

**6448. Misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. \* \* \* v. Dixie Cotton Oil Mill, a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50 and costs. (F. & D. No. 8668. I. S. No. 19650-m.)**

On March 25, 1918, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 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 Dixie Cotton Oil Mill, a corporation, Little Rock, Ark., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about December 4, 1916, from the State of Arkansas into the State of Illinois, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Kineda Prime Cottonseed Meal," which was misbranded.

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

Crude fiber (per cent)-----	14.5
Protein (N x 6.25) (per cent)-----	35.8
Nitrogen (per cent)-----	5.73

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the statement, "Guarantee this \* \* \* Cottonseed Meal to contain not less than \* \* \* 38.6 per cent of crude protein—not more than 12.0 per cent of crude fibre," borne on the tags attached to the sacks, regarding the article and the ingredients and substances contained therein, was false and misleading in that it represented that the article contained not less than 38.6 per cent of crude protein and not more than 12 per cent of crude fiber; and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it contained not less than 38.6 per cent of crude protein and not more than 12 per cent of crude fiber, whereas, in truth and in fact, it contained less crude protein and more crude fiber than was declared on the label, to wit, approximately, 35.8 per cent of crude protein and 14.5 per cent of crude fiber.

On May 15, 1918, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

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