4243. Misbranding of pentobarbital sodium capsules and secobarbital sodium capsules. U. S. v. Samuel S. Steinberg. Plea of guilty. Sentence of 3 months in jail. (F. D. C. No. 35115. Sample Nos. 3029–L, 72239–L.)

INDICTMENT RETURNED: April 20, 1953, District of Columbia, against Samuel S. Steinberg.

NATURE OF CHARGE: On or about December 23, 1952, and April 18, 1953, the defendant dispensed a number of *pentobarbital sodium capsules* and *secobarbital sodium capsules* without prescriptions therefor from a practitioner licensed by law to administer such drugs. These acts of dispensing were contrary to the provisions of Section 503 (b) (1), and resulted in the dispensed drugs being misbranded while held for sale.

DISPOSITION: December 18, 1953. The defendant having entered a plea of guilty, the court sentenced him to serve 6 months in jail.

On February 14, 1954, upon motion of the defendant, an order was entered reducing the sentence to 3 months in jail.

4244. Misbranding of pentobarbital sodium capsules and paraldehyde. U. S. v. Samuel L. Cohen (Bunker Hill Drug). Plea of not guilty. Verdict of guilty. Fine of $1,000 and sentence of 6 months in jail. Jail sentence suspended and defendant placed on probation for 2 years. (F. D. C. No. 34308. Sample Nos. 6587–L to 6589–L, incl., 44571–L.)

INFORMATION FILED: February 24, 1953, District of Massachusetts, against Samuel L. Cohen, trading as Bunker Hill Drug, Charlestown, Mass.

NATURE OF CHARGE: On or about July 2, 7, and 9, 1952, while a number of *pentobarbital sodium capsules* and a quantity of *paraldehyde* were being held for sale at Bunker Hill Drug, after shipment in interstate commerce, the defendant caused various amounts of the *pentobarbital sodium capsules* and a quantity of *paraldehyde* to be dispensed without prescriptions from a practitioner licensed by law to administer such drugs. These acts of dispensing were contrary to the provisions of Section 503 (b) (1), and resulted in the dispensed drugs being misbranded while held for sale.

DISPOSITION: The defendant having entered a plea of not guilty, the case came on for trial before the court and jury on December 3, 1953. The trial was concluded on the same day, with the return of a verdict of guilty by the jury and the imposition of a fine of $1,000 and a sentence of 6 months in jail against the defendant. The jail sentence was suspended, and the defendant was placed on probation for 2 years.

4245. Misbranding of apiol and ergotin compound capsules and sulfadiazine tablets. U. S. v. Isadore Shapiro (Ted Shapiro's Drugs). Plea of nolo contendere. Fine of $250 on count 1. Imposition of sentence suspended on remaining 4 counts of information and defendant placed on probation for 3 years. (F. D. C. No. 34831. Sample Nos. 25784–L, 41531–L, 41746–L to 41748–L, incl.)

INFORMATION FILED: May 6, 1953, District of New Jersey, against Isadore Shapiro, trading as Ted Shapiro's Drugs, Camden, N. J.

NATURE OF CHARGE: On or about July 14, September 30, and October 2 and 4, 1952, while a number of *apiol and ergotin compound capsules* and *sulfadiazine tablets* were being held for sale at Ted Shapiro's Drugs, after shipment in