

17898. Adulteration of pecans. U. S. v. 16 Bags of Pecans, et al. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 25362. I. S. No. 10349. S. No. 3637.)

Samples of pecans from the herein-described shipment having been found to be wormy, decomposed, moldy, shriveled, or empty, i. e., approximately 25 per cent inedible nuts, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri.

On November 22, 1930, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 16 bags of pecans, remaining in the original unbroken packages at St. Louis, Mo., alleging among other allegations that the article had been shipped by the Woodson Pecan Co., Albany, Ga., on or about December 9, 1929, and had been transported from the State of Georgia into the State of Missouri, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: "Woodson Pecan Company, Albany, Georgia."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On January 29, 1931, 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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17899. Adulteration of Greek string figs. U. S. v. 160 Boxes of Greek String Figs, et al. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction, with respect to portion. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture with respect to remainder; released under bond. (F. & D. Nos. 25353, 25357, 25484, 25492. I. S. Nos. 4873, 4875, 9616, 15353. S. Nos. 3580, 3590, 3752, 3765.)

A large part of the figs from the herein-described lots having been found to be filthy, moldy, wormy, or decomposed, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York.

On November 21 and December 15, 1930, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid libels praying seizure and condemnation of 160 boxes and 318 cases of Greek string figs, remaining in the original unbroken packages at New York, N. Y., alleging that the article had been imported from Greece by Seideman and Seideman, New York, N. Y., and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: "S. & S. Athena Brand * * * Selected String Figs Packed and Shipped by Seideman and Seideman, Produce of Greece."

It was alleged in substance in the libels that the article was adulterated in that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy and decomposed and putrid vegetable substance.

On December 10, 1930, the Biddle Purchasing Co., New York, N. Y., having appeared as claimant for 180 cases of the product, and having admitted the allegations of the libel and consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the said 180 cases be released to the claimant upon payment of costs and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$1,800, conditioned in part that the good portion be separated from the bad portion and the latter destroyed or denatured. On December 16 and December 29, no claimant having appeared for the remainder of the product, decrees were entered by the court ordering that it be condemned and destroyed.

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17900. Adulteration of Greek string figs. U. S. v. 11 Cases of Greek String Figs. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 25391. I. S. No. 15628. S. No. 3672.)

Samples of figs from the herein-described shipment having been found to contain wormy and moldy fruit, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the District of New Jersey.

On December 1, 1930, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 11 cases of Greek string figs, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Atlantic City, N. J., alleging that the article had been shipped by the William A. Camp Co., New York, N. Y., on or about October 16, 1930, and transported from the State of New York into the State of New Jersey, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article