

4853. Misbranding of "Barnes' Croup Grease." U. S. * * * v. The National Chemical Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$1 and costs. (F. & D. No. 6475. I. S. No. 11208-e.)

On August 2, 1915, the United States attorney for the District of Kansas, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the National Chemical Co., a corporation, Caney, Kans., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about March 10, 1913, from the State of Kansas into the State of Missouri, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Barnes' Croup Grease," which was misbranded.

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

Nonvolatile solids at 100° C. (a solid fat) (per cent) _	83.60
Volatile matter (consisting of turpentine and camphor) (per cent) _	16.40
Ash: None.	
Index of refraction of nonvolatile solids at 60° C _	1.4530
Iodin number of nonvolatile fat _	51.8

This preparation consists of lard and about 16 per cent of turpentine and camphor.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that certain statements appearing on its label, and included in the circular or pamphlet accompanying it, falsely and fraudulently represented it as a preventive of pneumonia and diphtheria, as a remedy for pneumonia, and as a cure for membranous croup and for colds, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On November 8, 1915, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$1 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*