

Rheumatism for nearly five (5) years, * * * upon using one (1) bottle of your Aegopodium I was surprised, and you may be certain very much grateful to find myself almost, if not quite free of all Rheumatic symptoms. * * * I have been troubled with Gout and Rheumatism for the last two (2) years so that I could hardly move about * * * until a friend sent me two bottles of W. C. Welch, M. D., & Co's Aegopodium, a positive cure for Rheumatism and Gout which helped me at once. * * * I was suffering with a severe attack of Neuralgia during one of my trips through the Southern Country, and had been unable to obtain any relief. A friend on the train having a bottle of Welch's Aegopodium induced me to try the same. The effect was marvelous. The first dose gave me almost immediate relief, and in the course of a few hours felt as well as ever. * * * I have had Rheumatism in my legs and feet for the last two months. * * * I was induced to try your Aegopodium; three bottles cured me completely. * * * I have suffered intensely for six (6) months with Rheumatism, and could not move only with help. I lay helpless in bed for two (2) months, and my limbs could be only moved with the aid of sheets in and out of bed. * * * I was recommended by a friend to try Welch's Aegopodium. * * * but, before I had taken one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) a bottle, I could see it was doing me good, and to-day I am all well, thanks to Aegopodium. * * * I have had the Rheumatism in my knees and shoulder for the last four months, * * * few doses of your Aegopodium has cured me. * * * I had the Rheumatism in my arms so that I had to leave off work. I took two doses of your medicine and am all right. * * * I had the Rheumatism in my arms and neck, and two or three doses cured me. * * * For twenty-two (22) weeks I was laid up with Rheumatism * * * did not in that time earn one dollar, * * * I was asked by a friend to try a sample bottle of your medicine. It helped me so much that I bought two bottles and am now entirely cured, * * * I had the Rheumatism for two years * * * but could get no relief until I tried Aegopodium, I am now able to do light work. * * * For four months I was unable to dress myself and could not sleep. Six doses of Welch's Aegopodium has made a new man of me, left me as well as ever. I am 68 years of age * * * I had suffered terribly with Sciatic Rheumatism, unable to sleep night or day * * * I was induced to buy a bottle of your Aegopodium. In less than 24 hours I obtained relief, and in a few days was able to be about. I consider myself completely cured * * * I came in your office on crutches suffering from Rheumatism of five month's standing. * * * Your medicine has done me more good than all others. I have abandoned my crutches and consider myself completely cured."

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17800. Misbranding of Adropsedema. U. S. v. 10 Packages of Adropsedema. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 25209. I. S. No. 6844. S. No. 3430.)

Examination of samples of a drug product known as Adropsedema from the herein-described interstate shipment having shown that the labels bore claims of curative and therapeutic properties that the article did not possess, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

On October 15, 1930, the said United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 10 packages of Adropsedema, remaining in the original unbroken packages at New Orleans, La., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Van Seaton Chemical Co., Ft. Worth, Tex., on or about June 7, 1930, and had been transported from the State of Texas into the State of Louisiana, 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 consisted essentially of metallic iron, small amounts of extracts of plant drugs, including scoparius and gelsemium.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding its curative or therapeutic effects, borne on the carton and can labels, were false and fraudulent: (Carton) "Adropsedema * * * The Dependable Heart Tonic;" (can) "Adropsedema * * * A Scientific Remedy for the Relief of general Dropsical Conditions * * * A.

Dependable Heart Tonic * * * Directions. Dropsical Conditions. One or two tablets every four hours followed next morning by salts until desired results are obtained. As a Heart Tonic, one or two tablets every four hours. This preparation should always be used under the direction of a physician. * * * Indications. Senile Heart, Cardiac Failure, Cardiac Insufficiency, Low Systemic Arterial Pressure, General Anasarca, Pulmonary Edema, Paroxysmal Dyspnea. A Dependable Heart Tonic."

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