

**5815. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. \* \* \* v. Joseph H. Chivell. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$20. (F. & D. No. 8300. I. S. No. 3802-m.)**

On July 6, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Police Court of said district an information against Joseph H. Chivell, Washington, D. C., alleging the offering for sale and the sale by said defendant, at the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on December 20, 1916, of a quantity of oysters which were adulterated.

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

Liquor (per cent)-----	26.4
Meats (per cent)-----	73.6
Total solids (entire sample) (per cent)-----	10.2
Sodium chlorid (liquor) (per cent)-----	0.69
Meats:	
Solids (per cent)-----	13.10
Ash (per cent) -----	0.94
Sodium chlorid (per cent)-----	0.11
Loss on boiling (per cent)-----	60.

· Results indicate that these oysters have been soaked.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been mixed therewith so as to reduce and lower and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for oysters and oyster liquor, which the article purported to be.

On July 6, 1917, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*