

8805. Misbranding of Savatan. U. S. * * * v. 120 Packages of Savatan. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 13275. Inv. No. 23366. S. No. C-2421.)

On or about September 9, 1920, 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 a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 120 packages of Savatan, at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped by the S. Pfeiffer Mfg. Co., St. Louis, Mo., May 17, 1920, and transported from the State of Missouri into the State of Illinois, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the contents of the capsules consisted essentially of oils of fanny and mint, and green apiol.

It was alleged in substance in the libel that the article was misbranded for the reason that the following statements regarding the curative or therapeutic effect thereof, (circular of directions) "The Effectual Emmenagogue * * * To Prevent Irregularities Take one Savatan three (3) times a day for four or five days before the expected appearance of the menstrual period. For Painful Menstruation or Dysmenorrhœa These excruciating pains which some go through each month can be avoided * * * by taking Savatan as prescribed or suppression," falsely and fraudulently represented the article to be effective as a remedy for the various diseases, ailments, and afflictions mentioned upon the circular aforesaid, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On November 23, 1920, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

E. D. BALL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

8806. Misbranding of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills. U. S. * * * v. 12 Dozen, 42, and 4 Dozen Packages of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. Nos. 13367, 13368, 13369. Inv. Nos. 23425, 23896, 23899. S. Nos. C-2189, C-2190, C-2191.)

On or about August 21, 1920, 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 libels for the seizure and condemnation of 12 dozen packages, 42 packages, and 4 dozen packages of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills, at Chicago, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y., June 26, 1919, and February 13, and May 3, 1920, respectively, and transported from the State of New York into the State of Illinois, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the pills consisted essentially of strychnine, arsenic, manganese, ferrous carbonate, and aloes.

It was alleged in substance in the libels that the article was misbranded for the reason that the following statements regarding the curative or therapeutic effect thereof, (label) "Used in the Treatment of Nervous Prostration * * * Nervous Headache Nervous Dyspepsia * * * Irregular Heart Action Dizziness & Fainting Sleeplessness," (circular) "Nerve pills impart new life and strength to every organ of the body, create new brain and nerve tissue, and make it next to impossible for the following diseases and symptoms of disease to set in: Nervous prostration, exhaustion, depression * * * sleeplessness