

**4833. Adulteration of evaporated apples. U. S. v. 20 Boxes of Evaporated Apples. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.** (F. & D. No. 6028. I. S. No. 11522-k. S. No. C-104.)

On October 26, 1914, the United States attorney for the Eastern 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 20 boxes, each containing about 50 pounds, of evaporated apples, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Paris, Tex., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Ozark Apple Co., Fayetteville, Ark., and transported from the State of Arkansas into the State of Texas, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled: "Evaporated Apples Ozark Brand Creates Demand New Crop Bleached with sulphur Contains one-tenth of one per cent benzoate of soda Prepared with salt in solution. 50 lbs. net weight when packed by the Ozark Apple Co. Fayetteville, Arkansas."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that 15 per cent of water had been added to the apples after drying, when the goods were packed, in such manner as to reduce and lower the quality and strength thereof.

On March 7, 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.

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