

**5041. Adulteration of paregoric. U. S. \* \* \* v. Joseph D. Coblentz (Coblentz Pharmacy). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$20. (F. & D. No. 6992. I. S. No. 22380-h.)**

On April 24, 1916, 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 Joseph D. Coblentz, trading as the Coblentz Pharmacy, Washington, D. C., alleging the sale by said defendant at the District aforesaid, on June 3, 1914, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, of a quantity of paregoric, which was misbranded. The article was labeled in part: "Coblentz Pharmacy Established 1890. Paregoric Alcohol 46½, Opium 1.9 gr. to ounce. N. Capitol St. & Florida Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C." (Blown in bottle): "Coblentz Pharmacy Established 1890 Washington, D. C."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it contained 0.64 grain of opium per fluid ounce.

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 said article, in that said article contained approximately 1.4 grams of powdered opium per 1,000 cubic centimeters, whereas said Pharmacopœia provides that it shall contain not less than 4 grains of powdered opium per 1,000 cubic centimeters, and for the further reason that the standard of strength, quality, and purity of said article was not declared on the container thereof.

On April 24, 1916, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the inforimator and the court imposed a fine of \$20.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*