

5599. Misbranding of "White Beaver's Cough Cream" and "White Beaver's Wonder Worker." U. S. * * * v. Spence-McCord Drug Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$300. (F. & D. No. 6508. I. S. Nos. 6922-e, 6923-e.)

On November 24, 1915, the United States attorney for the western district of Wisconsin, 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 Spence-McCord Drug Co., a corporation, La Crosse, Wis., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended, on or about January 10, 1913, from the State of Wisconsin into the State of Minnesota, of quantities of articles labeled in part, "White Beaver's Cough Cream" and "White Beaver's Wonder Worker," which were misbranded.

Analyses of samples of the articles of this shipment by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that the "Cough Cream" contained morphine, chloroform, creosote, ammonium chlorid, and methyl salicylate.

It was alleged in substance in the information that the "Cough Cream" was misbranded for the reason that certain statements appearing on the label falsely and fraudulently represented it as a remedy for croup, pleurisy, and all other diseases of the lungs and air passages and effective as a lung healer in consumption, when, in truth and in fact, it was not. Misbranding was alleged in substance for the further reason that certain statements included in the circular or pamphlet accompanying the article falsely and fraudulently represented it as a preventive of all affections of the lungs, such as coughs, cold, and bronchial affections, and as a cure for the severest lung troubles and asthma and for bleeding of the lungs, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

Analysis of a sample of the "Wonder Worker" by the said Bureau of Chemistry showed that it contained:

Alcohol (per cent by volume).....	74.16
Chloroform (grams per 100 cc) (approximately).....	1.70
Morphine (grams per 100 cc).....	0.09

Also camphor, capsicum, oil of turpentine, and free ammonia.

It was alleged in substance in the information that the "Wonder Worker" was misbranded for the reason that certain statements included in the circular or pamphlet accompanying it falsely and fraudulently represented it as a cure for sprains, pleurisy, quinsy, cholera infantum, dysentery, fever and ague, and all the summer complaints of children, when, in truth and in fact, it was not.

On June 4, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$300.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*