

14627. Adulteration of preserves. U. S. v. 72 Cases of Apple and Strawberry Preserves, et al. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture and destruction. (F. & D. No. 17598. I. S. No. 5419-v. S. No. C-4055.)

On November 9, 1923, the United States attorney for the District of South Dakota, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 72 cases of apple and strawberry preserves, and 53 cases of apple and raspberry preserves, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., alleging that the articles had been shipped by the D. B. Scully Syrup Co., Chicago, Ill., on or about June 15, 1920, and transported from the State of Illinois into the State of South Dakota, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The articles were labeled in part: (Jar) "55% Sugar 30% Apple 15% Fruit Apple And Strawberry" (or "Raspberry") "Preserves Packed For Andrew Kuehn Co. Sioux Falls, S. D."

It was alleged in the libel that the articles were adulterated, in that products containing added pectin, acidified with tartaric acid and deficient in fruit, had been substituted wholly or in part for the said articles, and had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce, lower and injuriously affect their quality and strength.

On July 21, 1926, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

W. M. JARDINE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

14628. Misbranding of Ambrozoin tablets, and Syrup of Ambrozoin. U. S. v. 4 Dozen Bottles of Syrup of Ambrozoin and 22 Bottles of Ambrozoin Tablets. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture and destruction. (F. & D. Nos. 20494, 20495. I. S. Nos. 786-x, 787-x. S. Nos. W-1797, W-1798.)

On October 10, 1925, the United States attorney for the Northern District of California, acting upon reports by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels praying seizure and condemnation of 4 dozen bottles of Syrup of Ambrozoin and 22 bottles of Ambrozoin tablets, remaining in the original unbroken packages at San Francisco, Calif., alleging that the articles had been shipped by the American Apothecaries Co., from Astoria, N. Y., between the dates of February 14 and August 6, 1925, and transported from the State of New York into the State of California, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department of a sample of the Syrup of Ambrozoin showed that it consisted essentially of ammonium chloride, sodium bromide, glycerin, sugar, alcohol, and water, with traces of terpin hydrate, an alkaloid, a phenolic compound, and menthol. Analysis of a sample of the Ambrozoin tablets showed that the product contained ammonium chloride, licorice extract, a calcium compound, traces of terpin hydrate, an iodide, and was sweetened with saccharin and colored pink.

Misbranding of the articles was alleged in the libels for the reason that the following statements regarding their curative and therapeutic effects were false and fraudulent, since the said articles contained no ingredients or combinations of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Syrup of Ambrozoin, bottle label) "Bronchitis Laryngitis Asthma Whooping Cough Pulmonary Phthisis And Other Respiratory Affections In Which A Mild Sedative Or Expectorant Is Required * * * Allays Cough, Promotes Expectoration Exerts A Soothing Influence On The Inflamed Mucous Membrane Of The Bronchial And Pulmonary Passages And Relieves Congestion Of The Respiratory Organs * * * Dose * * * repeated * * * until cough is allayed and respiratory discomfort is overcome, (carton label) "Bronchitis Laryngitis Asthma Whooping Cough Pulmonary Phthisis * * * And Other Respiratory Affections In Which A Mild Sedative Or Expectorant Is Required * * * Allays Cough Promotes Expectoration * * * Exerts A Soothing Influence On The Inflamed Mucous Membrane Of The Respiratory Passages," (Ambrozoin tablets, bottle label) "Demulcent Sedative * * * Bronchitis, Laryngitis, Pharyngitis, Whooping Cough, Asthma, Tuberculosis and other respiratory affections * * * Dose * * * every hour until relief is obtained."