

**5619. Misbranding of "Phuton Kidney Remedy." U. S. \* \* \* v. Mastin L. Williams. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$5 and costs. (F. & D. No. 7062. I. S. No. 7265-h.)**

On February 16, 1916, 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 Mastin L. Williams, Arkansas City, Kans., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about March 6, 1914, from the State of Kansas into the State of Wisconsin, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Phuton Kidney Remedy," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it consisted largely of water with about 3.5 per cent alcohol and 3.65 grams solids per 100 cc., consisting largely of plant extractive. It contained also a small amount of ammonium chlorid, salicylic and tannic acids, oils of sassafras and winter green.

It was alleged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that certain statements appearing on its label falsely and fraudulently represented it as effective for the relief of and as a remedy for all kidney and bladder diseases, for the relief of and for dissolving and removing gravel and stone from the bladder, for the relief of and as a remedy for Bright's disease, diabetes, and incontinence of urine in adults and children, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On September 25, 1916, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$5 and costs.

**C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.***