

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1263.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

ADULTERATION OF PEANUTS.

On April 3, 1911, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, acting upon a report of the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against the Edenton Peanut Co., a corporation, alleging shipment by it, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about October 4, 1910, from the State of North Carolina into the State of Pennsylvania of a quantity of peanuts which were adulterated. One lot of said peanuts was labeled: "No. 2 Virginia Shelled Peanuts." Another lot was labeled: "No. 3 Virginia Shelled Peanuts."

Examination by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture of samples of said products showed the following results:

I. S. 3362-c (No. 2 Virginia shelled peanuts) :	Per cent.
Passable.....	74.8
Worm-eaten.....	22.8
Shriveled and decayed.....	2.0
Sticks, stones, unshelled peanuts.....	.4
I. S. No. 3363-c (No. 3 Virginia shelled peanuts) :	
More or less shriveled. Bad looking sample.	
Passable.....	65.0
Worm-eaten.....	27.0
Decayed.....	3.6
Foreign seeds.....	1.7
Sticks and stones.....	2.7

Adulteration was alleged for the reason that said peanuts consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On October 11, 1911, the defendant entered a plea of nolo contendere and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 21, 1911.