

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 373, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

MISBRANDING OF VINEGAR.

On or about October 22, 1908, Knadler & Lucas, of Louisville, Ky., shipped from the State of Kentucky to the State of Arkansas 26 half-barrels of vinegar. Analysis of samples of this product made by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, showed it to be misbranded within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906. As it appeared from the findings of the analyst and report made that the said shipment was liable to seizure under section 10 of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the United States attorney for the Western District of Arkansas.

In due course a libel was filed against the said 26 half-barrels, charging misbranding, in that 20 of the said half-barrels were labeled "Knadler Pickling, Cider & Vinegar Co., Self-made Belle of the South Vinegar, Louisville, Ky." and the remaining 6 half-barrels were labeled "Knadler & Lucas K & L Registered Vinegar, Louisville, Ky.," which forms of labeling were false, misleading, and deceptive, and tended to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that the product was cider vinegar, whereas, in fact, the first lot of 20 half-barrels contained a mixture of acetic acid and unfermented apple juice, and the second lot of 6 half-barrels contained a mixture of acetic acid and unfermented apple juice, artificially colored in imitation of vinegar. Thereupon Ritchie & Co., Camden, Ark., entered an appearance and filed claim to the goods, and on May 14, 1909, the case came on for hearing and the court rendered its decree of condemnation and forfeiture, and directed that the goods be released upon the payment of costs and the filing of a bond to be approved by the court, conditioned that the said goods should not be disposed of contrary to the laws of the United States.

This notice is given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 19, 1910.*

