

of 266 boxes of oranges, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Baltimore, Md., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Fruit Distributors, Inc., from Bartow, Fla., and transported from the State of Florida into the State of Maryland, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: "Florida Citrus Fruits Duke Polk County."

Examination of the article by this department showed that it consisted in whole or in part of frost-damaged fruit.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated, in that it consisted in whole or in part of a decomposed vegetable substance, which had been substituted wholly or in part for oranges.

On April 22, 1927, 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.

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15015. Misbranding of Syrup Dublanc. U. S. v. 200 Bottles of Syrup Dublanc. Decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond. (F. & D. No. 21636. I. S. No. 14513-x. S. No. E-5973.)

On or about February 16, 1927, the United States attorney for the District of Porto Rico, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 200 bottles of Syrup Dublanc, at Santurce, P. R., alleging that the article was being offered for sale and sold in the Territory of Porto Rico by the National Drug Co., Santurce, P. R., and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis by this department of a sample of the article showed that it was a solution containing phosphates, lime, iron, iodides, benzoate of soda, and sugar.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded, in that the following statements regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said article were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Carton label, English and Spanish) "Recommended in the treatment of Anemia * * * Rickets, Lymphatic and Scrofulosis Diathesis, Dentition, Nervous Wasting, Convalescence, General Debility caused by Excessive Work or Deficient Nutrition. Useful also in Irregularities of Menstruation due to Deficiency of the Blood," (Spanish translated) "The Ideal Reconstituent * * * Recommended * * * in all cases in which is indicated a good reconstituent, for the blood, the bones, and the nerves. The best Reconstituent For The Blood, The Bones And The Nerves," (circular, Spanish translated) "The Ideal Reconstituent. Power reconstituent * * * for the treatment of anemia, * * * irregularity of menstruation caused by impoverishment of the blood, rachitism, emaciation, lymphatism, dentition, scrofulous diathesis, * * * convalescence, general debility caused by excess of work or lack of nutrition and in all of those cases in which a good reconstituent is indicated. Phosphate of calcium is of good utility when the organism is lacking in it. It having been observed that its use in animals greatly assists the growth of the bones. It is also useful for rachitism and fractures where the bone is slow in uniting as well as for some cases of phtthisis and scrofula. It is to be noted, however, that the salts of calcium are principally useful for incipient cases of tuberculosis * * * Lactophosphate of calcium is useful in dental caries especially when it occurs in pregnant women and is also beneficial in the anemia of this class of patients * * * the phosphorous also acts as a stimulant for the growth of the bones. Lactophosphate of calcium * * * is * * * for the treatment of hemorrhages, rachitism, scrofula and other diseases in which the salts of calcium are indicated * * * the iron * * * are * * * useful for post hemorrhagic anemia or those of convalescent persons for scrofulous, rheumatic and syphilitic persons * * * iodide of iron * * * is * * * for chronic types of tuberculosis especially scrofula in children."

On March 11, 1927, Rafael Robert, Santurce, P. R., having appeared as claimant for the property, and having admitted the allegations of the libel, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the said claimant upon the execution of a bond in the sum of \$200, conditioned in part that it not be sold or otherwise disposed of until properly labeled as required by law.

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