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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1321.

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

ADULTERATION OF FROZEN EGGS.

On September 20, 1910, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against the Iowa Butter & Egg Co., a corporation, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about April 26, 1910, from the State of Iowa into the State of New York of a quantity of frozen eggs, which were adulterated. The product bore no label.

Microscopic and bacteriological examinations of said product, made by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture, showed the following results: Bacteriological examination: Organisms per cc developing on plain agar after four days at 25° C., 1,050,000,000; at 37° C., 850,000,000; on bile salt agar, 730,000,000; gas developing in 2 per cent dextrose fermentation tubes after four days at 37° C., from 0.001 cc, 40 per cent; 0.0001 cc, 50; 0.00001 cc., 40; 0.000001 cc, 30; 0.0000001 cc, 30; 0.00000001 cc, 30 per cent; streptococci present in 0.001 cc. to 0.000001; *B. coli* group isolated. Microscopical examination: This sample was made of spot eggs. Odor offensive. Adulteration of said product was alleged for the reason that it consisted wholly or in part of a filthy, decomposed, or putrid animal or vegetable substance, the same containing streptococci and the *B. coli* group, showing a contamination of the product with fecal matter.

On March 21, 1911, the defendant corporation entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$50.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

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