

**6138. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. \* \* \* v. Walter Van Orden, William G. Van Orden, and Ida Frances Mussen (Van Orden Bros.). Pleas of guilty. Fine, \$10. (F. & D. No. 7483. I. S. No. 12412-1.)**

On January 24, 1918, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Walter Van Orden, William G. Van Orden, and Ida Frances Mussen, trading as Van Orden Bros., New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on January 11, 1916, from the State of New York into the State of Illinois, of a quantity of oysters which were adulterated.

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

Free liquor (per cent)-----	5.41
Drained meat (per cent)-----	93.39
Solids in drained meat (per cent)-----	16.69
Ash in meat (per cent)-----	1.08
Sodium chlorid in meat (per cent)-----	.05
Loss on boiling (per cent)-----	47.7
Sodium chlorid in liquor (per cent)-----	.23

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

On January 30, 1918, the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$10.

R. A. PEARSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*