

4530. Adulteration of peas. U. S. v. John Cacciola et al. (Cacciola Bros.).
Plea of guilty. Fine, \$20. (F. & D. No. 6717. I. S. No. 543-k.)

On December 17, 1915, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against John Cacciola and Guiseppi Cacciola, trading under the firm name of Cacciola Bros., Philadelphia., Pa., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about November 14, 1914, from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of Maryland, of a quantity of peas which were adulterated.

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

Live larvæ, pupæ, and weevils present. 87.3 per cent of sample weevil-eaten.

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

On January 10, 1916, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*