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20355. Adulteration and misbranding of ether. U.S. v. Nine 5-Pound Cans of Ether. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. no. 29012. Sample no. 15163-A.)

This action involved a quantity of ether, samples of which were found to contain peroxide, a decomposition product.

On October 10, 1932, the United States attorney for the Western District of Washington, 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 nine 5-pound cans of ether, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Seattle, Wash., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce, on or about May 6, 1932, by the Malinckrodt Chemical Works, from St. Louis, Mo., to Seattle, Wash., and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Ether, U.S.P."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it was sold under a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopoeia, and differed from the standard of strength as determined by the test laid down in the said pharmacopoeia official at the time of investigation, and its own standard was not stated on the label.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statement on the label, "Ether U.S.P.", was false and misleading.

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20356. Misbranding of Painallay. U.S. v. 36 Bottles, et al., of Painallay. Consent decree of condemnation. Product released under bond to be relabeled. (F. & D. no. 29040. Sample nos. 6230-A, 6231-A.)

Examination of the drug preparation Painallay disclosed that the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed in the labeling. It was also claimed for the article that it was not a phenol (carbolic acid) preparation, and that it contained no beechwood creosote, whereas it contained cresol, which is chemically related to carbolic acid and beechwood creosote.

On October 14, 1932, the United States attorney for the District of Kansas, 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 36 bottles, 50-cent size, and 10 bottles, 1-dollar size, of the said Painallay, at Wichita, Kans., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about September 12, 1932, by the Painallay Co., from Kansas City, Mo., to Wichita, Kans., 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 cresol (1 percent), small proportions of glycerin and saccharin, and water (98 percent).

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements appearing on the bottle labels were false and misleading, since the article contained a phenolic body, namely, cresol, which is chemically related to carbolic acid and beechwood creosote: "Painallay is not a Phenol (Carbolic Acid) preparation. Neither does it contain Beechwood Creosote and should not be mistaken as a product containing these ingredients." Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the following statements appearing on the bottle labels were false and fraudulent: "Painallay a preparation beneficially efficient in the treatment of Mouth and Throat infections and as a general prophylactic. * * * (healing) and relieves pain. As a Daily Mouth Wash and Gargle it promotes a healthy condition to the tissues by destroying bacteria. Painallay * * * For Mouth and Throat A Scientific * * * Anodyne, Relieves Pain and Heals Beneficial in the treatment of * * * Pyorrhea, Trench Mouth or Vincent's, Tonsillitis, etc. * * * Directions For all mouth and throat infections it is always advisable to consult your dentist or physician without delay. Painallay is exceedingly beneficial in the treatment of the following and other infections to give relief from