

4440. Misbranding of "Dr. DeWitt's Liver, Blood, and Kidney Cure."
 U. S. * * * v. William J. Parker, trading as The W. J. Parker
 Co. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$15. (F. & D. No. 6397. I. S. No. 2916-h.)

On November 2, 1915, the United States attorney for the District of Maryland, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against William J. Parker, trading as The W. J. Parker Co., Baltimore, Md., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about June 15, 1913, from the State of Maryland into the State of Mississippi, of a quantity of "Dr. DeWitt's Liver, Blood, and Kidney Cure," which was misbranded. The article was labeled: (On bottle) "Dr. DeWitt's Liver, Blood and Kidney Cure Each fluid ounce contains Alcohol—19% 16 Ozs. or Over. Guaranteed by The W. J. Parker Co. under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30th 1906. Serial No. 3789. For Bright's Disease, Diabetes Retention of Urine, Inflammation of Bladder, Jaundice, Malaria Pains Under Either Shoulder-Blade Back and Sides, Female Weakness, and all Diseases Arising From Derangement of the Kidneys and Liver, Sciatic-Rheumatism, Syphilis & Scrofula. Directions. Dose—Adults 1 to 2 tablespoonfuls before or after meals. Children $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 tablespoonful. The W. J. Parker Co. Proprietors, Baltimore, Md. U. S. A." (Blown in bottle) "Dr. Dewitt's Liver, Blood & Kidney Cure W. J. Parker & Co. Balto., Md." (On carton, front) "Dr. DeWitt's Liver, Blood and Kidney Cure Each Fluid Ounce Contains Alcohol—19% Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Inflammation of the Bladder, Jaundice, Malaria, General Debility, Pains Under Shoulder Blades, Back and Sides, Female Weakness and All Diseases Arising From Derangement of Kidneys & Liver. Also Syphilis and Scrofula. The W. J. Parker Co., Baltimore, Md. U. S. A. Price \$1.00 Pr. Bottle." (On back) Similar statements in German. (Sides) "Dr. DeWitt's Liver, Blood & Kidney Cure." "Great Tonic, Blood Purifier and for Kidney and Liver Diseases. Dose: Adults, One to Two tablespoonfuls before or after meals. Children: One Dessertspoonful. None genuine without our facsimile signature. The W. J. Parker Co." (End of carton) "Serial No. 3789. Guaranteed by The W. J. Parker Co. under the Food and Drugs Act, June 30, 1906."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Alcohol (per cent by volume)-----	11.48
Solids (grams per 100 cc)-----	7.62
Sucrose (gram per 100 cc)-----	0.29
Reducing sugars, before inversion (grams per 100 cc)-----	2.29
Reducing sugars, after inversion (grams per 100 cc)-----	2.60
Ash (grams per 100 cc)-----	3.15
Calcium (CaO) (gram per 100 cc)-----	0.06
Magnesium (MgO) (gram per 100 cc)-----	0.85
Phosphoric acid (P ₂ O ₅) (gram per 100 cc)-----	0.035
Sulphates (SO ₃) (grams per 100 cc)-----	1.53

The ash also contains considerable potassium and traces of halides.

Iodin (gram per 100 cc)-----	0.22
Ammonia (gram per 100 cc)-----	0.005

Tests for nitrates, emodin, and iodids: Positive.

Buchu: Indicated.

The product consists essentially of a hydroalcoholic solution bearing a cathartic drug, together with magnesium sulphate, nitrates, and iodids; the taste suggests senna.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the following statements regarding the therapeutic or curative effects thereof, appearing on the labels aforesaid, to wit, "Dr. DeWitt's Liver, Blood and Kidney Cure * * * For Brights Disease, Diabetes * * * Malaria * * * and all Diseases Arising from Derangement of the Kidneys and Liver * * *," were false and fraudulent in that the same were applied to the article knowingly, and in reckless and wanton disregard of their truth and falsity, so as to represent falsely and fraudulently to the purchasers thereof, and create in the minds of purchasers thereof the impression and belief, that it was, in whole or in part, composed of, or contained, ingredients or medicinal agents effective, among other things, as a cure for diseases of the liver, blood, and kidneys, Bright's disease, diabetes, and malaria, and all diseases arising from derangement of the kidneys and liver, when, in truth and in fact, it was not, in whole or in part, so composed, and did not contain such ingredients or medicinal agents.

On November 2, 1915, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$15.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*