NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (4), the article had been prepared under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth.

Misbranding (6-ounce packages), Section 403 (e) (2), the article failed to bear a label containing an accurate statement of the quantity of the contents. The label statement "Net Weight 6 ozs. or over" was inaccurate, since the article was short-weight.

DISPOSITION: April 25, 1947. Default decree of condemnation and destruction.

12016. Adulteration of Oysterettes and Saltines. U. S. v. 17 Boxes * * *. (F. D. C. No. 22291. Sample Nos. 64861-H, 64862-H.)

LIBEL FILED: February 19, 1947, Southern District of New York.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about January 22, 1947, by the D. F. Stauffer Biscuit Co., from York, Pa.

PRODUCT: 17 8-pound boxes of Oysterettes and 64 7-pound cartons of Saltines at New York, N. Y.

LABEL, IN PART: "S. Dots [or "Saltines"] Distributed by Supreme Distributing Co. Bronx 61, New York."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the articles consisted in whole or in part of filthy substances by reason of the presence of rodent hair fragments; and, Section 402 (a) (4), they had been prepared under insanitary conditions whereby they may have become contaminated with filth.

DISPOSITION: March 7, 1947. No claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

12017. Adulteration of soda crackers. U. S. v. 28,000 pounds * * *. (F. D. C. No. 22440. Sample No. 44678-H.)

LIBEL FILED: January 28, 1947, Southern District of California.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about December 23, 1946, from Oakland, Calif.

PRODUCT: Approximately 28,000 pounds of soda crackers in 1- and 2-pound boxes at Los Angeles, Calif., in possession of the Southern Pacific Railway Co. The product consisted of a carload lot originally consigned to Phoenix, Ariz. En route, it was discovered that the lot was insect-infested. Small brown beetles were seen in abundance throughout the car, which was diverted to Los Angeles, Calif.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in whole or in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of beetles.

DISPOSITION: February 18, 1947. The Southern Pacific Company, claimant, having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond, conditioned that it be disposed of in compliance with the law, under the supervision of the Federal Security Agency. An effort to segregate the good from the bad having been unsuccessful, the product was destroyed.

CORN MEAL

12018. Adulteration of corn meal. U. S. v. The O. A. Cooper Co., Inc. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50 and costs. (F. D. C. No. 22074. Sample No. 49133-H.)

INFORMATION FILED: May 7, 1947, District of Nebraska, against the O. A. Cooper Co., Inc., Humboldt, Nebr.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about October 19, 1946, from the State of Nebraska into the State of Texas.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 402 (a) (3), the article consisted in part of a filthy substance by reason of the presence of rat or mouse excreta fragments, rat or mouse hairs, insects, and insect parts.

Disposition: May 27, 1947. A plea of guilty having been entered, the court imposed a fine of \$50, plus costs.

12019. Adulteration of corn meal. U. S. v. George H. Schaaf (Schaaf's Mill and Feed Store). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$3 and costs. (F. D. C. No. 22065 Sample Nos. 39658–H, 39669–H, 39663–H.)

Information Filed: May 28, 1947, Southern District of Iowa, against George H. Schaaf, doing business as Schaaf's Mill and Feed Store, Des Moines, Iowa.