

**United States Department of Agriculture,**  
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.**

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**NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2753.**

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

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**U. S. v. Magnus, Mabee & Reynard. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$100.**

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**ADULTERATION OF OIL OF BITTER ALMOND.**

On February 28, 1913, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Magnus, Mabee & Reynard, a corporation, New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on May 19, 1911, from the State of New York into the State of Pennsylvania, of a quantity of oil of bitter almond which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "Oil Bitter Almond USP Magnus & Lauer, New York. Packed for Shipley Massingham Co. Pittsburg, Pa. 1 lb. net wgt. U. S. Ser. No. 1245."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Specific gravity at 25° C., 1.0491; hydrocyanic acid, 0.54 per cent; chlorin, 0.08 per cent. This sample did not answer the requirements for oil of bitter almond recognized in the United States Pharmacopœia in that (1) it was deficient in hydrocyanic acid and (2) it contained chlorin. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it was sold under and by a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopœia, to wit, oil of bitter almond, and differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the test laid down in said Pharmacopœia official at the time of shipment and investigation, in that it contained less than 2 per cent of hydrocyanic acid and contained only 0.54 per cent, whereas said Pharmacopœia provides that oil of bitter almond should contain not less than 2 per cent of hydrocyanic acid; and it contained chlorin, which is not one of the ingredients of oil of bitter almond as determined by the test laid down in said Pharmacopœia.

On May 22, 1913, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and on May 23 the court imposed a fine of \$100.

**B. T. GALLOWAY,**  
*Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

**WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19, 1913.**