fava beans, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Ogden, Utah, alleging that the article had been shipped by Adolph Koshland, San Mateo, Calif., in interstate commerce, on or about October 29, 1919, consigned to New York, N. Y., and seized en route to its destination at Ogden, Utah, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in substance in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy and decomposed or putrid vegetable substance, the excreta and other refuse of insects.

On April 30, 1920, Adolf Koshland, San Francisco, Calif., claimant, having entered an appearance, a decree was entered adjudging the facts contained in the libel to be true and ordering the release of the product upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$500, in conformity with section 10 of the act, conditioned in part that the article be sorted and repicked under the supervision of a representative of this department, and that only such portion as might be approved by this department be disposed of.

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

S497. Misbranding of Dr. Harper's Anti Cholera Tonic. U. S. * * * v. 10 Dozen Packages of Drugs. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 11562. I. S. No. 9187-r. S. No. C-1652.)

On or about January 3, 1920, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Mississippi, 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 10 dozen packages of drugs, labeled in part "Dr. Harper's Anti-Cholera Tonic," at Tupelo, Miss., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Elite Chemical Co., Watertown, Tenn., April 10, 1919, and transported from the State of Tennessee into the State of Mississippi, 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 powdered mixture of baking soda, sulphur, iron oxid, sodium sulphate, and vegetable material, including fragments of seeds and hulls.