

Serra, Garabis & Co. (Inc.), San Juan, P. R., and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of Hepatona by this department showed that it consisted essentially of sodium phosphate, sodium bicarbonate, potassium bitartrate, a lithium salt, citric acid and phenolphthalein.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements in the labeling, 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 effects claimed: (Bottle) "Hepatona \* \* \* Hepatic Stimulant, Colagogue and Eliminator of Uric Acid"; (circular) "Hepatic Stimulant \* \* \* it exercises a stimulative action over the hepatic cells and is efficacious even in smaller doses \* \* \* regularizes the action of the intestines, \* \* \* It is a smooth and efficacious hepatic stimulant. Prominent authorities consider it the best remedy for cirrhosis of the liver \* \* \* is a powerful eliminating agent in toxic conditions \* \* \* thus obtaining its stimulative action over the liver without the necessity of administering large doses. \* \* \* the preferred eliminator for innumerable conditions where the clearing of the system from katabolic products and the removal of toxic materials from the blood is desired \* \* \* It is also of great help for the treatment of disorders of the kidneys; it eliminates the toxic substances from the alimentary canal, thus relieving them from the work of expelling those toxic products. This allows the kidneys to rest and to recover their normal functions. \* \* \* In the treatment of the diseases of the skin of any origin, the necessity of keeping the blood free from these products has been acknowledged."

On July 8, 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.*

**18738. Misbranding of Plantlax. U. S. v. 3 Dozen Bottles, et al., of Plantlax. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.** (F. & D. Nos. 26411, 26412. I. S. Nos. 11106, 11144. S. Nos. 4724, 4725.)

Examination of a sample of a drug product, known as Plantlax, from one of the shipments herein described having shown that the carton and bottle labels and an accompanying booklet contained representations that the article possessed curative and therapeutic properties which, in fact, it did not possess, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the District of Oregon.

On May 29, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid libels praying seizure and condemnation of 62 bottles of Plantlax, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Portland, Oreg., alleging that the article had been shipped by Nature's Herb Co., from San Francisco, Calif., in part on or about July 20, 1929, and in part on or about June 11, 1930, and had been transported from the State of California into the State of Oregon, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of Plantlax by this department showed that it consisted essentially of powdered crude drugs and extracts of drugs including nuxvomica and aloe, a trace of peppermint oil, alcohol, and water.

It was alleged in the libels 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: (Carton) "Liver Tonic \* \* \* System Regulator \* \* \* Tonic For Stomach, Liver And Bowels, Purifies the Blood, Clears the Complexion and Eliminates Waste Products from the System. Therefore excellent \* \* \* Stomach-Disorders, Biliousness, Headaches, Dizziness, Rheumatism, Impure Blood, Eczema and other Diseases due to Self-Poisoning of the System \* \* \* System Regulator And Blood Purifier. Directions: Take regularly once a day \* \* \* Then reduce the doses and regulate the bowels. \* \* \* The Most Effective Tonic for Stomach, Liver and Bowels;" (label) "Liver Tonic \* \* \* System-Regulator and Effective Tonic for Stomach, Liver and Bowels, Purifies the Blood, and clears the complexion, eliminates Waste-Products from the System. Therefore excellent in \* \* \* Stomach Disorders, Biliousness, Headaches, Dizziness, Rheumatism, Impure Blood, Eczema

and other Diseases due to Self-Poisoning of the System;" (booklet) "Nuggets of Health \* \* \* Disease may manifest itself in various ways, but as a matter of fact there is undoubtedly only one cause for disease. It is the retention and assimilation of waste and poisonous matter in the digestive organs that causes self-poisoning of the system—and sickness. How Do We Get Sick? \* \* \* A distressed feeling sets in with burning pain in the pit of the stomach, or an expansion of same by gas. These gases press against the heart and liver and interfere with their functions, which are, as we all know, of the utmost importance. Depressed feeling, fainting spells, dizziness, shortness of breath, palpitation are the results of this pressure against the heart. Pressure against the liver, the organ that cleans the blood and through its secretions regulates and lubricates the bowels, causes a slow action and incomplete evacuation of the bowels. The retained food decomposes and the products of decomposition become absorbed and gradually poison the whole system through their accumulation, which may take place in one organ after another, creating various symptoms and ills. But the starting point of all these diseases is the same, namely: self poisoning of the system through the retention of decaying waste matter in the stomach and bowels. What is the logical way of eliminating this waste, thereby keeping the entire system, stomach and bowels clean? There can be only one answer to this question: Keep Yourself Clean Inside \* \* \*. How Can We Keep Clean Inside? \* \* \* by the use of Nature's Own Remedies, the reliable, but harmless curative herbs, barks and roots, properly selected and compounded? Such an effective compound is Plantlax, the purely vegetable compound, and that not only cleans and regulates stomach, liver and bowels, but also prevents decay by keeping them clean. With clean active bowels, the system has a chance to purify itself from absorbed and accumulated waste products, but it cannot do it with inactive and clogged up intestines. \* \* \* It has an invigorating effect upon the stomach, helpful toward the normal action of the liver, with a toning effect upon the intestines. \* \* \* Plantlax is indicated in all diseases arising from sluggishness and self-poisoning (auto-intoxication) of the system as in \* \* \* Dyspepsia, Flatulence, impure blood, skin eruptions, rheumatism, sluggish liver, biliousness, headaches, catarrh \* \* \* also in instances of high blood pressure."

On July 17, 1931, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**18739. Misbranding of Cerevisine pure desiccated yeast. U. S. v. 3 Dozen Bottles of Cerevisine. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 26516. I. S. No. 5783. S. No. 4806.)**

Examination of a product, known as Cerevisine pure desiccated yeast, having shown that the wrapper and bottle labels and an accompanying circular contained representations that the article possessed curative and therapeutic properties which, in fact, it did not possess, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the District of Porto Rico.

On or about July 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 three dozen bottles of Cerevisine pure desiccated yeast, alleged that the article had been shipped by E. Fougere & Co. (Inc.), New York, N. Y., to San Juan, P. R., on or about April 4, 1931, and was being sold and offered for sale in Porto Rico, by Serra, Garabis & Co. (Inc.), San Juan, P. R., 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 desiccated yeast plants.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements appearing in the labeling, 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 effects claimed: (Wrapper and bottle) "For Treatment of Furunculosis, Boils, Acne, \* \* \* Diabetes;" (circular) "Yeast has been known from remote times as a common remedy for boils \* \* \* makes clear healthy complexions, removes pimples and blackheads \* \* \* One enthusiastic ad-