

**17077. Adulteration and misbranding of Vicine. U. S. v. 23 Bottles of Vicine. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 23913. I. S. No. 010339. S. No. 2129.)**

On September 20, 1929, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, 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 23 bottles of Vicine, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Birmingham, Ala., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Vicine Products Co., from Memphis, Tenn., on or about July 13, 1929, and transported from the State of Tennessee into the State of Alabama, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of iron sulphate, small amounts of phosphates, calcium salts, and sulphuric acid, and water. Bacteriological examination showed that the article was not germicidal.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated in that it was sold under the following standard of strength (carton), "A powerful Germicide \* \* \* a powerful germicide and prophylactic, \* \* \* for Internal Use," (label) "For \* \* \* Internal Use A Soothing Antiseptic Actually Kills Germs, \* \* \* For External \* \* \* Use \* \* \* Gargle with one part Vicine to ten parts water," (yellow circular) "A Powerful Antiseptic \* \* \* it is a powerful germicide and one of the very few germ-destroying medicines known to science, that not only can be used, but is recommended for internal use. Vicine Actually Kills Germs," whereas the strength of the article fell below such professed standard.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the following statements appearing in the labeling were false and misleading: (Carton) "A Powerful Germicide \* \* \* a powerful germicide and prophylactic \* \* \* for Internal Use;" (label) "Antiseptic Actually Kills Germs, \* \* \* Gargle with one part Vicine to 20 parts water;" (yellow circular) "A Powerful Antiseptic \* \* \* it is a powerful germicide and one of the very few germ-destroying medicines known to science, that not only can be used, but is recommended for internal use. Vicine Actually kills germs." Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the following statements appearing in the labeling, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Bottle) "Directions for Adults \* \* \* General Tonic and for Stomach, Kidney, Bladder, Rheumatism, Neuritis, Bed-Wetting, Sluggish Liver, Intestinal Trouble. \* \* \* Acute Indigestion, Cramps, Colic, Ptomaine Poisoning, \* \* \* Dysentery, Flux, Diarrhea \* \* \* Pellagra \* \* \* Eczema, Skin Eruptions, Tetter, Ringworm, \* \* \* Pimples, Ulcers, Boils, Carbuncles, Old Sores, Hemorrhoids, Piles \* \* \* Wounds \* \* \* Pyorrhea, Sore and Bleeding Gums, \* \* \* Sore Throat, Diseased Tonsils, Halitosis, Acid Mouth \* \* \* Catarrh \* \* \* Dandruff and Itching Scalp;" (carton) "Wounds, \* \* \* Piles, \* \* \* System Builder Improves the appetite and helps to condition the system and aids in the Purification of the Blood \* \* \* For Diarrhea due to indiscretion of diet \* \* \* For Indigestion, Kidney, Bladder and Stomach Trouble, Neuritis, and Rheumatism. Builds Strength, Enriches the Blood;" (white circular) "Treating Pellagra with Vicine. Begin treatment by taking 10 drops of Vicine in glass of water the first thing when you get up in the morning before breakfast. Then take 10 drops in glass of water after dinner and supper meals. After three days reduce dose to 5 drops. \* \* \* If your bowels are too loose Vicine, taken as above directed, will regulate the bowels to normalcy. If any sores appear on any part of the body, apply Vicine diluted in water half and half to the sores. Keep Vicine treatment up for three weeks regularly, then skip one week and repeat the treatment, until you are entirely well. \* \* \* [Testimonials] Vicine for the Treatment of Pellagra \* \* \* Concerning Vicine as a remedy for Pellagra I know whereof I speak. I had suffered with it for seven years \* \* \* I had not done my housework for a long time. I began taking Vicine the 18th day of July, 1928. In August the same year I was able to do my work. \* \* \* I would love for every Pellagra sufferer to know of the wonderful merits of Vicine. I give this testimony freely for suffering humanity, this the 23d day of October, 1928. I have no symptoms of Pellagra. \* \* \* About seven years ago I contracted pellagra. \* \* \* One of my toes was so badly affected \* \* \* I

was a mass of sores. My hands, arms and feet got to where I could not walk. My stomach was awful sore; in fact I was about dead. About 40 days ago I began taking Vicine internally and applying it externally on my sores. Today I am about my work walking. My toe and feet are healed up. My stomach is better, the sores are about healed. I truly hope all those who suffer with this dreadful pellagra will use Vicine;" (yellow circular) "Vicine, Meaning vital-compound \* \* \* Since it has been proven that almost all diseases are caused by germs which enter the body in food, water, air, cuts, scratches in the skin, and often through the bites of insects, Medical Science has been puzzled to find something that would guard the human family against such attacks. Their efforts have been greatly hindered due to the fact that practically all disinfectants with high germicidal power have been too poisonous to be taken internally, and too caustic to be used externally. Vicine fills a Long Sought Need, it is a powerful germicide and one of the very few germ-destroying medicines known to science, that not only can be used, but is recommended for internal use. \* \* \* health-giving anhydrous salts \* \* \* Vicine contains \* \* \* the one accepted element \* \* \* that is universally recognized \* \* \* blood builder. It assists nature in building new red blood, to flow normally. With normal circulation of Pure, Healthy blood in the body, disease cannot thrive. It is particularly valuable for Sluggish Liver, Kidney and Bladder Troubles, as it helps to regulate the functional activities. It is especially recommended for Bed-Wetting. \* \* \* Indigestion \* \* \* Stomach Trouble; Rheumatism; Neuritis; Sluggish Liver; Kidneys; Bladder and Bed-Wetting, \* \* \* Acute Indigestion; Cramps; Colic; Ptomaine Poisoning \* \* \* Diarrhea \* \* \* Dysentery; Flux; Cholera Morbus \* \* \* it is of great value to sufferers of Pellagra. \* \* \* Boils; \* \* \* Pimples; Carbuncles \* \* \* Old Sores; Eczema and Skin Diseases; Tetters; Ring-Worm \* \* \* Piles and Hemorrhoids \* \* \* Minor Burns \* \* \* from Acids \* \* \* it will prevent blistering. \* \* \* The Nose and Throat are favorite breeding places for germs. If they are watched carefully and frequently cleansed and disinfected, often serious disease can be prevented. At the first sign of Sore Throat or Tonsil gargle immediately, using 10 parts water to one part Vicine. If tonsils or mouth are ulcerated, mop the ulcers with Vicine, diluted half and half. Pyorrhea; Sore and Bleeding Gums; Cold and Fever Sores; Toothache Catarrh \* \* \* Dandruff and Itching Scalp. It is believed that dandruff is the result of germs. Apply Vicine full strength and allow it to dry on the scalp. Wash out with clear water. \* \* \* Blistered \* \* \* Feet \* \* \* For Leucorrhea \* \* \* [Testimonials] Without a doubt you have the greatest nature medicine for all ailments that there is in the world. \* \* \* I had typhoid fever and it settled in my left side. I suffered for years \* \* \* I was operated upon for tubercular bone. Had three ribs removed and my spine scraped. \* \* \* I was only a shadow. Having heard of this medicine, I got some which I used both externally and internally. Soon I began to improve, \* \* \* Today I am as sound and fit as any man of fifty years in the state of Florida. \* \* \* We use Vicine in my family for all troubles. \* \* \* I have been bothered with Kidney Trouble 10 or 15 years. Have spend hundreds of dollars for medicine and one bottle of Vicine has done me more good \* \* \* I got up six times a night, and now only once and feel fine. \* \* \* Vicine is a wonderful medicine. It has completely relieved our little boy of the worst case of eczema I ever saw. \* \* \* I have been a sufferer for twelve years of Neuritis, \* \* \* I reached the stage where I was in bed nearly all the time. A friend brought me a bottle of Vicine. I began to take it and in less than a month I could do all the work around my place. I wish all sufferers of Neuritis would try it. \* \* \* For about ten or twelve years I have been a sufferer of acute indigestion attacks. \* \* \* I purchased a bottle of Vicine, and from the very first dose I received beneficial results. I have not had a single attack or even the slightest symptom of an attack since using it. \* \* \* I honestly regard Vicine as the most wonderful, effective and curative stomach medicine in the world. \* \* \* About seven years ago I contracted pellagra \* \* \* One of my toes was so badly affected \* \* \* I was a mass of sores. My stomach was awful sore; in fact I was about dead. About 40 days ago I began taking Vicine internally and applying it externally on my sores. Today I am about my work walking. My toe and feet are healed up. My stomach is better, the sores are about healed. I truly hope all those who suffer with this dreadful pellagra will use Vicine. \* \* \* I have been afflicted for ten years with

Kidney and Bladder trouble and Rheumatism, and at time could hardly get out of bed for more than a week at a time. I began taking Vicine two months ago. I can truly say that I have no symptoms of Rheumatism. \* \* \* For many years I have had a bad throat trouble. Last winter I took the 'flu' and it settled in my throat and I almost lost my voice. \* \* \* After using Vicine for thirty days, my voice is as clear as it ever was. \* \* \* I received a bottle of Vicine about three weeks ago and the results I have seen are beyond my expectations. I have suffered from Neurasthenia since coming back from over-seas. \* \* \* I came back a wreck, mentally and physically. \* \* \* My chest and stomach pains have disappeared, \* \* \* I have improved so in the last weeks that I look back at the nine or ten years of pain and agony as a dream. \* \* \* I have suffered with ulcerated stomach, muscular cramps and indigestion for years, \* \* \* had been in bed six weeks. \* \* \* I got a bottle of Vicine and the wonders it worked were marvelous. I am a well man, \* \* \* my little girl \* \* \* had been sick for three years and seven months ago she became helpless and confined to her bed with what doctors said was rheumatism, but she had previously been vaccinated and I thought she had vaccine poisoning. She suffered constantly, very severe pains in her left limb and it finally settled in her knee and heel, and developed a running sore in her heel. \* \* \* after being in this helpless condition for six months I began giving her five drops of Vicine in half glass of water night and morning, to my delight she began to improve almost immediately, and within five days all pain had left her and she quit her bed and is now on the fast road to recovery. \* \* \* I have used Vicine in treating my boy twelve years old, who has been given to bed-wetting all his life. \* \* \* after giving him a short treatment of Vicine he is completely relieved of his trouble. \* \* \* Vicine as a remedy for Pellagra I know whereof I speak. I had suffered with it for seven years \* \* \* I had not done my housework for a long time. I began taking Vicine the 18th day of July, 1928. In August the same year I was able to do my work. \* \* \* I would love for every Pellagra sufferer to know of the wonderful merits of vicine. I give this testimony freely for suffering humanity this the 23d day of October, 1928. I have no symptoms of Pellagra. \* \* \* Its curative properties for itchings, sores, \* \* \* and most every skin eruption are really little short of wonderful. \* \* \* It \* \* \* is an excellent blood purifier. \* \* \* Vicine meaning vital compound. This water has wonderful curative powers. \* \* \* It is Nature's great medicine for stomach, kidney and bladder trouble. \* \* \* A bottle of Vicine in your home is a splendid safeguard to health."

On December 6, 1929, 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.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture*,

**17078. Misbranding of Glykeron. U. S. v. 6 Dozen Bottles of Glykeron. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 24323. I. S. No. 022500. S. No. 2564.)**

On December 13, 1929, the United States attorney for the District of Porto Rico, 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 6 dozen bottles of Glykeron at San Juan, P. R., alleging that the article had been shipped by Iglesias & Co., New York, N. Y., on or about April 26, 1929, to San Juan, P. R., and was being sold and offered for sale in Porto Rico by the Drug Co. of Porto Rico, San Juan, P. R., and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of codeine phosphate, an ammonium salt, extracts of plant drugs including a solanaceous drug, tolu, glycerin, alcohol, sugar, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements borne on the carton and bottle labels and appearing in the accompanying circular, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Carton and bottle, translated from Spanish) "Is a powerful sedative for cough and an excellent soothing agent for the respiratory apparatus. Diminishes the inflammation and alleviates dyspnea. The antispasmodic and anodyne action