

444S. Adulteration of canned beans. U. S. * * * v. William E. Cooke et al. (Cooke, Shanawolf Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$35. (F. & D. No. 6428. I. S. No. 2765-k.)

On March 28, 1916, 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 an information against William E. Cooke and Conrad H. Shanawolf, trading as Cooke, Shanawolf Co., Baltimore, Md., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about February 1, 1915, from the State of Maryland into the State of Massachusetts, of a quantity of canned beans, which were adulterated. The article was labeled: "Traveler Brand in Tomato Sauce Beans Contents 2 Lbs. 2 Oz. Packed by Cooke, Shanawolf Co. Baltimore, Md."

Examination of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Sample No.	Passable beans.		Partially moldy or musty beans.		Foreign matter.
	No.	Per cent.	No.	Per cent.	
1.....	1,033	77.1	306	22.8	1 pea.
2.....	915	72.1	353	27.8	2 peas and 5 small stones.

A partially decomposed vegetable product.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted, in whole or in part, of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On March 28, 1916, a plea of guilty was entered on behalf of the defendant firm, and the court imposed a fine of \$35.

CARL VBROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*