

5973. Misbranding of "Dr. Lindsey's Improved Blood Searcher." U. S. * * * v. W. J. Gilmore Drug Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 8317. I. S. No. 4851-m.)

On August 15, 1917, the United States attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 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. J. Gilmore Drug Co., a corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about February 14, 1916, from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of Maryland, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Dr. Lindsey's Improved Blood Searcher," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that this product consisted essentially of a hydroalcoholic solution of sugars, salicyclic acid, aromatic oils, plant extractives, and calcium salts. Indications of guaiac.

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 a remedy to purify the blood, for debilitating diseases in women. for malaria, fever and ague, scrofula, cancer, erysipelas, salt rheum, tetter, boils, ulcers, sore eyes, dyspepsia, indigestion, piles, weakness, nervousness, loss of appetite, mercurial and all blood diseases, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

It was alleged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the further reason that certain statements included in the circular accompanying the article falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy for all blood diseases such as ulcers, scrofulous diseases, erysipelas, boils, sore eyes, scald head, and mercurial diseases, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On December 4, 1917, 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.*