

4993. Misbranding of "Hill's Kidney Kaskara Tablets." U. S. * * * v. The W. H. Hill Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 6241. I. S. No. 10009-e.)

On May 15, 1915, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, 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 W H Hill Co., a corporation, Detroit, Mich., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about February 11, 1913, from the State of Michigan into the State of California, of a quantity of an article labeled, in part, "* * * Hill's Kidney Kaskara Tablets * * *," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the product to be an iron oxid, sugar-coated tablet, carrying emodin, caffeine, acid resin, magnesium carbonate, and talcum.

It was charged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that the statements on the label falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy for renal calculi, diabetes, and Bright's disease, and effective to prevent the formation of uric acid and other calculous products, and misbranded further in that the statements included in the circular or pamphlet, accompanying the article, falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy for acute inflammation of the kidneys, diabetes, Bright's disease, and consumption of the kidneys, and as a cure for disintegration of the kidneys, and effective in preventing the escape of albumen or sugar into the urine and in the prevention of calculus, stone, or gravel, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On June 15, 1915, the defendant company filed its motion to quash the information and after argument and submission to the court the motion was denied on May 19, 1916. On December 13, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*