

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the bottle label bore the following statements regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the said article, which were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Bottle label) "Walker's Old Indian Health Tonic The Unfailing Remedy for Laziness and a Drowsy, Tired, Sleepy Feeling. * * * Indigestion, * * * Dizziness, Sick Headache, Numbness or Chills, Kidney or Bladder Troubles, * * * Piles, Jaundice, Dropsy * * * Weakness, Tired Feeling, Stimulates and Purifies the Blood."

On December 22, 1931, 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.*

19061. Misbranding of Ru-Co the Wonderful. U. S. v. 40 Bottles, et al., of Ru-Co the Wonderful. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. Nos. 27085, 27202. I. S. Nos. 24247, 36892. S. Nos. 5313, 5344.)

Examination of a drug product, known as Ru-Co the Wonderful, showed that the circular shipped with the article contained statements representing that it possessed curative and therapeutic properties which it did not possess.

On October 19, 1931 and November 2, 1931, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid libels praying seizure and condemnation of two lots of the said Ru-Co the Wonderful, consisting of 40 bottles and 72 bottles, respectively, remaining in the original unbroken packages at New Orleans, La., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Clyde Collins Chemical Co. (Inc.), from Memphis, Tenn., in part on or about August 12, 1931, and in part on or about September 28, 1931, and had been transported from the State of Tennessee into the State of Louisiana, 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 sodium sulphate (Glauber's salt), magnesium sulphate (Epsom salt), and small proportions of citric acid, tartaric acid, and a carbonate, sweetened with saccharin.

It was alleged in the libels that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the said article, appearing in the circulars, were false and fraudulent, since the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Statements in circulars accompanying both lots) "The direct effect of Ru-Co is to thoroughly cleanse the body of food waste and fermentation and to stimulate the elimination of acids and impurities from the blood. Ru-Co is a positive blood and digestive purifier and corrective of auto-intoxication. We have in our files hundreds of authenticated reports of cases benefited by Ru-Co. * * * Rheumatism Acute—Chronic—Sciatica Acute Rheumatism affects the smooth membrane of the joints and often extends to the Heart and Brain. There is coated tongue and constipation. Ru-Co offers a treatment which has proven its merit in thousands of cases. Chronic Rheumatism is aggravated by wet, cold weather. After long continuance, the joints may become enlarged and stiff. Muscular or Sciatica (Lumbago) causes great suffering and often leaves a hopeless cripple unless properly treated. Directions for Rheumatism: Take two level teaspoonfuls Ru-Co before breakfast until you have taken at least two bottles. * * * Cause of Rheumatism. Most authorities now agree that it is the result of too much acid in the system formed by accumulation of poisonous waste matter. Ru-Co goes right to the cause of the trouble. It cleans the system of undigested food, stops the acid-forming fermentation and stimulates the liver and other organs to drain away the acids and other impurities in the blood, thus relieving the muscles and joints of irritation. If you are a sufferer from Rheumatism, take this sample of Ru-Co tonight before supper. Watch how it makes you feel better next day. Watch how it goes right to the source of the trouble and, from the very first dose, starts to rid your system of the poisonous waste and fermentation which have caused you to suffer. * * * Also, colds so frequently lead on to other more dangerous diseases. Drainage from nose, throat and lungs enters the digestive system and is absorbed into the blood, causing headache and general pain, depression and loss of vitality. Ru-Co positively cleans

the digestive system of poison. * * * Indigestion. We overload our stomachs, rich food causes indigestion, food spoils in the body. Ru-Co relieves the stomach of this burden. The digestive system is given a chance to repair itself. * * * A thorough treatment will effect permanent relief. * * * Heartburn is just an effect of indigestion. The remedy is to cure the indigestion. Ru-Co will relieve heartburn in fifteen minutes. Ru-Co will positively cure indigestion;" (additional statements on circular accompanying one lot) "Ru-Co * * * to harmonize performance and avoid unpleasant disturbance of the digestive system. * * * Ru-Co will relieve any case of indigestion in fifteen minutes. * * * Constipation This is the great curse of the civilized people. * * * Ru co corrects constipation. One dose helps but a thorough treatment is necessary for permanent relief. * * * We guarantee Ru-Co in any case of chronic constipation in thirty days. * * * Facts on Reducing. Ru-Co Reducing Salts * * * Fat is * * * unhealthful. And it is unnecessary. Fat means you are doing * * * things which are * * * injuring your health and shortening your life. * * * After Thirty Most people eat too much. * * * Their food goes to soft, unhealthy fat instead of energy. * * * bacon and wheat cakes * * * Swiss cheese and rye bread—all * * * bad for * * * health * * * Constipation. The scientific name is auto-intoxication. Fat people tend to be constipated. This is partly because free passage through the digestive system is prevented by masses of fat. Also, fat people are usually indolent and the bowels, too, are lazy. Putrefaction. When food remains too long it actually rots inside the body and fills the blood with poison. The result is * * * loss of physical and mental energy. Remedy Nearly everyone is partly constipated. * * * One bowel movement a day is not enough. Doctors agree that three is correct. Anyone having less is suffering from constipation or auto-intoxication. Ru-Co is a quick and sure remedy. When the system is cleaned of waste and the blood of poison, the eyes will be bright, the skin clear and the new stream of energy will flow through both body and mind. * * * Prevention. Ru-Co is recommended to reduce the fattening effect of eating. Soft fat contains an excess of water which is eliminated by continued use of Ru-Co according to directions. By removing this surplus water the flesh becomes firm and your size is reduced without weakening vitality. Directions. Take a level teaspoonful of Ru-Co every morning before breakfast * * * [table headed "Correct Weight Women from 20 to 50"] * * * Ru-Co is highly recommended in the treatment of Rheumatism, Indigestion and Functional Disorders of the Liver."

On November 18 and December 8, 1931, respectively, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

19062. Misbranding of W. H. D. special medicine. U. S. v. 28 Small and 7 Large Cans of W. H. D. Special Medicine. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 26517. I. S. Nos. 25531, 25533. S. No. 4818.)

Examination of a drug product, known as W. H. D. special medicine, from the shipments herein described having shown that the labeling bore statements representing that the article possessed curative and therapeutic properties which it did not possess, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Western District of Missouri.

On or about June 30, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 28 small and 7 large cans of W. H. D. special medicine, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Kansas City, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped by the W. H. D. Special Manufacturing Co., from Woodston, Kans., in part on or about March 4, 1931, and in part on or about April 30, 1931, and had been transported from the State of Kansas into the State of Missouri, 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 magnesium carbonate and sodium bicarbonate.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements appearing on the labeling, regarding the curative or therapeutic effect of the said article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained