

· S350. Misbranding of Santal Pearls. U. S. * * * v. 72 Bottles, More or Less, of Santal Pearls. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 10692. I. S. No. 15020-r. S. No. E-1557.)

On June 25, 1919, the United States attorney for the District of Delaware, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of a certain quantity of a certain article, labeled in part "Santal Pearls," at Wilmington, Del., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about May 5, 1919, by the S. Pfeiffer Mfg. Co., St. Louis, Mo., and transported from the State of Missouri into the State of Delaware, and charging violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it consisted of capsules containing santal oil, balsam of copaiba, and oil of cassia.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the libel in that certain statements appearing in the circular accompanying the article, regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the article, falsely and fraudulently represented the article to be effective as a remedy for gonorrhea, whereas, in truth and in fact, it was not effective.

On December 20, 1920, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

E. D. BALL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*