

6449. Misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. * * * v. Osage Cotton Oil Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$15 and costs. (F. & D. No. 8669. I. S. No. 19657-m.)

On February 9, 1918, the United States attorney for the Western 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 Osage Cotton Oil Co., a corporation, doing business at Fort Smith, Ark., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about August 23, 1916, from the State of Arkansas into the State of Indiana, of a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Canary Brand High Grade Cotton Seed Meal," which was misbranded.

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Crude fiber (per cent)	13.1
Protein (N x 6.25) (per cent)	36.5

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that the statement, to wit, "Guaranteed Analysis Protein 38.63 to 43% * * * Crude Fibre 8 to 10%," borne on the tags attached to the sacks containing the article, regarding it and the ingredients and substances contained therein, was false and misleading in that it represented that the article contained not less than 38.63 per cent of protein and not more than 10 per cent of crude fiber; and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that it contained not less than 38.63 per cent of protein and not more than 10 per cent of crude fiber. whereas, in truth and in fact, it contained less protein and more crude fiber than was declared on the label, to wit, approximately 36.5 per cent of protein and approximately 13.1 per cent of crude fiber.

On June 19, 1918, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$15 and costs.

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