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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1252.

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

ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF VINEGAR.

On January 12, 1910, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, acting upon the report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against the Southern Cider and Vinegar Co., a corporation, alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about November 13, 1907, from the State of Virginia into the State of North Carolina of a half barrel of vinegar which was adulterated and misbranded. The product was labeled: "E. Peterson Company, Trade Mark. Crescent Brand Vinegar, Washington, North Carolina."

Analysis of a sample of said product, made by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture, showed the following results: Polarization, $+0.2^{\circ}$; total acidity as acetic (grams per 100 cc), 3.7; solids (grams per 100 cc), 0.45; total ash (expressed as grams per 100 cc), 0.04; soluble ash (grams per 100 cc), 0.024; alkalinity of soluble ash (cc N/10 HCl per 100 cc), 2.0; alkalinity of insoluble ash (cc N/10 HCl per 100 cc), 4.0; phosphates in soluble ash, none; phosphates in insoluble ash (mg P_2O_5 per 100 cc), 2.0; with PbAc: no precipitate nor turbidity; fixed acids as malic (grams per 100 cc), 0.011; reducing sugars as dextrose (after inversion), grams per 100 cc, 0.136; color removed by fuller's earth 88 per cent; contained caramel, and not over 5 mg per liter of salicylic acid. Adulteration was alleged for the reason that a substance, to wit, caramel coloring matter, had been mixed and packed with the product whereby its damage and inferiority were concealed, and salicylic acid had been added thereto, thereby rendering said article injurious to health. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the product was labeled "Crescent Brand Vinegar,"

which would lead the purchaser to believe that it was made from cider; when, in fact, it was a distilled vinegar, artificially colored with caramel and preserved with salicylic acid; and, further, because it was an imitation of and had been sold under the distinctive name of another article, to wit, vinegar.

On June 8, 1911, the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and costs.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 14, 1911.*

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