

dermic Tablets Codeine Sulphate  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr.," "500 Compressed Tablets Quinine Sulphate 2 Grains \* \* \* Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30th, 1906. Serial Number 14574," "400 Soluble Hypodermic Tablets Codeine Sulphate 1-2 gr.," "100 Soluble Hypodermic Tablets Morphine Sulphate 1-2 gr.," "Soluble Hypodermic Tablets Morphine Sulphate 1-8 gr.," and "Soluble Hypodermic Tablets Strychnine Nitrate 1-60 gr.," as the case might be, borne on the labels of the respective products, were false and misleading, in that the said statements represented that each of said tablets contained the amount of the product declared on the label thereof and that the quinine tablets conformed to the food and drugs act of June 30, 1906, whereas the said tablets contained less than declared on the label thereof, and the quinine tablets did not conform to the food and drugs act of June 30, 1906.

On November 23, 1925, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and on December 31, 1925, the court imposed a fine of \$35 and costs.

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**13917. Adulteration and misbranding of strychnine sulphate tablets, caffeine tablets, heroin hydrochloride tablets, atropine sulphate tablets, and diacetylmorphine hydrochloride tablets. U. S. v. George M. Beringer, Inc. Plea of non vult. Fine, \$350. (F. & D. No. 19643. I. S. Nos. 2173-v, 2174-v, 12565-v, 12566-v, 12569-v, 16244-v, 16245-v.)**

On August 4, 1925, the United States attorney for the District of New Jersey, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against George M. Beringer, Inc., a corporation, Camden, N. J., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act, in various consignments, namely, on or about January 25, 1924, from the State of New Jersey into the State of New York, of quantities of strychnine sulphate tablets and caffeine tablets, respectively, on or about January 25, 1924, from the State of New Jersey into the State of Maryland, of quantities of heroin hydrochloride tablets, caffeine tablets, and atropine sulphate tablets, respectively, and on or about November 12, 1924, from the State of New Jersey into the State of Pennsylvania, of quantities of caffeine tablets and diacetylmorphine hydrochloride tablets, respectively, all of which were adulterated and misbranded. The articles were labeled in part: "George M. Beringer," "George M. Beringer, Camden, N. J.," or "George M. Beringer Inc., Man'g Pharmacists Camden, N. J."

Analysis by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department of samples of the articles showed that: The strychnine sulphate tablets, labeled  $\frac{1}{50}$  gr., contained  $\frac{1}{75}$  grain of strychnine sulphate each; the caffeine tablets, labeled  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr., contained  $\frac{3}{7}$  grain of caffeine each; the heroin hydrochloride tablets, labeled  $\frac{1}{24}$  gr., contained  $\frac{1}{48}$  grain of heroin hydrochloride each; the atropine sulphate tablets, labeled  $\frac{1}{100}$  gr., contained  $\frac{1}{124}$  grain of atropine sulphate each; and the diacetylmorphine hydrochloride tablets, labeled  $\frac{1}{24}$  gr., contained  $\frac{1}{46}$  grain of diacetylmorphine hydrochloride each.

Adulteration of the articles was alleged in substance in the information for the reason that their strength and purity fell below the professed standard and quality under which they were sold, in that the labels represented the said tablets to contain  $\frac{1}{50}$  grain of strychnine sulphate,  $\frac{1}{2}$  grain of caffeine,  $\frac{1}{24}$  grain of heroin hydrochloride,  $\frac{1}{100}$  grain of atropine sulphate, or  $\frac{1}{24}$  grain of diacetylmorphine hydrochloride, as the case might be, whereas each of said tablets contained less of the product than represented on the label thereof.

Misbranding was alleged in substance for the reason that the statements, "Tablet \* \* \* Strychnine Sulphate 1-50 gr.," "Tablet \* \* \* Caffeine  $\frac{1}{2}$  gr.," "Tablet \* \* \* Heroin Hcl 1-24 gr.," "Tablets \* \* \* Atropine Sulphate, 1-100 gr.," and "Tablet \* \* \* Diacetyl Morphine Hcl  $\frac{1}{24}$  gr.," as the case might be, borne on the labels of the respective products, were false and misleading, in that the said statements represented that each of said tablets contained the amount of the product declared on the label thereof, whereas the said tablets contained less than so declared.

On October 26, 1925, a plea of non vult to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$350.

R. W. DUNLAP, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*