

**4549. Adulteration and misbranding of vinegar. U. S. \* \* \* v. 10  
Barrels of Vinegar. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture,  
and destruction. (F. & D. No. 6775. I. S. No. 14175-k. S. No. C-279.)**

On July 30, 1915, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, 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 10 barrels, purporting to contain "80 Grain Cane Vinegar," remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Sioux City, Iowa, alleging that the article had been shipped and transported from the State of Nebraska into the State of Iowa, and charging adulteration and misbranding, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled, in part: "80 Grain Cane Vinegar."

The allegations in the libel were to the effect that the article was not 80-grain sugar-cane vinegar, but consisted wholly or in part of distilled vinegar which had been mixed and prepared in imitation of 80-grain sugar-cane vinegar, so as to reduce and lower its quality and strength.

The allegations were, further, to the effect that the article was not 80-grain sugar-cane vinegar, as it purported to be, and that the branding and labeling on the barrels, representing that the article was 80-grain sugar-cane vinegar were misleading and false and such as would deceive and mislead the purchaser thereof. It was further alleged that each of the barrels bore a statement regarding the ingredients or substances contained therein, which statement was false and misleading.

On October 20, 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 and that the empty barrels should be sold.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*