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# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1318.

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

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### ADULTERATION OF CLAMS.

On October 10, 1910, the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against D. Aubin, alleging shipment by him, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about December 9, 1909, from the State of Massachusetts into the State of New Hampshire of a quantity of clams which were adulterated. The tub containing the product was labeled: "Hodgdon & Kershaw, 2 Congress St., Portsmouth, N. H."

Examination of a sample of said product made by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture showed the presence of an excessive number of organisms, including members of the *B. coli* group and streptococci, in sufficient numbers to render the product unfit for human consumption. Adulteration was alleged for the reason that the product consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, or putrid animal substance.

On May 10, 1911, the defendant pleaded guilty and on June 1, 1911, was fined \$25.

JAMES WILSON,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 23, 1912.*