

6327. Adulteration of catsup. U. S. * * * v. Lewis Packing Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 7769. I. S. No. 20250-1.)

On January 27, 1917, the United States attorney for the Northern District of California, 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 Lewis Packing Co., a corporation, San Francisco, Calif., alleging the sale and delivery by said company, on or about February 2, 1916, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, under a guaranty that the article was not adulterated within the meaning of the said act, of a quantity of catsup, which was an adulterated article within the meaning of said act, and which was shipped by the purchaser thereof in the identical condition in which it was received, on or about February 5, 1916, from the State of California into the State of Oregon, in further violation of the said act. The article was labeled in part, "Our Favorite Tomato Catsup."

Analysis of samples of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the article to consist of a partially decomposed vegetable product.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed vegetable substance.

On May 27, 1918, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$50.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*