

14748. Adulteration of walnuts. U. S. v. 26 Bags of Walnuts. Decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond. (F. & D. No. 21350. I. S. No. 13834-x. S. No. E-5889.)

On November 4, 1926, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 26 bags of walnuts, remaining in the original unbroken packages at New York, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped by Rosenberg Bros. & Co., from San Francisco, Calif., July 20, 1926, and that it had been transported in interstate commerce into the State of New York, 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 part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On November 19, 1926, Rosenberg Bros. & Co., San Francisco, Calif., having admitted the allegations of the libel, 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 \$600, conditioned in part that the good nuts be separated from the bad and that the bad portion be destroyed or denatured under the supervision of this department.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

14749. Adulteration of atropine sulphate tablets, nitroglycerin tablets, and diacetyl morphine hydrochloride tablets. U. S. v. Crown Hypodermic Tablet Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$200. (F. & D. No. 19667. I. S. Nos. 13693-v, 13694-v, 16109-v, 16111-v, 16117-v, 16118-v, 16906-v, 16908-v.)

On July 29, 1925, the United States attorney for the Western District of New York, 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 Crown Hypodermic Tablet Co., a corporation, Buffalo, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the food and drugs act, in various consignments, on or about July 3, 1924, from the State of New York into the State of Massachusetts of a quantity of atropine sulphate tablets and nitroglycerin tablets, and on or about July 7 and 8 and August 11, 1924, respectively, from the State of New York into the State of New Jersey of quantities of nitroglycerin tablets, diacetyl morphine hydrochloride tablets, and atropine sulphate tablets, respectively, which said products were adulterated. The articles were labeled in part, variously: "Hypodermic Tablets * * * Atropine Sulphate 1-50 grain" (or "1-100 grain"); "Hypodermic Tablets * * * Nitroglycerine (Glonoin) 1-100 grain"; "Tablet Triturates * * * Nitroglycerine (Glonoin) 1-100 Grain"; "Hypodermic Tablets * * * Diacetyl Morphine Hydrochloride 1-24 Grain." The various products were further labeled "Crown Hypodermic Tablet Co. Buffalo, N. Y."

Analysis by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department of samples of the articles showed that: A sample of the atropine sulphate tablets labeled "1/100 grain" contained 1/125 grain of atropine sulphate per tablet, and two samples of the atropine sulphate tablets labeled "1/50 grain" contained 1/73 and 1/78 grain, respectively, of atropine sulphate per tablet; four samples of nitroglycerin tablets labeled, "1/100 Grain," contained 1/200, 1/154, 1/155, and 1/154 grain, respectively, of nitroglycerin per tablet; a sample of the diacetyl morphine hydrochloride tablets, labeled "1/24 Grain," contained 1/29 grain of diacetyl morphine hydrochloride per tablet.

Adulteration of the articles was alleged in substance in the information for the reason that their strength and purity fell below the professed standard and quality under which they were sold, in that the labels represented that the said tablets contained 1/100 grain of nitroglycerin, 1/50 grain of atropine sulphate, 1/100 grain of atropine sulphate, or 1/24 grain of diacetyl morphine hydrochloride, as the case might be, whereas each of said tablets contained less of the product than represented on the label thereof.

On November 30, 1926, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$200.

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