

4974. Adulteration and misbranding of vanilla extract. U. S. * * * v. Hudson Manufacturing Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50 and costs. (F. & D. No. 4658. I. S. No. 36707-e.)

On November 14, 1914, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Hudson Manufacturing Co., a corporation, Chicago, Ill., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about June 21, 1912, from the State of Illinois into the State of Oklahoma, of a quantity of vanilla extract which was adulterated and misbranded. The article was labeled: "Prime Vanilla Extract, Made from the Extractive matter of prime vanilla beans, and sweetened with cane sugar, aged in wood, made by the Hudson Mfg. Co., Chicago, U. S. A."

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

Vanillin (per cent)-----	0.16
Coumarin: Absent.	
Resins: Medium.	
Normal lead number-----	0.20
Alcohol (per cent by volume)-----	20.40

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that another substance, to wit, an imitation vanilla extract, had been mixed and packed with genuine vanilla extract in such a manner as to reduce and lower and injuriously affect the quality and strength of the genuine vanilla extract, which the article of food aforesaid purported to be, and had been substituted in part for genuine vanilla extract, and further had been substituted wholly for genuine vanilla extract.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the statement appearing on the label on the keg containing the article of food aforesaid was false and misleading, and deceived and misled, in that the statement, "Prime Vanilla Extract," represented to the purchaser that the article was genuine vanilla extract, whereas, in truth and fact, it was not, but was an imitation vanilla extract.

On October 19, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50 and costs.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*