

20740. Misbranding of Hutchison's Big Head Liniment. U. S. v. 29 Small Bottles and 65 Large Bottles of Hutchison's Big Head Liniment. No claim entered. Verdict for the Government. Decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. & D. no. 27972. I. S. nos. 53667, 53668.)

Examination of the drug preparation involved in this case disclosed that it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed in the carton and bottle labels, and in a leaflet and testimonials accompanying the article.

On April 5, 1932, the United States attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 29 small bottles and 65 large bottles of Hutchison's Big Head liniment, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Shreveport, La., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about January 9, 1932, by the Hutchison Medicine Co., from Texarkana, Tex., to Shreveport, La., 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 a petroleum distillate such as kerosene, turpentine oil and a trace of mercuric chloride.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding its curative and therapeutic effects were false and fraudulent: (Carton, large) "Big Head * * * A Remedy For Big Head * * * Fistula, Poll Evil * * * Splint * * * Spavin, Ring Hoof * * * is good for human ailments. * * * for Rheumatism * * * Sciatica, Lumbago, Lame Back * * * Soreness in the Chest, Side or Back and Cramps in the Muscles. * * * And Bunions * * * for human ailments, such as rheumatism, * * * sciatica, lumbago, lame back, stiff joints, * * * pains in the side and back, cramps in the muscles and sore throat. A fine remedy in treating pneumonia and stubborn coughs, when applied to the chest, will relieve the tightness and loosen up the cough in a remarkable manner * * * for any ailment * * * Any one troubled with piles will find this Liniment an excellent remedy. It takes out the soreness and helps to remove the small tumors usually found in such cases * * * [Testimonials] 'I had a horse with the worst case of fistula I ever saw and doctored it with everything I knew of with no success, but after using Big Head Liniment the horse is now sound and well and am working him every day.' '* * * and other ailments * * *'; '* * * it relieves croup and sore throat'; '* * * For Fistula After the Knife Failed * * * '* * * with fistula of two years' standing, * * *'; '* * * great results on two cases fistula'; '* * * 'No remedy I have ever used gives such good results for fistula and pollevil.'"; (carton and bottle label, small) "Recommended by us in treating muscular rheumatism and cramps, lumbago, sciatica, * * * pleurisy pains, * * * stiff neck or back, bronchial coughs, sore throat * * * ordinary sores"; (small bottle label, only) "For tightness in chest * * * ordinary sore throat"; (large bottle label, front) "Big Head * * * A Remedy For Big Head, * * * Fistula, Poll Evil, * * * Splint, * * * Spavin, Ring Hoof, * * * Sores of any kind"; (large bottle label, back) "For human ailments such as rheumatism * * * sciatica, lame back, lumbago, stiff joints, * * * boils, felons, cramps, sore throat, pains in the side or chest * * * in case of pneumonia or stubborn coughs will relieve the tightness and loosen up the cough in a remarkable manner. For piles it relieves the soreness and helps remove the small tumors found in such cases, * * * numerous ailments * * * for human ailments. * * * to parts affected * * * and in bad cases"; (leaflet) "Big Head * * * a cure * * * For fistula and poll evil which are the same disease in character, * * * where the fistula is discharging * * * Fistula and Poll-evil are rather deep seated but the Big Head Liniment is very penetrating and brings the disease to the surface. * * * For Big Head, * * * splint, spavin, ring bone * * * for splint, spavin and ring bone, be sure to rub the enlargement briskly, * * * The Liniment will readily remove the soreness or lameness but it takes a little time and patience to remove the enlargement * * * other lameness in the shoulders and front legs, * * * for any ailment on man or beast."

On June 9, 1932, no claimant having appeared for the property and a jury having found that the allegations of the libel were true and correct, judgment

of condemnation was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

20741. Misbranding of Hydropin. U. S. v. 3 Boxes of Hydropin. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. & D. no. 28671. Sample no. 1117-A.)

Examination of the drug preparation Hydropin disclosed that it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed in the circular shipped with the article.

On August 25, 1932, the United States attorney for the Southern District of California, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States a libel praying seizure and condemnation of three boxes of Hydropin, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Los Angeles, Calif., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about June 25, 1932, by the Bika Biochemical Laboratories, from Philadelphia, Pa., to Los Angeles, Calif., 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 of tablets composed of milk sugar, a small proportion of organic nitrogenous material, ground plant material, inorganic salts (approximately 2.6 per cent) including calcium phosphate, traces of potassium, sodium, iron and manganese chlorides and sulphates, and an insoluble silicate such as talc.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding its curative and therapeutic effects were false and fraudulent: (Circular) "(Remedy for dropsy) Due to the peculiar difficulties encountered in the dropsical malady, an effective remedy to which all types of dropsy respond, has been a task of the greatest patient research; the result of which is—Bika-hydropin. * * * contains hormones which react favorably upon the circulation, and the evacuation-system, * * * exert a radical change toward normalizing the circulatory system. Away from the tendency of dropsical production. * * * All form of Exsudate and Transudate (when high blood pressure is not present), Pleuritis, Pericarditis, Peritonitis. The various forms of ascites, dropsy of the joints; all other forms of dropsy. Exsudative, diathese, hydraemie. * * * An essential function of gland therapy is its ability to directly influence the encretory glands, in the event of an under production of hormones—with its resulting disturbance of the health balance. The unique effectiveness of Bika gland remedy lies in its ability to restore the equal balance of hormone production; encouraging uninterrupted hormone production in normal, minute quantities, acceptable to the blood-stream. Recognizing the fact that the human organism reacts unfavorably when hormone-production balance is disturbed; Bika gland remedy attacks and equalizes this condition. Heretofore, the effective introduction of hormone-stimulating preparations were hampered by the necessity of the hyperdermic method; which restricted the physician to a minute and oft-repeated dosage, with its frequently unpleasant reactions and manifestations. This condition was the lesser evil compared to the hyperdermic, which introduced a greater mass of hormones, thereby forcibly creating a rapid rise in the hormone balance—the sudden shock attended by alarming physiological reactions. Vastly superior in effectiveness * * * the law of reabsorption and metabolism, encouraging and stimulating effected glands into normal productivity. * * * assures an established, permanent hormone balance."

On March 31, 1933, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation was entered and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

R. G. TUGWELL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

20742. Misbranding of Percholin. U. S. v. 10 Boxes of Percholin. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. & D. no. 28673. Sample no. 1121-A.)

Examination of the drug preparation Percholin disclosed that it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed in the circular shipped with the article.

On August 25, 1932, the United States attorney for the Southern District of California, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 10 boxes of Percholin, remaining in the original unbroken packages at