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9320. Misbranding of Moreau's Wine of Anise. U. S. * * * 2 Dozen, 13 Dozen, and 8 Dozen Bottles of Wine of Anise. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. Nos. 10745, 10746, 10747. I. S. Nos. 12981-r. 13041-r, 12980-r. S. Nos. E-1531, E-1550, E-1570.)

On June 24, 1919, the United States attorney for the District of Rhode Island, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels for the seizure and condemnation of 2 dozen, 13 dozen, and 8 dozen bottles of Wine of Anise, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Woonsocket and Central Falls, R. I., respectively, alleging that the article had been shipped by the Lafayette Co., Berlin, N. H., on or about April 22, 10, and 22, 1919, respectively, and transported from the State of New Hampshire into the State of Rhode Island, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended. The article was labeled in part: (Wrapper) "Moreau's Wine of Anise Compound For Children * * *. This mild, medicated sweetened Wine is given to children in cases of Colic, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Vomiting Cold, Cough, Painful Dentition, Irritable, Fretful and Sleepless children," (French) "Moreau's Wine of Anise Compound for Children. * * * This Wine of Anise Compound aids in calming and procuring sleep in children who suffer from Colic, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Vomiting Coughs, Cold, Painful Dentition, Loss of sleep, Nervousness and Irritability;" (bottle label contains same statements as wrapper in English and French with additional statement in both languages) "To weak children mix the medicine * * * ;" (circular) "Moreau's Wine of Anise Compound For Children * * * This pure, mild, sweetened and medicated wine is given to children in cases of Colic, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Vomiting, Cold, Cough, Painful Dentition, Irritable, fretful and sleepless children. Its action has long ago placed it in all mothers' confidence and they estimate it highly, knowing that Moreau's Wine of Anise Compound containing a pure, mild, sweetened wine is preferable to any soothing remedy compounded with syrup only. * * * is scientifically prepared with the best of Anise and other ingredients of merit. To weak children give * * * For babies cutting teeth rub a little * * * on the gums often. * * *," (French) "Moreau's Wine of Anise Compound For Children * * * aids in calming and procuring sleep in children who suffer from Colics, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Indigestion, Sour Stomach, Vomiting, painful Dentition, Coughs, Colds, Loss of sleep, Nervousness and Irritability. Its action has since a long time placed it in the first rank and all the mothers who have used it know that Moreau's Wine of Anise Compound containing a rich, sweetened and pure wine is preferable to any other soothing remedy compound only of syrup * * * is especially prepared with the best quality of Anise and other medicines of merit. To weak children, give * * * during dentition wet the finger in Moreau's Wine of Anise Compound and rub the gums often."

Analysis of a sample of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that it consisted essentially of morphine acetate, alcohol, and water.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in substance in the libels for the reason that the above-quoted statements regarding the therapeutic and curative effects thereof were false and fraudulent in that the said article did not contain any ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed.

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