

various Pulmonary disorders, gives grateful relief to inflamed condition of the throat and lungs."

On June 19, 1930, 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.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

17619. Adulteration and misbranding of ether. U. S. v. 425 Cans, et al., of Ether. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond. (F. & D. No. 24655. I. S. Nos. 027527, 027528, 027701. S. No. 2909.)

Samples of ether from the herein described interstate shipment having been found to contain peroxide, indicating deterioration, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the District of New Jersey.

On March 25, 1930, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of four hundred and twenty-five 1-pound cans and sixty-three ½-pound cans of ether, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Rahway, N. J., alleging that the article had been shipped by Merck & Co. (Inc.), Philadelphia, Pa., in various consignments on or about January 18, 23, 27, and 29, 1930, respectively, and had been transported from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of New Jersey, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: "Ether for Anesthesia U. S. P."

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that the ether contained peroxide.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it was sold under a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopoeia and differed from the standard of purity as determined by the tests laid down in said pharmacopoeia official at the time of investigation, in that it contained peroxide.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statement on the label, "Ether * * * U. S. P.," was false and misleading.

On August 1, 1930, Merck & Co. (Inc.), Philadelphia, Pa., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel and having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the said claimant upon payment of costs and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$100, conditioned in part that it be relabeled in a manner indicating that it should not be used or sold for medicinal or anaesthetic purposes.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

17620. Misbranding of Alvita tablets. U. S. v. 5½ Dozen Packages of Alvita Tablets. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 24213. I. S. No. 011257. S. No. 2450.)

An examination of a drug product known as Alvita tablets from the herein described interstate shipment having shown that the labels bore curative and therapeutic claims which were not justified by its composition, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the United States attorney for the District of Colorado:

On November 16, 1929, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the said district a report praying seizure and condemnation of 5½ dozen packages of Alvita tablets, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Denver, Colo., consigned by the California Alfalfa Products Co., Lamanda Park, Calif., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce from Lamanda Park, Calif., into the State of Colorado on or about September 10, 1929, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that the tablets contained an extract of plant material, traces of sassafras and celery oils, and starch, coated with calcium carbonate and colored brown.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements appearing on the packages and in the printed matter accompanying the said article, regarding its curative and therapeutic effects, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Display carton) "Tonic Tablets * * * To be used in the treatment of Kidney, Liver and Bladder

Ailments, Prostate Gland trouble, Rheumatism and a general Tonic for run down condition;" (black and red folder) "Protection * * * No one chooses deliberately to be ill, but many continue to suffer who might be well. Folks often overlook the fact, that given half a chance, Nature will effect her own cures. Many are prone to dope the nostrums and try questionable methods when proven means prevail. Alvita Products help nature to do this in her own way, by providing the essential minerals for the building of new tissue. * * * Thousands tell of Bladder Weakness, lack of 'Pep' and a general run down condition yielding quickly to Alvita Tea and Alvita Tablets;" (yellow booklet) "It Costs Less to 'Keep Well' * * * I first secured some Alfalfa and cured it in a certain way and used it in my home as a table tea. * * * I gave some of it to a doctor friend in my home town. He was at the time suffering with an acute attack of lumbago. The tea cured his troubles over night. * * * He gave some tea to an old mining friend * * * who was badly crippled with miner's rheumatism. The old man, to his great surprise, got the kinks out of his bones and 'got young again,' as he expressed it. My doctor friend was called out one night to see a young woman patient who was dying with dropsy. The Alfalfa tea was made strong and given to her in frequent doses. In a week the woman was * * * entirely well. * * * A * * * man * * * wanted to know if Alfalfa would cure his prostatic trouble—getting up frequently at nights. He got a bag of the tea and on the fourth day came back and told me he had slept all through the previous night. * * * He had been doctoring for ten years for his trouble and our Alfalfa tea cured him in four days. * * * I heard of an old man, * * * who was helpless with hardening of the arteries. I called, with my bag of tea, and persuaded the good wife to make a brew and give it to him every two hours. In fifteen days, he drove his own car to my laboratory in the city to get some more tea and told me he felt twenty-five years younger, and he certainly looked it. * * * three remarkable cures from the tea test—a young lad with a tubercular condition of the knee joint; a dropsy case in a woman and a woman in the first stages of consumption * * * The tea * * * stopped his bladder trouble * * * A large family of boils. * * * magic Alfalfa tea and that was the end of the blood disorder. * * * The actual cures of so many different kinds of trouble convinced me that Alfalfa had several properties not given to other plants. * * * A large dose at night, other symptoms calling for it, produces a good night's rest. * * * In one case there was a disappearance of swelling of the milk glands. * * * gave the remedy freely to mothers who are insufficiently nourished and secreted but little milk or milk devoid of its nutritious properties for the child. In every case so administered, the patient showed a satisfactory increase in flesh and strength. The digestive apparatus, whatever the disorder, assumed its normal function * * * preserve an excellent condition of the stomach. With one woman who in three previous births had had kidney complications with uremia, he preserved with this agent a normal condition of all functions through the pregnancy and labor. He finds Alfalfa a superlative tonic, * * * It rejuvenates the whole system by increasing the strength, vim, vigor and vitality of the patient. In all cases the over-marked condition calling for the remedy is despondency along with loss of flesh, whether the case is one of stomach trouble, such as indigestion, dyspepsia, general and nervous debility, anemia, marasmus, loss of appetite and poor assimilation as shown by loss of flesh and constipation with the always accompanying condition, depression. * * * One physician prescribed it where there was a dropsical effusion, where the kidneys were inactive and the skin dry, and in every case so administered, it gave satisfactory results. In old men, it relieves prostatic irritation. It relieves conditions of the urinary apparatus. Dr. Houts cured backaches where the patient was passing a small quantity of urine with high specific gravity, especially where there was rheumatic conditions with much muscular aching with excessive quantity of urates and uric acid. * * * It is an excellent antiacid agent * * * Eminent Dietician Has Proven That Alvita Tea Is Practically Infallible as a Milk Producer and General Tonic in Maternity Cases. * * * Many of the cases I get are practically invalids when I am called. One recent case had pernicious anemia. The previous condition of the mother appears to make little difference. All cases have come through in first class condition. As a milk producer and general tonic in maternity cases Alfalfa Tea is practically infallible. In a few cases it has been added to the diet after the child was born also with gratifying results; but to insure success and a perfectly healthy child I prefer

to have the care of the mother at least five months before delivery. I have used Alfalfa Tea in many other conditions. While here it cannot be called an absolute specific as it may well be called in maternity cases, it has proved to be of great value in * * * tuberculosis, Bright's disease, colitis, and all disorders where the addition of leafy vegetables is indicated. I have used an infusion of 1 oz. alfalfa, 1 oz. mullein leaves, 1 oz. dandelion root, ½ oz. culvers root, ½ oz. boneset, flavored with fennel and sweetened with sorghum or honey as a * * * tonic in many cases of digestive disorders, with good results. I have used this * * * tonic combination with buchu in several cases of Bright's disease and prostatic hypertrophy with gradual improvement. One of my latest cases was almost at death's door with prostatic trouble and catarrh of the bladder. He is now up and around and still improving.

* * * Vitamin B—Obtained from Alfalfa Successful in Diabetes. * * *

A new treatment for diabetes, * * * was announced * * * believe vitamin 'B' extract, * * * not only has the same property of controlling diabetes as insulin, but likewise has curative properties. Vitamin 'B' is obtained from alfalfa * * * used vitamin 'B' extract in diabetes cases with quick and favorable results, and in a number of cases was able to stop treatments and report his patients cured, at least temporarily. * * * I have been bothered a great deal with indigestion. After each meal the food seemed to lie in my stomach like a ball of undigested, fermented stuff which gave me considerable distress. There is some sort of medicinal property in Alvita Tablets that aids digestion wonderfully. * * *

Why Many Men Are Old at Forty A Startling Fact! Many medical authorities have long claimed that 65% of all men past middle age have prostate trouble. Thousands have it without the least idea in the world that there is such a thing as the prostate gland. Hence the sexual life, the efficiency, the mental serenity of thousands is being deteriorated, often without their knowledge. * * *

Since the disease is often caused and maintained by reason of an acid or inflamed condition of the prostate gland itself which nearly always extends into the bladder, the natural and simple remedy would be something that would remove and relieve the unnatural condition that causes the inflammation. * * *

people have been greatly benefitted and cured from the dreaded Prostate gland trouble by taking 'Alvita' Tablets and 'Alvita' Tea. * * *

I had severe prostate and bladder trouble causing me to urinate from 10 to 20 times a night with some pain. * * *

I began taking Alvita Tablets and in less than a month I was entirely cured and have been entirely relieved since that time. But still take them as a tonic. * * *

Alvita Tablets * * * agent in the correction of bad condition * * *

people use an excess of acid foods, in consequence suffer with * * * catarrh, hay fever, rheumatism, etc. Alfalfa products are strongly alkaline * * *

Have had splendid results from the tablets in kidney and bladder troubles. * * *

my clientele is getting, thru the use of Alvita products, the minerals, limes and salts which are so essential to Health. I find your products a * * *

fine body tonic for everyone in general. I have small children using Alvita Products in cases of nocturnal enuresis, and older people using them for bladder and kidney disorders, and they are reporting excellent results. * * *

such worthy products as those put out by your Company * * * are doing much for the sick. * * *

Your Health Is Your Most Precious Possession. You Must Keep Well if You Expect to Achieve the Success you Have Planned * * *

Alvita Rejuvenating Tablets * * *

'Alvita' Tablets contain the health giving substances * * *

Alvita Tablets are a treatment for Rejuvenating your whole system if you are in a run-down condition caused from Kidney or Bladder trouble, inability of the stomach to assimilate food, prostatic irritation, irritable condition of the urinary organs, lack of appetite, or continual loss of weight. Thousands tell of Bladder weakness and lack of Pep yielding quickly to Alvita Tablets. * * *

I have been troubled for several years with bladder inflammation and when I sent for Alvita was unable to work and did not know if I ever would run an engine again. I could not stay in bed nights, as I was worse lying down than at any other time. I have been up 25 to 30 times in six to eight hours. Forty-eight hours after I began taking Alvita tablets I was almost normal and in four days went to work and at present feel perfectly well. * * *

is 79 years old and has been troubled with getting up nights (sometimes ten or twelve times) for a good many years. Also with cold sweats. After using two boxes of your Tablets he doesn't have to get up nights and hasn't had any cold sweats for over two weeks. * * *

Prostatic Trouble Vanishes * * *

I had a stroke of apoplexy three years ago

and was paralyzed in my right side. I had taken almost everything for my prostate gland trouble and the pain from urinating was so great that I could hardly stand it. * * * your Alvita Tablets. From the first day's treatment I began feeling better. I had to get up from three to seven times a night. I have taken a box and a half of the Alvita Tablets and now do not get up more than once a night and pain is all gone. * * * It surely does help one so much. I wish I could let all who are suffering know of this great remedy. * * * In bladder and prostate conditions the relief was very noticeable in each case and up to this time has continued. I found them good in aiding digestion; also constipation and in general run-down conditions."

On June 10, 1930, 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.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

17621. Adulteration and misbranding of ether. U. S. v. One Hundred ¼-Pound Cans of Ether. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. 24075. I. S. No. 021189. S. No. 2297.)

Samples of ether from the herein described interstate shipment having been found to contain peroxide, indicating deterioration, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

On September 19, 1929, the said United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of one hundred ¼-pound cans of ether, remaining in the original unbroken packages at York, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about August 30, 1929, by the Ohio Chemical & Manufacturing Co. (from Cleveland, Ohio) in interstate commerce to New York, N. Y., from thence to Hoboken, N. J., and then reshipped to York, Pa., and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that the ether contained peroxide.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it was sold under a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopeia, and differed from the standard of purity as determined by the test laid down in said pharmacopoeia, since it contained peroxide. Adulteration was alleged for the further reason that the article fell below the professed standard under which it was sold, namely: (Label) "The exceptional purity of this Ether * * * The exclusion of air by carbon dioxide prevents the oxidation of ether to * * * peroxides by atmospheric oxygen."

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the above-quoted statements from the label were false and misleading.

On August 20, 1930, 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.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

17622. Misbranding of Johnson's chill and fever tonic. U. S. v. 2 Dozen Bottles of Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic. Default decree of condemnation entered with provision for release under bond. (F. & D. No. 23838. I. S. No. 09344. S. No. 2041.)

Samples of a drug product known as Johnson's chill and fever tonic having been found to bear in the labeling, curative and therapeutic claims that were not justified by its composition, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

On July 1, 1929, the said United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 2 dozen bottles of Johnson's chill and fever tonic at Little Rock, Ark., alleging that the article had been shipped by the James F. Ballard Co. (Inc.), from St. Louis, Mo., on or about May 21, 1929, and had been transported from the State of Missouri into the State of Arkansas, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of magnesium sulphate, cinchonine sulphate (7.3 grains per fluid ounce), glycerin, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements appearing in the labeling were false and fraudulent, since