

19854. Misbranding of Salie's canker remedy. U. S. v. 22 Large Packages, et al., of Salie's Canker Remedy. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 27965. I. S. Nos. 48111, 48112. S. No. 5991.)

Examination of the drug product Salie's canker remedy, involved in this action, showed that the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed for it on the bottle label.

On March 31, 1932, the United States attorney for the District of Maine, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 22 large packages and 70 small packages of the said Salie's canker remedy, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Portland, Me., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on March 2, 1932, by E. R. Littlefield, from Rochester, N. H., to Portland, Me., 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 of extracts from plant drugs including tannin, glycerin, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding its curative and therapeutic effects, appearing on the bottle labels, were false and fraudulent, since the said article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Large size) "Canker Remedy * * * Canker, Common Sore Throat, Diphtheria and Diarrhoea. * * * an extremely valuable remedy for the relief of the above named ailments. Directions: for Canker of the Mouth and Sore Throat. * * * For Canker of the Stomach and Diarrhoea, take a teaspoonful of Salie's Canker Remedy three times a day. For Diphtheria, use Salie's Canker Remedy as a gargle every half hour until the coating is removed, then every 2 or 3 hours;" (small size) "Canker Remedy * * * Canker, Common Sore Throat and Diarrhoea * * * an extremely valuable remedy for the relief of the above named ailments. Directions: For Canker of the Mouth, * * * For Sore Throat, * * * For Canker of the Stomach and Diarrhoea."

On July 29, 1932, 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.

HENRY A. WALLACE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

19855. Misbranding of Ectonal dental poultices. U. S. v. 107 Packages of Ectonal Dental Poultices. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (No. 20377-A. F. & D. No. 29016.)

Examination of the drug product involved in this case disclosed that the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed in the labeling.

On October 8, 1932, 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 the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 107 packages of Ectonal dental poultices, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Philadelphia, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce, in various consignments, on or about September 24, 1931, April 29 and May 3, 1932, by the Claymor Co., from Brooklyn, N. Y., to Philadelphia, Pa., and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis by this department of a sample of the article showed that it consisted of small gauze bags, each containing approximately 0.1 gram of a mixture of broken and powdered substances including red pepper, hops, belladonna leaves, and acacia.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the said article, were false and fraudulent: (Carton) "Aids in relieving discomfort of toothache, simple abscess, inflammation * * * congestion * * * of teeth and gums. * * * Place an Ectonal Dental Poultice * * * until pain is relieved. * * * Ectonal Dental Poultice will relieve a toothache due to any cause with the exception of a cavity;" (circular) "Relieves toothache and pain of the gums, due to * * * abscess, congestion, inflammation * * * Place an Ectonal Dental Poultice * * * until pain is relieved. Ectonal Dental Poultice will relieve a toothache due to any cause with the exception of

a cavity. * * * will give relief in a few hours to abscessed or other abnormal conditions of the teeth and gums. * * * after pain has subsided."

On October 28, 1932, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered by the court, and it was ordered that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

HENRY A. WALLACE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

19856. Misbranding of M-A-C stomach tonic. U. S. v. 912 Bottles, et al., of M-A-C Stomach Tonic. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (No. 1421-A. F. & D. Nos. 28278, 28329. I. S. No. 23107. S. No. 6143.)

Examination of the drug product M-A-C stomach tonic, involved in these actions, disclosed that the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed for it on the bottle and carton labels and in a circular shipped with the article.

On May 6 and May 21, 1932, the United States attorney for the District of Oregon, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid libels praying seizure and condemnation of 1,692 bottles of the said M-A-C stomach tonic, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Portland, Oreg., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce in various consignments on or about April 1, 1932, April 4, 1932, and April 5, 1932, by Smith Bros., in part from Berkeley, Calif., and in part from Oakland, Calif., to Portland, Oreg., 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 bismuth subnitrate, calcium carbonate, and magnesium carbonate suspended in a mixture of glycerin and water, flavored with peppermint oil.

It was alleged in the libels that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding its curative and therapeutic effects, appearing in the labeling, were false and fraudulent: (Bottle) "Stomach Tonic assists in the treatment of Dyspepsia, * * * Indigestion, * * * Nervous Dyspepsia, Fermentation and mal-assimilation of food and other digestive disorders;" (carton) "Stomach Tonic for Dyspepsia, * * * Indigestion, * * * and other Digestive Disorders * * * The Real Health 'Tonic,'" (circular) "For the Relief of Stomach Distress * * * Stomach Tonic A * * * most effective treatment for Indigestion, * * * Nervous Dyspepsia, * * * Lack of Appetite, * * * Dizziness, Nausea, Bloating and all ailments resulting from digestive weakness. * * * Poor Digestion the Cause of Many Ills When the stomach becomes weak and can no longer digest the food properly, the entire system usually suffers as a consequence. Any number of disagreeable symptoms may arise, some of which appear to have no relation whatever to the stomach. A peculiar uneasiness at the pit of the stomach, nausea, vomiting, bad taste in the mouth and a coated tongue are a few of the most common symptoms. In many cases the food sours on the stomach, causing excessive belching and bitter risings. The sufferer feels nervous, gloomy or depressed. Gas forms in the stomach and bowels, often accompanied by sharp pains, palpitation or fluttering of the heart. Many persons troubled in this way believe themselves afflicted with heart disease. Perhaps there is a heaviness or sense of over-fullness after meals, with difficult breathing, or a stuffy feeling about the chest. Nightmare and sleeplessness also are frequent indications of digestive weakness. The stomach being in active sympathy with the liver, kidneys, heart and other vital organs, any serious digestive disturbance is likely to impair the normal functions of these organs. Thus it is not unusual to find stomach sufferers complaining of kidney, liver, or bowel disorders, constipation, appendicitis, high blood pressure, dull pain in the back or side, headaches, dizziness, bilious attacks, anaemia, nervous exhaustion, or a general run-down state of health. Heartburn an Important Danger Signal Heartburn, so called on account of the peculiar burning sensation it produces in the chest region, is always a sign of trouble. It is generally due to the fermentation of food, but in some cases it is a warning of appendicitis. Fermented food in the stomach and bowels is a prevalent source of infection and inflammation. The system becomes burdened with poisonous waste, and all kinds of trouble may result. Owing to its character and location, the appendix is especially subject to inflammation, hence appendicitis may develop from the presence of foul, irritating matter in the intestines. Take M. A. C. and Eat What You Like. A person in sound health is not aware that he has a stomach. Only when this