

**4336. Misbranding of "Acid Iron Mineral Compound." U. S. \* \* \* v. 180 Bottles \* \* \* "Acid Iron Mineral Compound." Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 5668. I. S. No. 9605-h. S. No. C-22.)**

On April 10, 1914, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, 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 180 bottles of a drug designated as "Acid Iron Mineral Compound," remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the product had been shipped on February 3, 1914, and transported from the State of Virginia into the State of Illinois, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that each of the bottles bore a label in words and figures as follows, to wit, "Beware of Imitations. Registered A-I-M Trade-Mark None Genuine Without Our Trade Mark. Acid Iron Mineral. Guaranteed under the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, No. 1682. For Adults,  $\frac{1}{2}$  increasing to 1 teaspoonful in half glass water 3 times a day after meals. Children, smaller dose according to age. Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Kidney Trouble, Liver Complaint, Chronic Diarrhoea, Internal Hemorrhage of the Bowels and Lungs, Epilepsy or Fits, Irregular Menses, Heart Trouble, General Debility, Nervous Prostration, Sick Headache, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Impure Blood, etc. For Cuts, Wounds, Burns, Bruises, Ground Itch, Poison Oak, Dew Poison, Snake Bites, Bites or Stings of Poisonous Insects, bathe the affected parts with the Mineral. For Old sores, Sore throat, Sore Eyes, Catarrh, Tetters, Eczema, Erysipelas, or any Cutaneous Affection, bathe the affected parts and take as directed above after each meal. For Flux or Cholera Morbus, take a dose after each action of the bowels until relief is obtained. For Colic, one dose, repeat in half hour if necessary. For Piles, take dose after meals for several days, then use an injection or apply with soft cloth or sponge  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mineral and  $\frac{1}{2}$  warm water each day before retiring for 3 days, after which, use Mineral water pure until relief is obtained. Price, 50 Cts. Distributed by Acid Iron Mineral Co. Salem, Va.," which said label was false and misleading, and the statement contained in the label regarding the curative effect of said drug product was false and fraudulent, in that the label aforesaid purported to state that the drug product was a specific for indigestion, dyspepsia, kidney trouble, liver complaint, chronic diarrhea, internal hemorrhage of the bowels and lungs, epilepsy or fits, irregular menses, heart trouble, general debility, nervous prostration, sick headache, rheumatism, neuralgia, impure blood, etc., whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the carton inclosing the bottle bore a label in words and figures as follows, to wit, "Acid Iron Mineral Compound Registered A-I-M Trade-Mark. Distributed by Acid Iron Mineral Co. Salem, Va. Nature's Great Household Remedy, A Concentrated Mineral Water Strengthened with Magnesium Sulphate (Already Present In Small Quantities) Beware of Imitations. Its immense popularity has caused unscrupulous persons to try to imitate it. None genuine without registered trade mark A-I-M upon each bottle. Its Merits and Curative Powers have proven more than words can tell. Guaranteed when directions are followed to give relief. It is a valuable aid in bringing back the color, in strengthening and invigorating the system, and in digesting the food. Valuable in any stomach or bowel trouble. It is a household necessity. Price, 50 Cents. Acid Iron Mineral Compound Guaranteed under the Food and Drug Acts of June 30, 1906. No. 1682. It Is Not A Patent Medicine. It is like a Spring of Mineral Water at your door, that can be used in the privacy of your own home at a small expense. We con-

sider its curative powers equal if not surpassing any mineral spring in our country for the alleviation of many different diseases, with which the human family is burdened. It is so concentrated that  $\frac{1}{2}$  to one teaspoonful in a half glass of water is a dose, and very often a few bottles will relieve a chronic disease of many years standing. We Make The Following Proposition To All.

1st.—In case of Cuts, if Acid Iron Mineral Compound is applied as directed and fails to stop the flow of blood, we will pay your physician if one must be called.

2nd.—In case of Flux or Cholera Morbus, if Acid Iron Mineral Compound fails to relieve when used as directed, we will pay your physician, if one must be called and patient is relieved.

3rd.—In case of Sore Throat or Diphtheria, if you use Acid Iron Mineral Compound according to directions and receive no benefit, we will refund your money.

4th.—Any lady using Acid Iron Mineral Compound for Female Weakness or for the disease peculiar to women, when used according to directions and receives no benefit after using one-half bottle, return it, and we will refund the money. Price, 50 Cents. Stops Blood From Cuts And Heals Sores. Relieves Indigestion, Dyspepsia and Kidney Trouble, Liver Complaints, Rheumatism, Chronic Diarrhœa, Irregular Menses, Flux, Cholera Morbus, Impure Blood or General Debility, Cuts, Wounds, Sores, Burns, Bruises, Ground Itch, Poison Oak, Dew Poison, Sore Throat, Catarrh, Syphilis, Sore Legs, Tetters, Eczema, Erysipelas or any Cutaneous Affections, Piles. A Physician Testifies To Its Wonderful Value. I have used Acid Iron Mineral Comp. in my practice for nearly five years. I have thoroughly experimented with it, and find it has no equal as a Nervine, Blood Purifier and Liver Medicine. Nothing surpasses it in the treatment of Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Diarrhœa, Flux, Cutaneous Diseases, Chronic Diseases—especially Female Complaints, Diseases of the Genative Organs—Male or Female. For Prolapsus and Irregular Menses nothing can compete with it. It stands as an antidote against half the diseases of the human family. Dr. R. C. Johnson, Stringer, Miss.,” which said statements borne upon the cartons surrounding the bottles were false and misleading, and which said statements regarding the curative effect of said drug product were false and fraudulent, in that the statements aforesaid represented to the purchaser that the drug product would relieve indigestion, dyspepsia, kidney trouble, liver complaints, rheumatism, chronic diarrhea, irregular menses, flux, cholera morbus, impure blood or general debility, cuts, wounds, sores, burns, bruises, ground itch, poison oak, dew poison, sore throat, catarrh, syphilis, sore legs, tetters, eczema, erysipelas or any cutaneous affections, and piles, whereas, in truth and in fact, it would not. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the circular contained in the cartons bore, among others, the following statements, to wit, “Acid Iron Mineral News (Sixteen Years of Unprecedented Growth) Vol. 16 Salem, Virginia, 1913 4 Pages Acid Iron Mineral (A Concentrated Mineral Water) Registered A-I-M Trade Mark Imitations Are Trying to be Sold Beware of them. None Genuine Without This Trade Mark. This wonderful remedy is extracted from a most remarkable mineral deposit, which is owned by the Acid Iron Mineral Co., Inc., Salem, Va. And there is nothing else like it in the world. \* \* \*

Ready to replace the waste of the human system, restoring the youthful color to the face, warding off old age and renewing all lost vitality by restoring the blood to its rich, healthy, youthful state. It is also the greatest germicide known, being the most powerful agent known to the medical science in curing all germ diseases, such as typhoid fever, appendicitis, pellagra, and Bright's Disease, also indigestion, dyspepsia and all stomach and bowel trouble. And is a positive preventive for most all germ diseases. It also cures old sores, cuts, burns and all skin diseases. It being the greatest healer known when applied as a liniment. \* \* \*

We have thousands of unsolicited testimonials

from persons stating that A-I-M has cured the diseases heretofore mentioned. As well as rheumatism, cancers, dropsy and all diseases that are considered incurable. \* \* \* It is the only thing of its kind in the world, being an extract it contains over sixty times more medicinal value than any of the noted mineral waters. And its great curative power should be classed as the eighth wonder of the world. Taken internally it cures indigestion, dyspepsia, headache, cholera morbus, catarrh, diarrhoea, colic and all bowel, liver and kidney trouble. \* \* \* For the cure of female diseases it stands without a rival and is an absolute cure for piles. It is the greatest remedy yet discovered for the various kinds of Rheumatism and uric acid troubles. A-I-M will cure Indigestion and purify the blood therefore it will cure three-fourths of human ills. \* \* \* It cures chicken and hog cholera, bloody murian, black leg in cattle, scratches and galls on horses. \* \* \* A-I-M Cures Indigestion And Consumption," which said statements were false and misleading, and which said statements regarding the curative effect of said drug product were false and fraudulent, in that said statements represented to the purchaser that the drug product would cure all germ diseases, such as typhoid fever, appendicitis, pellagra, Bright's disease, also indigestion, dyspepsia, rheumatism, cancer, dropsy, headache, cholera morbus, catarrh, diarrhea, colic, all bowel, liver, and kidney trouble, consumption, piles, flux, chicken and hog cholera, bloody murrain, blackleg in cattle, scratchès and galls on horses, and all diseases that are considered incurable, whereas, in truth and in fact, it would not.

On November 10, 1915, an appearance that had theretofore been entered having been withdrawn, 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.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*