

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1718.

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

ADULTERATION OF SHUCKED OYSTERS.

On November 22, 1911, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Supreme Court of said District, holding a district court, a libel for the seizure and condemnation of two barrels, more or less, of shucked oysters, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages and in possession of Charles H. Javins, John F. Javins, and Francis H. Javins, trading as Charles H. Javins & Sons, Center Market, Washington, D. C., alleging that the product had been shipped from the State of Virginia into the District of Columbia, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. Each of the containers bore shipping tags reading: "For Chas. D. Javins & Son, 18 Gal. #930 C. St. & Cent. Mkt., Washington, D. C.—From Compton Packing Co., Dealers in Oysters, Fish and Crabs, Salt Fish and Canned Herring Roe, Compton, Maryland."

Adulteration was alleged in the libel for the reason that the product consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal or vegetable substance, for which reason it was absolutely unfit for human consumption and therefore adulterated within the meaning and intent and in violation of the said Act of Congress.

On December 29, 1911, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered and it was further ordered that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 7, 1912.

