

**4189. Adulteration of beans. U. S. * * * v. 50 Bags of Beans * * *.
Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F.
& D. No. 6373. I. S. No. 3016-k. S. No. E-231.)**

On March 15, 1915, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, 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 50 bags of beans, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Baltimore, Md., alleging that the product had been shipped and transported from the State of Michigan into the State of Maryland, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, putrid, and decomposed vegetable matter.

On June 11, 1915, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

(The report of this department, upon which the proceedings in this case were based, did not include a finding that the product consisted of putrid vegetable matter.)

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*