

upon and within the package containing the article, were false and fraudulent, since the said article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: "For Sciatica, Muscular and Chronic Rheumatism. Successfully used since October 14, 1892, in the treatment of Gout * * *. For Sciatica and Muscular Rheumatism and in the treatment of Chronic Rheumatism and Gout. * * * had at that time been a sufferer from Chronic Rheumatism for more than ten years, and had given up hope of ever being relieved. He used the medicine with the most satisfactory results, a complete and permanent cure being effected * * *. It is a Prescription that represents a combination of medicines so exact in proportion as to exert their curative powers in a remarkable degree in the various forms of Muscular and Chronic Rheumatism * * *. Our earnest request to those who have been restored to health by its use, is that * * *. This medicine has been used successfully in Sciatica and Muscular Rheumatism and in the treatment of Chronic Rheumatism and Gout, it has proven to be of value. * * *. Prescription 3913, in the cases where it has proven effective produces results that are permanent and complete. * * *. Sciatica, Muscular * * *. For Rheumatism, Chronic Rheumatism and Gout."

On February 17, 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.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

17903. Misbranding of Ru-Co. U. S. v. 25 Dozen Bottles of Ru-Co. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 25850. I. S. No. 8734. S. No. 4083.)

Examination of a sample of a drug product known as Ru-Co having shown that the labeling bore claims of curative and therapeutic properties that the article did not possess, the Secretary of Agriculture reported to the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana the presence of a quantity of the product at New Orleans, La.

On February 2, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 25 dozen bottles of Ru-Co., remaining in the original unbroken packages at New Orleans, La., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Clyde Collins Chemical Co. (Inc.), Memphis, Tenn., on or about January 5, 1931, and had been transported from the State of Tennessee into the State of Louisiana, and charging misbranding in violation of food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of magnesium sulphate, sodium sulphate, and small proportions of saccharin, citric acid, and tartaric acid.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements appearing upon the label, regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the said article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the results claimed: "Highly recommended in the treatment of Rheumatism, Indigestion and Functional Disorders of the Liver. * * * actually eliminates intestinal poisons, which if retained, would be the cause of much distress and actual sickness. It is a real system cleanser and purifier. * * * has given notable results in treatment of Rheumatism, Gout, * * * and Indigestion so frequently the results of intestinal stagnation. * * * for Rheumatism. Indigestion * * * and stomach Complaints."

On February 25, 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.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

17904. Misbranding of Grimault & Co.'s syrup of hypophosphite of lime. U. S. v. 50 Bottles of Syrup of Hypophosphite of Lime. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 25835. I. S. No. 5741. S. No. 4048.)

Examination of a sample of a drug product, known as Grimault & Co.'s syrup of hypophosphite of lime, from the herein-described shipment having shown that the label 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 District of Porto Rico.