

5049. Misbranding and alleged adulteration of manteca. U. S. * * * v. Edible Products Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 7051. I. S. No. 2366-k.)

On March 20 and Nov. 13, 1916, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district informations against the Edible Products Co., a corporation doing business at New York, N. Y., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on February 20, 1915, from the State of New York into the island of Porto Rico, of a quantity of manteca, which was misbranded and alleged to have been adulterated. The article was labeled in part: "Manteca Artificial * * *."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it contained 10.63 per cent of water.

It was charged in substance in the information that the article was misbranded for the reason that the statement, "Manteca Artificial," appearing on its label was false and misleading in that it indicated that the article was pure manteca or lard substitute, and for the further reason that it was labeled and branded so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser, being labeled, "Manteca Artificial," thereby indicating that it was pure manteca or lard substitute, whereas, in truth and fact, it was not, but was a compound to which water had been added.

On November 15, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information filed on November 13, 1916, charging misbranding, and the court imposed a fine of \$25. On November 20, 1916, a nolle prosequi was entered to the information filed on March 20, 1916, charging adulteration.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*