

**7622. Adulteration and misbranding of Standard Milk Meal. U. S. * * *
v. Standard Chemical Mfg. Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty.
Fine, \$10. (F. & D. No. 11220. I. S. No. 10683-r.)**

On January 31, 1920, the United States attorney for the District of Nebraska, 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 Standard Chemical Mfg. Co., a corporation, Omaha, Neb., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about September 21, 1918, from the State of Nebraska into the State of Indiana, of a quantity of an article, labeled in part "Standard Milk Meal * * * Protein 28% Fiber 4% * * * Composed of Powdered Milk, Linseed Oil Meal, Oat Meal, Dried Blood, Bone Meal, Corn Germ Meal, Fenugreek Seed, Anise Seed, Gentian Root, Powdered Chalk, Salt, St. Johns Bread Manufactured by Standard Chemical Mfg. Co., Omaha, Neb. U. S. A. * * *," which was adulterated and misbranded.

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

	Per cent.
Crude fiber -----	15.01
Nitrogen -----	2.7
Protein -----	16.9

Microscopical examination showed the presence of a considerable amount of peanut shells and of cottonseed meal. No St. Johns bread and anise seed were found.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that substances, to wit, cottonseed meal and peanut shells, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to lower, reduce, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for milk meal, which the article purported to be.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that the statements, to wit, "Protein 28% * * * Fiber 4%," "Anise Seed," "St. Johns Bread," and "Not less than 28.0 per cent of crude protein," borne on the tags attached to the sacks containing the article and printed on the sacks aforesaid, regarding it and the ingredients and substances contained therein, were false and misleading in that they represented that the article contained not less than 28 per cent of crude protein, and not more than 4 per cent of crude fiber, that is to say, fiber 4 per cent, and that it contained anise seed and St. Johns bread, 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 28 per cent of crude protein and not more than 4 per cent of crude fiber, that is to say fiber 4 per cent, and that it contained anise seed and St. Johns bread, whereas, in truth and in fact, it contained less than 28 per cent of crude protein and more than 4 per cent of fiber and did not contain anise seed or St. Johns bread, and for the further reason that it was a mixture of cottonseed meal and peanut shells, and was offered for sale under the distinctive name of another article, to wit, milk meal, compounded from ingredients stated on the label.

On March 9, 1920, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$10.

E. D. BALL, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.