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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1013.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

ADULTERATION OF CAYENNE PEPPER.

On March 9, 1911, the United States Attorney for the Eastern Division of the Eastern Judicial District of Missouri, acting upon the report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against the Hanley & Kinsella Coffee & Spice Co., a corporation, alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about February 7, 1910, from the State of Missouri into the State of Mississippi, of a box of cayenne pepper which was adulterated. The label on said box contained the statements: "Silver Shield Brand Cayenne. Hanley & Kinsella Coffee & Spice Co., St. Louis, Mo."

Analysis by the Bureau of Chemistry showed that the product contains ash 6.68 per cent, ash insoluble in hydrochloric acid 1.10 per cent, and crude fiber 22.42 per cent. The percentage of ash insoluble in hydrochloric acid represents the amount of sand present in this product. Adulteration was alleged in the information for the reason that a substance, to wit, sand, had been mixed and packed with said product so as to reduce or lower or injuriously affect its quality or strength.

On May 9, 1911, the defendant entered a plea of nolo contendere and was fined \$10 and costs.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *July 1, 1911.*

