

**5862. Adulteration and misbranding of chloroform liniment. U. S. * * *
 v. Mary H. Richardson (S. A. Richardson & Co.). Plea of guilty.
 Fine, \$20. (F. & D. No. 8412. I. S. No. 4618-m.)**

On September 28, 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 said District an information against Mary H. Richardson, trading as S. A. Richardson & 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, "Chloroform Liniment," which was adulterated and misbranded.

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

Alcohol (per cent by volume)-----	61.16
Chloroform (cc per 100 cc)-----	9.72
Camphor (grams per 100 cc)-----	4.48

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it was sold under and by a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopœia (and differed from the standard of strength, quality, and purity as determined by the tests laid down in said Pharmacopœia), official at the time of investigation of the article, in that in 1,000 mils of the article there were 97.2 mils of chloroform, whereas the said Pharmacopœia provides that in 1,000 mils of the article there shall be 300 mils of chloroform; and in that in 1,000 mils of the article there were 44.8 grams of camphor, whereas said Pharmacopœia provides that in 1,000 mils of the article there shall be 700 mils of soap liniment and that in 700 mils of soap liniment there shall be 31.5 grams of camphor; and in that said article contained 61 per cent, by volume, of absolute alcohol, whereas said Pharmacopœia provides that in 1,000 mils of the article there shall be 700 mils of soap liniment and that in 700 mils of soap liniment there shall be approximately 465 mils of absolute alcohol, corresponding to approximately 46.5 per cent of absolute alcohol by volume; and the standard of the strength, quality, and purity of the said article was not declared on the container thereof.

Misbranding of the article was alleged for the reason that it contained alcohol and chloroform, and the label failed to bear a statement of the quantity or proportion of alcohol and chloroform contained therein.

On September 28, 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,*