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United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1382.

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

ADULTERATION OF OYSTERS.

On April 14, 1911, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report of the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the Police Court of said District against William H. Hayden, alleging that he unlawfully did offer for sale within said District on September 6, 1910, a quantity of oysters in shell which were adulterated.

Examination of a sample of said product made by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture showed the following results: "The presence of an excessive number of organisms and the *B. coli* group in the following: 9 out of 9 oysters in 1 cc shell liquor; 9 out of 9 oysters in 0.1 cc shell liquor; 7 out of 9 oysters in 0.01 cc shell liquor; 2 out of 9 oysters in 0.001 cc shell liquor; indicating a filthy, decomposed animal substance." Adulteration was alleged for the reason that the oysters consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal or vegetable substance.

On November 28, 1911, the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$5.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 2, 1912.*