

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1844.

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

ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF VINEGAR.

On November 9, 1910, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 20 barrels of vinegar remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages and in possession of the Eagle Packet Co., a corporation of St. Louis, Mo., alleging that the product had been shipped on or about November 1, 1910, from the State of Illinois into the State of Missouri, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The product was labeled: "Gildenhaus-Wulfing Co. (45 Test Woodford County Brand Pure Cider Vinegar), Distributors, St. Louis," and each barrel also bore a statement denoting its capacity.

Adulteration was alleged in the libel for the reason that the product had been diluted and mixed with acetic acid or distilled vinegar and a substance high in reducing sugars, and that in the manufacture of said product various substances high in reducing sugars and acetic acid or distilled vinegar had been substituted in part for the article described in the labels upon the barrels, as and for which the said product was offered for sale and intended to be sold, and that said product had been mixed and packed with foreign substances high in reducing sugars so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the barrels did not contain pure cider vinegar but contained a compound consisting in part of foreign substances high in reducing sugars and the barrels were so labeled as to mislead and deceive the purchaser into

the belief that they contained pure cider vinegar, when in truth and in fact they did not contain pure cider vinegar.

On December 16, 1910, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered and it was further ordered that upon payment of all costs by the claimant company and the execution of bond in conformity with section 10 of the Act, fixed by the court at \$500, the goods should be released and delivered to the claimants.

W. M. HAYS,

Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *October 24, 1912.*

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