

4908. Adulteration of eggs. U. S. * * * v. Edward G. Mattox (Eureka Commission Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$10 and costs. (F. & D. No. 6957. I. S. No. 7177-h.)

On April 6, 1916, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Edward G. Mattox, trading as Eureka Commission Co., St. Louis, Mo., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about July 29, 1914, from the State of Missouri into the State of Illinois, of a quantity of eggs, which were adulterated.

Examination of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that out of 210 eggs examined, 194 eggs, or 92.4 per cent, were found to be rots, 16 eggs, or 7.6 per cent, heavy spots; the product appears to be candled out stock of rots with black rots taken out; examination shows the product to be rotten and decomposed eggs.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted, in whole or in part, of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

On May 3, 1916, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

R. A. PEARSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*