9476. Misbranding of pears. U. S. * * * v. Robert L. Rich. Plea of guilty. Fine, $25 and costs. (F. & D. No. 13168. I. S. No. 7742-r.)

On December 20, 1920, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Illinois, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against Robert L. Rich, Cobden, Ill., alleging shipment by said defendant, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about September 19, 1919, from the State of Illinois into the State of Minnesota, of a quantity of pears which were misbranded. The article was not labeled.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it was food in package form, and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package.

On April 11, 1921, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of $25 and costs.

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Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

9477. Adulteration of evaporated apples. U. S. * * * v. J. W. Teasdale & Co., a Corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, $275 and costs. (F. & D. No. 13180. I. S. Nos. 17480-r, 613-r, 7758-r, 8276-r, 8473-r, 8767-r, 8879-r, 8889-r, 10626-r, 10627-r, 8883-r.)

On December 29, 1920, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against J. W. Teasdale & Co., a corporation, trading at St. Louis, Mo., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about January 15, 1920, November 29, December 30, and December 4, 1919, and January 28, 1920, from the State of Missouri into the States of Georgia, Indiana, Arkansas, Kansas, and West Virginia, respectively, on or about December 2, 1919, and January 17, 24, and 30, 1920, respectively, from the State of Missouri into the State of Minnesota, and on or about January 13 and 31, 1920, respectively, from the State of Missouri into the State of Illinois, of quantities of evaporated apples which were adulterated.

Analyses of samples of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the apples contained excessive moisture.

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

On May 23, 1921, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of $275 and costs.

C. W. PUGSLEY,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

9478. Misbranding of hog feed. U. S. * * * v. 426 Bags of * * * Economy "Special" Hog Feed * * *. Default decree condemning the product as misbranded and permitting its release under bond. (F. & D. No. 13712. I. S. No. 11555-t. S. No. C-2512.)

On November 3, 1920, the United States attorney for the Western District of Michigan filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 426 bags of Economy "Special" hog feed, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Augusta, Mich., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about September 2, 1920, and transported from the State of Indiana into the State of Michigan, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in substance in the libel for the reason that the label on the packages containing the said article bore certain statements regarding the ingredients and substances contained therein, as fol-