

**18654. Misbranding of Anti-Rheumin. U. S. v. 6 Dozen Packages of Anti-Rheumin. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.** (F. & D. No. 26150. I. S. No. 28190. S. No. 4443.)

Examination of a drug product, known as Anti-Rheumin, showed that the article contained acetphenetidin, a derivative of acetanilid, and that the label failed to bear a statement of the quantity or proportion of acetphenetidin contained in the article. Examination also showed that the labeling bore certain statements representing that the article possessed curative and therapeutic properties which it did not possess.

On April 2, 1931, the United States attorney for the Western District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of six dozen packages of Anti-Rheumin, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Buffalo, N. Y., consigned by the Volz Co., Erie, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped from Erie, Pa., on or about March 11, 1931, and had been transported from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of New York, 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 capsules contained acetanilid, acetphenetidin, salicylic acid (1.5 grains per capsule), and ground plant drugs including rhubarb.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the packages failed to bear a statement on the label of the quantity or proportion of acetphenetidin, an acetanilid derivative, which was contained in the said article. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the following statements regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the article, appearing in the labeling, were false and fraudulent, since the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Counter display box) "Anti-Rheumin Quick Relief Rheumatic Pains, Stiffness, Swellings, Congestions. \* \* \* For treatment of Rheumatism, Arthritis, Sciatica, Lumbago, Gout. \* \* \* Its purpose is to drive the injurious acids and poisonous elements from the system thus relieving the rheumatic pains;" (box) "Lumbago, Gout, Arthritis, Sciatica, Rheumatism, \* \* \* Positively relieves Rheumatic Pains and Stiffness;" (circular) "Anti-Rheumin Rheumatism, Arthritis, Sciatica, Lumbago, Gout \* \* \* Anti-Rheumin is a scientifically compounded remedy especially made for the treatment of Rheumatism, Arthritis, Sciatica, Lumbago and Gout. \* \* \* How does Anti-Rheumin Work? This remedy is intended to dissolve the deposits of Uric acid and Nitrogen in the organism, especially in the joints, and removes them from the system. It also reduces the swelling of the joints and the stiffness of the muscles, because of the fact that congestions of the blood are removed. Therefore, it must necessarily stop pain connected with Rheumatism and its correlated diseases. Anti-Rheumin has a distinct cleansing quality which acts favorably upon the fluids of the stomach, kidneys, and bladder. It also purifies the blood and thereby removes the acidity which is one of the fundamental causes of Rheumatic Ailments. \* \* \* Directions for the Use of Anti-Rheumin. \* \* \* [Testimonials] I had been crippled for about five months. After taking six of your capsules I got relief. And I am now working sixty hours per week on a concrete floor, and never felt better in my life. \* \* \* Results achieved through the use of Anti-Rheumin were marvelous. The pain disappeared entirely after six doses and I have not been troubled since. \* \* \* Have been suffering dreadfully for over 3 weeks, with rheumatism, and after having four doctors, got no relief, until taking these powders and after 48 hours got relief, and after 10 days got cured. \* \* \* After taking it three days, it seems to me as a miracle of God the way I feel in my joints. The tendons in my arms still hurt me a little, but thank goodness, I can move them over and back without pain or without hearing the cracking in my joints. \* \* \* I had rheumatism so bad, that the doctors gave me up on account they could not stop my pain. I took Morphine pills but they did not take effect. I took the first dose (Anti-Rheumin) at 12 o'clock and at 2 I had relief. Took one after supper, slept 8 hours \* \* \* I am feeling well and ready to take up my work again \* \* \* I suffered for a week with rheumatism in my back so that I had to hire a man to carry my case. Every time I moved the pain was so severe that I thought I could not stand it. \* \* \* I took just six capsules and the pain was practically gone in one day."

On May 18, 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.*

**18655. Misbranding of Dr. Warner's white wine and tar syrup compound. U. S. v. 5¼ Dozen Small-Sized Bottles, et al., of Dr. Warner's White Wine Tar Syrup Compound. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. & D. No. 26187. I. S. No. 26327. S. No. 4482.)**

Examination of a drug product, known as Dr. Warner's white wine and tar syrup compound, having shown that the bottle label and carton and the accompanying circular bore statements representing that the article possessed curative and therapeutic properties which it did not possess, the Secretary of Agriculture reported to the United States attorney for the Southern District of Indiana the shipment herein described, involving a quantity of the product located at Indianapolis, Ind.

On April 9, 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 5¼ dozen small-sized bottles and 4½ dozen large-sized bottles of the said Dr. Warner's white wine and tar syrup compound, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Indianapolis, Ind., alleging that the article had been shipped by the C. D. Warner Co., from Coldwater, Mich., September 16, 1930, and had been transported from the State of Michigan into the State of Indiana, 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 tar, anise oil, sugar, alcohol, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the said article, appearing in the labeling, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Bottle) "For Coughs \* \* \* and Diseases of the Throat and Lungs;" (carton) "For Affections of the Lungs and Throat such as Asthma, Bronchitis, Coughs \* \* \* La Grippe, Whooping Cough, Pain or Oppression of the Chest and Sore Throat;" (circular) "A Remedy that can be successfully Employed in the Treatment of Coughs, Influenza, Asthma, Whooping Cough, \* \* \* Catarrh, Croup, Bronchitis, and Difficult Breathing. \* \* \* A Remedy that can be successfully employed in the treatment of Coughs, \* \* \* Tightness of the Chest and Kindred Diseases. \* \* \* Has No Equal for La Grippe. No remedy equals Warner's White Wine and Tar Syrup Compound for this terrible and fatal disease. If taken thoroughly and in time, it will relieve a case in 48 hours, and for the cough that follows La Grippe, it never fails to give relief. \* \* \* [Testimonials] My oldest daughter suffered months with a severe cough. My baby had the croup. After trying many remedies, we used Warner's White Wine and Tar Syrup Compound. Both are restored to good health. \* \* \* had a sore throat and tickling in her throat that kept her coughing night after night. She used Warner's White Wine and Tar Syrup Compound and has not lost a night's sleep since. \* \* \* Child's Life Was Saved. \* \* \* My little girl caught a cold that lasted over a year. We employed three doctors, none could help her. She got so weak she could not stand. We used Warner's White Wine and Tar Syrup Compound. It restored her to good health. Millions of such. \* \* \* Typhoid fever left me with a serious trouble with my throat and lungs. Dr. Warner's White Wine and Tar Syrup Compound relieved me and am now well. \* \* \* My wife was troubled with weak lungs. The disease was far advanced. She has taken four bottles of Warner's White Wine and Tar Syrup Compound and is nearly well. \* \* \* I have used Dr. Warner's White Wine and Tar Syrup Compound for sore throat, coughs, colds and weak lungs. It surpasses all other remedies I have ever tried. \* \* \* Speedy relief for throat and lung diseases. \* \* \* I speak from my own experience; I think it has twice saved my life when suffering from a disease of the throat and lungs. It relieved my neighbor, Mr. Doves, of asthma, that had afflicted him for thirty years. \* \* \* Our little 6-year-old daughter had a very sore throat, badly ulcerated, and coughed almost incessantly. Gave the White Wine and Tar Syrup Compound according to directions and she began to improve immediately and soon got well \* \* \* My children were afflicted with a cough resulting from measles, my wife with a cough that had prevented her from sleeping, more or less, for five years, and your White Wine and Tar Syrup Compound has done the good work."