

6625. Adulteration and misbranding of vinegar. U. S. * * * v. Gist-Leo Vinegar Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$20 and costs.
(F. & D. No. 8773. I. S. No. 8113-p.)

On July 15, 1918, the United States attorney for the Western District of Missouri, 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 Gist-Leo Vinegar Co., a corporation, Springfield, Mo., alleging the shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about July 2, 1917, from the State of Missouri into the State of Oklahoma, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Gist-Leo Vinegar Co., Springfield, Mo. Pure Apple Cider Vinegar Reduced with water to 4% acidity," which was adulterated and misbranded.

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

Alcohol (per cent by volume)-----	0.03
Glycerol (gram per 100 cc.)-----	.13
Solids (grams per 100 cc.)-----	1.70
Nonsugar solids (grams per 100 cc.)-----	1.27
Sugar as invert before inversion, after evaporation (gram per 100 cc.)-----	.43
Ash (gram per 100 cc.)-----	.31
Acid, as acetic (grams per 100 cc.)-----	4.03

Product contains added distilled vinegar or dilute acetic acid.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a substance, to wit, distilled vinegar or dilute acetic acid, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce and lower and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for pure apple cider vinegar reduced with water to 4 per cent acidity, which the article purported to be.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in substance for the reason that the statement, to wit, "Pure Apple Cider Vinegar, reduced with water to 4 per cent acidity," borne on the label thereof, regarding the article and the ingredients and substances contained therein, was false and misleading in that it represented that the article consisted entirely of pure apple cider vinegar reduced with water to 4 per cent acidity; and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it was pure apple cider vinegar reduced with water to 4 per cent acidity, whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not pure apple cider vinegar reduced with water to 4 per cent acidity, but consisted in part of another article, to wit, distilled vinegar or dilute acetic acid.

On October 28, 1918, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$20 and costs.

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