

**5778. Adulteration of oranges. U. S. * * * v. 360 Boxes of Oranges.
Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.
(F. & D. No. 8202. I. S. No. 12085-m. S. No. C-681.)**

On March 14, 1917, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 360 boxes of oranges, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at New Orleans, La., alleging that the article had been shipped on February 27, 1917, by E. P. Phillips (Dr. P. Phillips), Orlando, Fla., and transported from the State of Florida into the State of Louisiana, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it was rotten and consisted of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On March 22, 1917, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment and condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal and that the empty containers should be sold at a private sale.

CARL VROOMAN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.