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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 412, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

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### ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF MAPLE SYRUP.

On or about February 26, 1908, The Gordon Syrup Company, a corporation, of Oakland, Cal., shipped from said State of California, to Phoenix, Ariz., a quantity of alleged maple syrup. Samples from this shipment were procured and analyzed by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, and as the findings of the analyst and report made indicated that the product was adulterated and misbranded within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, said Gordon Syrup Company, and the party from whom samples were procured, were afforded opportunities for hearings. As it appeared after hearings held that the shipment was made in violation of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the Attorney General, with a statement of the evidence on which to base a prosecution.

In due course an indictment was brought in the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California, by the grand jurors of said district, charging the above shipment, and that the product was adulterated within the meaning of said act, because it was labeled "Perfection Maple Syrup, Gordon Syrup and Pickle Company, Oakland, San Francisco," when, as a matter of fact, the product was not maple syrup at all, but a mixture of cane sugar with a small percentage of maple sugar changed to the form of a syrup.

On November 23, 1909, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the said indictment, and on the next day the court imposed a fine of \$100.

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 23, 1910.*

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