4677. Misbranding of acetylo salicylic acid tablets. U. S. * * * v. 1 Box * * * Acetylo Salicylic Acid Tablets. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 7085. I. S. No. 11534-1. S. No. C-396.)

On November 30, 1915, 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 one box containing 100,000 imitation acetylo salicylic acid tablets, remaining unsold in the original unbroken package at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped on November 13, 1915, by F. R. Rigrish, Martinsville, Ind., and transported from the State of Indiana into the State of Illinois, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that when it was so shipped as aforesaid it was an imitation of an article of drugs known as acetylo salicylic acid, a substance or mixture of substances intended to be used for the cure, mitigation, or prevention of disease of man, in that the article of drugs aforesaid contained little or no acetylo salicylic acid. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the article was a substance or mixture of substances intended to be used for the cure, mitigation, or prevention of disease of man, and contained an article of drug known as acetanilid, the quantity or proportion of which said article of drug known as acetanilid was not stated upon the label or package containing the imitation acetylo salicylic acid.

On January 14, 1916, 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.

CARL VROOMAN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.