

South Jersey Farmers Exchange, a corporation, Alloway, N. J., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about July 28, 1922, from the State of New Jersey into the State of Missouri, of a quantity of potatoes which were misbranded. The article was labeled in part: (Sack) "150 Lbs. When Packed Jersey Exchange Potatoes South Jersey Farmers Exchange Woodstown, N. J."

Examination of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the sacks contained approximately 5 per cent less than the declared contents.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the statement, to wit, "150 Lbs.," borne on the sacks containing the article, was false and misleading in that it represented that each of the said sacks contained 150 pounds of the said article, and for the further reason that the article was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that each of the said sacks contained 150 pounds of the article, whereas, in truth and in fact, each of the sacks did not contain 150 pounds but did contain a less amount. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the article was food in package form and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package.

On September 26, 1923, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

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

12016. Misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. v. 300 Sacks of Cottonseed Meal. Decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond to be relabeled. (F. & D. No. 18182. I. S. No. 15841-v. S. No. E-4648.)

On December 19, 1923, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying the seizure and condemnation of 300 sacks of cottonseed meal, at Florin, Pa., consigned by the Eastern Cotton Oil Co., from Hertford, N. C., alleging that the article had been shipped from Hertford, N. C., on or about November 7, 1923, and transported from the State of North Carolina into the State of Pennsylvania, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Perfection Cotton Seed Meal 100 Lbs. Net Manufactured By Eastern Cotton Oil Company Elizabeth City, N. C. Guarantee Protein not less than 41.00% Equivalent to Ammonia 8.00%."

Misbranding of the article was alleged in substance in the libel for the reason that the labels bore the statements, "Perfection Cotton Seed Meal 100 Lbs. Net * * * Guarantee Protein not less than 41.00% Equivalent to Ammonia 8.00%," which were false and misleading. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the article was offered for sale under the distinctive name of another article, and for the further reason that it was food in package form and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package, since the quantity stated was not correct.

On January 4, 1924, the Eastern Cotton Oil Co., Elizabeth City, N. C., having appeared as claimant for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$1,000, in conformity with section 10 of the act, conditioned in part that it be relabeled under the supervision of this department.

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12017. Adulteration of chestnuts. U. S. v. 9 Sacks of Chestnuts. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 18165. I. S. No. 2929-v. S. No. E-4625.)

On December 14, 1923, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying the seizure and condemnation of 9 sacks of chestnuts, at Philadelphia, Pa., consigned by G. Geissman, Oakland, Md., alleging that the article had been shipped from Oakland, Md., on or about October 16, 1923, and transported from the State of Maryland into the State of Pennsylvania, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed vegetable substance.