

5853. Adulteration of elixir iron quinine and strychnine. U. S. * * * v. Samuel M. Wagner (S. M. Wagner & Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$20. (F. & D. No. 8402. I. S. No. 10014-m.)

On October 8, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the police court of the said District an information against Samuel M. Wagner, trading as S. M. Wagner & Co., Washington, D. C., alleging that said defendant did offer for sale and sell at the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on February 8, 1917, a quantity of an article labeled in part, "Elixir Iron Quinine and Strychnine," which was adulterated.

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

Total alkaloid, calculated to quinine hydrochlorid (2H ₂ O)	
(gram per 100 mils)-----	0.44
Sucrose (grams per 100 mils)-----	32
Glycerol: None.	

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it was sold under and by a name recognized in the National Formulary and differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the tests laid down in the said Formulary official at the time of investigation of the article, in that said article contained in 1,000 mils 4.4 grams of quinine hydrochlorid, whereas said Formulary provides that it shall contain in 1,000 mils 8.750 grams of quinine hydrochlorid; and in that said article contained no glycerin, whereas said Formulary provides that it shall contain in 1,000 mils 300 mils of glycerin; and in that in 1,000 mils of the article there were approximately 320 grams of sugar, which is not mentioned as an ingredient of elixir iron quinine and strychnine in said Formulary, and the standard of strength, quality, and purity of the article was not declared on the container thereof.

On October 8, 1917, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*