tained undissolved material. An article represented for parenteral use should be substantially free of any undissolved material. The article was adulterated while held for sale after shipment in interstate commerce.

DISPOSITION: February 28, 1949. Default decree of condemnation.

2701. Adulteration and misbranding of sodium phenobarbital tablets. U. S. v. 7 Cartons * * * (and 1 other seizure action). (F. D. C. Nos. 24896, 25087. Sample Nos. 15049–K, 22908–K.)

LIBELS FILED: June 23 and July 14, 1948, Northern District of Illinois and Middle District of Alabama.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about January 6 and 15, 1948, by Cole Laboratories, Inc., from Long Island City, N. Y.

PRODUCT: *Sodium phenobarbital tablets.* 7 cartons, each containing 24 bottles, at Hines, Ill., and 203 bottles at Montgomery, Ala. Examination showed that some of the bottles contained materially less than 1,000 entire tablets, together with broken and disintegrated tablets, and that some of the whole tablets contained less than 90 percent of the labeled amount of phenobarbital.

LABEL, IN PART: (Bottle) "1000 Hypodermic Tablets Each Tablet Contains 2 Grains (0.12 gm) Phenobarbital Sodium U. S. P. Distributed by Retort Pharmaceutical Co., Inc. Long Island City 1, New York."

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration (portion), Section 501 (b), the article purported to be and was represented as "Sodium Phenobarbital Tablets," a drug the name of which is recognized in the United States Pharmacopoeia, an official compendium, and its strength differed from the official standard since a number of the whole tablets contained less than the declared amount of phenobarbital sodium.

Misbranding, Section 502 (a), the label statement "1000 * * * Tablets" was false and misleading since each bottle of the article contained materially fewer whole tablets than the declared number.

DISPOSITION: February 16, 1949. The Retort Pharmaceutical Co., Inc., having appeared as claimant and admitted the allegations of the libel, and the cases having been consolidated and removed to the Southern District of New York, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond for extraction of the phenobarbital, under the supervision of the Federal Security Agency.

2702. Adulteration of belladonna leaves. U. S. v. 3,642 Pounds * * *. (F. D. C. No. 24986. Sample No. 19167–K.)

LIBEL FILED: June 30, 1948, Southern District of Indiana.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: On or about February 6, 1948, by R. J. Prentiss & Co., Inc., from New York, N. Y.

PRODUCT: 3,642 pounds of *belladonna leaves* at Indianapolis, Ind. Examination showed that the product contained from 0.150 percent to 0.253 percent total alkaloids.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Adulteration, Section 501 (b), the article purported to be and was represented as "Belladonna Leaf," a drug the name of which is recognized in the United States Pharmacopoeia, an official compendium, and its strength differed from the official standard since it contained less than 0.3 percent of the alkaloids of belladonna leaf.

DISPOSITION: August 10, 1948. R. J. Prentiss & Co., Inc., claimant, having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered released under bond for use in medicated cigarettes.

On December 10, 1948, the decree was amended to provide for the labeling of the product as "Powdered belladonna leaves" and for the declaration on the label of the difference in the strength of the product from the official standard.

DRUGS AND DEVICES ACTIONABLE BECAUSE OF FALSE AND MISLEADING CLAIMS

DRUGS FOR HUMAN USE*

2703. Misbranding of Reiner's Reinol. U. S. v. Reiner Laboratories, Inc., and Paul J. Reiner. Pleas of guilty. Fine of $250 against corporation; suspended sentence of 30 days in jail against individual. (F. D. C. No. 24262. Sample No. 83269-H.)

INFORMATION FILED: April 28, 1948, Southern District of Ohio, against Reiner Laboratories, Inc., a corporation, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Paul J. Reiner, president of the corporation.

ALLEGED SHIPMENT: Between the approximate dates of March 20 and June 14, 1947, from the State of Ohio into the State of Indiana.

PRODUCT: Analysis disclosed that the product was a light-brown, water-alcohol solution with a wine-like odor, containing essentially potassium iodide, sodium salicylate, and sodium citrate.

NATURE OF CHARGE: Misbranding, Section 502 (a), certain statements in accompanying circulars entitled "Reiner's Reinol" and on an accompanying display easel were false and misleading since they represented and suggested that the article would be an adequate and effective treatment for rheumatism and arthritis; that it would help to eliminate acid from the system, remove many poisons from the body, alter the blood stream so as to increase the amount of poison it may carry from the body, relieve congestion caused by poisons lodging in the joints, and eliminate poisons by its action on the urinary tract, liver, nerves, and blood; and that it would exert a favorable influence over the causes of rheumatism and arthritis. The article would not be effective for the purposes represented.

Further misbranding, Section 502 (a), the statement on the easel "Comforting Relief from the Pains of Rheumatism Arthritis Neuritis Lumbago" was misleading since the statement represented and suggested that the article would favorably influence the course of rheumatism, arthritis, neuritis, and lumbago, whereas it would not favorably influence the course of such diseases, symptoms, and conditions.

DISPOSITION: February 21, 1949. Pleas of guilty having been entered, the court imposed a fine of $250 against the corporation and sentenced the individual to serve 30 days in jail. The sentence against the individual was suspended, conditioned that he no longer engage in the sale of the product.

2704. Misbranding of Red Cell Caps. U. S. v. 224 Cartons * * *. (F. D. C. No. 25149. Sample No. 44065-K.)

LIBEL FILED: August 25, 1948, Western District of Kentucky.

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*See also Nos. 2691, 2696, 2697, 2701.