

5931. Adulteration of prunes, peaches, apricots, raisins, and muscatels.
U. S. * * * v. Charles W. Bauermeister Co., a corporation. Plea
of guilty. Fine, \$100 and costs. (F. & D. No. 8099. I. S. Nos. 12425-1,
12426-1, 12427-1, 12428-1, 12429-1, 12430-1.)

On December 15, 1917, the grand jurors of the United States, within and for the District of Indiana, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, upon presentment by the United States attorney for said district, returned an indictment in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid against Charles W. Bauermeister Co., a corporation, Terre Haute, Ind., charging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about February 11, 1916 (6 shipments), from the State of Indiana into the State of Illinois, of quantities of prunes, peaches, apricots, raisins, and muscatels which were adulterated.

Analyses of samples of the articles by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

The prunes were moldy and fermented.

The peaches were moldy and discolored, had a very bad odor, and contained sugar mites and excreta.

The apricots showed live sugar mites present on each piece.

The raisins and muscatels showed the presence of webs, worms, and excreta.

Adulteration of the article in each shipment was charged in the indictment for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On January 9, 1918, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the indictment, and the court imposed a fine of \$100 and costs.

C. F. MARVIN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.