

**SS76. Adulteration of aloes and aletris. U. S. \* \* \* v. H. R. Lathrop & Co., a Corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$2. (F. & D. No. 13171. I. S. Nos. 15946-r, 598-r.)**

On November 12, 1920, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against H. R. Lathrop & Co., a corporation, having a place of business at New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on December 1, 1919, and November 8, 1919, into the States of Georgia and Pennsylvania, respectively, of quantities of aloes and aletris which were adulterated. The articles were labeled, respectively, "10 Lbs. Powd. Soc-Aloes H. R. Lathrop & Co., Inc. 116 Beekman Street, New York City," and "Aletris Rt. Percentage of ash not determined H. R. Lathrop & Co."

Analyses of samples of the articles by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the aloes contained 8.70 per cent of ash, and that the aletris contained 25.59 per cent of ash and 21.25 per cent of acid ash insoluble in hydrochloric acid.

Adulteration of the aloes was alleged in the information for the reason that it was sold under and by a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopœia, and differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the tests laid down in said Pharmacopœia, official at the time of investigation, in that said article yielded 8.7 per cent of ash, whereas said Pharmacopœia provided that socotrine aloes should yield not more than 4 per cent of ash. Adulteration of the aletris was alleged for the reason that it was sold under and by a name recognized in the National Formulary, and differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the tests laid down in said Formulary, official at the time of investigation, in that the article yielded approximately 26 per cent of ash, whereas said Formulary provided that aletris should yield not more than 16 per cent of ash.

On December 8, 1920, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$2.

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**SS77. Misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. \* \* \* v. United Oil Mills, a Corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25 and costs. (F. & D. No. 13887. I. S. No. 9257-r.)**

On December 22, 1920, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, 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 United Oil Mills, a corporation, Arkadelphia, Ark., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about February 11, 1920, from the State of Arkansas into the State of Illinois, of a quantity of cottonseed meal which was misbranded. The sacks containing the article were unlabeled.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it was food in package form, and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package.

On December 24, 1920, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

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