

5238. Adulteration of oysters. U. S. * * * v. The Pausch Brothers Oyster Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$5. (F. & D. No. 7632. I. S. No. 10388-1.)

On October 2, 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 an information against the Pausch Brothers Oyster Co., a corporation, Port Chester, N. Y., alleging the shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on February 28, 1916, from the State of New York into the State of Minnesota, of a quantity of oysters which were adulterated.

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

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that a certain substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for oysters, which the article purported to be.

On December 11, 1916, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$5.

CARL VROOMAN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.