

5224. Misbranding of "Breedon's Rheumatic Cure." U. S. * * * v. Carroll C. Breedon (Breedon Medicine Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25 and costs. (F. & D. No. 7605. I. S. No. 11141-L.)

On September 22, 1916, the United States attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district, an information against Carroll C. Breedon, trading as the Breedon Medicine Co., Memphis, Tenn., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about November 9, 1915, from the State of Tennessee into the State of Texas, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Breedon's Rheumatic Cure," which was misbranded.

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

Iodin as potassium iodid (gram per 100 cc)-----	1.00
Alcohol (per cent by volume)-----	12.60
Odor like that of extract colchicum seed.	
Qualitative test for guaiac: Positive.	
Taste indicates presence of colocynth.	

The results of analysis show that the product is essentially a hydroalcoholic solution of potassium iodid with guaiac and probably extract of colchicum seed and colocynth.

It was charged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that certain statements on its label falsely and fraudulently represented it as a cure for rheumatism, when, in truth and fact, it was not.

On December 4, 1916, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*