

4634. Adulteration of shucked oysters. U. S. * * * v. 4 Cans of Shucked Oysters. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 6996. I. S. No. 2537-1. S. No. C-376.)

On November 15, 1915, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Texas, 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 four cans of shucked oysters, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Houston, Tex., alleging that the article had been shipped, on or about November 6, 1915, and transported from the State of Connecticut into the State of Texas, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

The allegations in the libel were to the effect that the article was adulterated in that it consisted, in whole or in part, of a filthy, putrid, and decomposed animal substance.

On December 22, 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.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*