

United States Department of Agriculture

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2502.

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

U. S. v. Platt's Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$20.

ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF BUTTER.

On March 7, 1913, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Police Court of said District an information against Platt's Co., a corporation doing business within the District of Columbia, alleging the sale by said defendant, in the District aforesaid, on April 26, 1912, of a quantity of so-called butter which was adulterated and misbranded in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The product bore no label but was sold as butter.

Analysis of a sample of the product in the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Foam test, no foam; melting test, cloudy; refraction at 40° C., 52.5; Reichert-Meissl No., 0.848. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that another substance, to wit, oleomargarine, had been substituted in whole or in part for the genuine article of food, namely, butter. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the product was an imitation of and was offered for sale and sold under the distinctive name of another article of food, to wit, butter.

On March 7, 1913, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

B. T. GALLOWAY,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 12, 1913.*