

4728. Adulteration of stramonium leaves. U. S. v. Percy E. Anderson et al. (P. E. Anderson & Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$15. (F. & D. No. 7192. I. S. No. 3087-h.)

On May 3, 1916, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Percy E. Anderson and Charles W. Anderson, copartners, trading as P. E. Anderson & Co., New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on March 4, 1914, by their agent, Alfred Stubbs, from the State of New York into the State of California, of a quantity of stramonium leaves, which article was adulterated. The article was labeled: (On shipping package) "Po Stramonium Leaf 10 lbs. From P. E. Anderson & Co. Drug Merchants Office 99 John Street New York Warehouse Atlantic Terminal Brooklyn."

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

Mydriatic alkaloids (per cent)-----	0.16
Ash (per cent)-----	25.87

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it was sold under and by a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopœia and differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the test laid down in said Pharmacopœia, official at the time of investigation of said article, in that said drug contained approximately 0.16 per cent of mydriatic alkaloids, whereas said Pharmacopœia provides that it should contain not less than 0.25 per cent of mydriatic alkaloids, and the standard of strength, quality, and purity of the article was not declared on the container thereof.

On May 8, 1916, a plea of guilty was entered on behalf of the defendant firm, and the court imposed a fine of \$15.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*