

**4013. Misbranding of cider. U. S. v. Ernest S. Brown. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 284-c.)**

On May 6, 1915, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the health officer of said District, authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the police court of the District aforesaid an information against Ernest S. Brown, Washington, D. C., alleging the sale by said defendant, on December 28, 1915 [1914], at the District aforesaid and in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, of a quantity of cider which was misbranded.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it was offered for sale and sold as pure cider, whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not a pure cider, but a cider made up, among other ingredients, of benzoate of soda, and said cider was further misbranded and was calculated to deceive and mislead the purchaser in that it was offered for sale and was sold as cider, meaning thereby that it was a pure cider without containing any foreign substance or substances, whereas, in truth and in fact, it contained a foreign substance, to wit, benzoate of soda, the amount and quantity of which said substance was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the container thereof.

On May 6, 1915, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 26, 1915.