

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of bitter and laxative plant drug extracts, salicylic acid, alcohol, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded, in that the following statements, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Bottle label) "Lifo * * * For Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels;" (carton) "Liver and Nerve Tonic Intended to Cleanse the System Producing New Life and Vitality to a Weak and Run Down System * * * New Vigor and Vitality * * * An aid in the treatment of Rheumatism, Lumbago and all disorders caused by uric acid * * * Effective Treatment For Diseases of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels. A Grand System Cleanser and Nerve Tonic * * * Aid Nature in Rebuilding Weak, Overworked and Run Down Systems;" (circular) "For Stomach, Liver, Kidneys & Bowels Lifo is a Medicine especially prepared to reach the cause of our ills and assist Nature in restoring our greatest gift—Health. Lifo is a scientific treatment for the purification, strengthening, and upbuilding of the entire system. It is prepared to assist Nature in removing the health destroying poisons that so frequently accumulate in various parts of our body, and which are the direct cause of so much sickness, and in their stead supply the strong, vigorous vitality that is the first prime necessity in perfect health. Lifo is produced from a proper combination of herbs and vegetables that Nature provides for our ills and they are so intelligently combined and administered that they never fail to give the most pleasing and satisfactory results. * * * a medicine that reaches the cause of over ninety percent of our complaints * * * Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Pains in the Back, or Side, Eczema, Etc. * * * it may be used with as much confidence for diseases and disorders of childhood, as in the ailments of the strongest and most robust, or the aged and infirm patient. Founded as it is on the principle of assisting Nature to perform her perfect work, it may be used with the utmost confidence in all cases requiring the purification of the blood and cleansing of the system. In severe cases of the above mentioned complaints, a good warm bath three times a week will greatly aid the beneficial action of the treatment. You will find Lifo the greatest family medicine in existence, it has no equal, in arousing the Liver and aiding the digestion and assimilation. One dose will prove the value of the Tonic for sour stomach and constipation * * *. It has been estimated that over ninety percent of all diseases originate in the digestive organs and can be traced to constipation. No One Need Suffer from Indigestion or Constipation. Lifo takes the place of the coarse elements of the food. It cleanses the walls of the stomach and intestines. It keeps those impurities from entering the blood stream, it maintains health and a sweet breath, and it gives a buoyancy and vitality, the full pleasure of which you have never known. It must be remembered that Lifo * * * is positive in its action, startling in the results it immediately gives, and stands alone as a system purifier and body builder."

Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the package failed to bear a statement on the label of the quantity of alcohol contained therein.

On February 24, 1928, 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.*

15573. Misbranding of Moorite mineral powder. U. S. v. 4 Dozen Small-Size and 11 Large-Size Packages of Moorite Mineral Powder. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 21049. I. S. Nos. 10815-x, 10816-x. S. No. W-1970.)

On May 1, 1926, the United States attorney for the District of Nevada, 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 4 dozen small-size and 11 large-size packages of Moorite mineral powder, at Reno, Nev., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Moorite Products Co., from Seattle, Wash., on or about June 17, 1925, and had been transported from the State of Washington into the State of Nevada, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted of clay.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the labeling contained the following statements, (packages) "Contains wonderful Healing Properties, and when properly applied, equal the best Medicinal Springs * * * Take * * * in any quantity the system may require * * * especially recommended for the treatment of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Neuritis, Indigestion, Stomach trouble, Kidney and Liver Trouble, Catarrh, Varicose Veins, Burns, Scalds, in fact all inflamed conditions * * * Purifies the Blood, Aids Digestion, Eliminates Bowel and Stomach Gases, Relieves Aches and Pains, Unequaled for Scalds and Burns," (circular) "For Stomach, Bowels, Kidneys, Liver, Indigestion, Sea-Sickness, Blood Disorders and other bodily ailments * * * For Treatment of Rheumatism, Blood Poisoning, Bruises, Cuts, Inflammations, Swellings, Erysipelas, Varicose Veins, Pleurisy, Neuritis, Lumbago, Sciatica, Sores, Ulcers and Sprains * * * in massaging Varicose Veins always rub toward the heart. Ulcers or Broken Veins * * * For Boils and Carbuncles * * * For Eczema, Skin Eruptions, Hives, Rashes, * * * For Congested Lungs, Pneumonia, Chest Colds * * * For Burns or Scalds * * * open sore or wound * * * For * * * Bunions, Corns, Callouses * * * Use * * * until there is relief. For Hemorrhoids or Piles * * * For Constipation * * * In severe cases use * * * as enema or injection * * * For Female Weakness * * * Pyorrhea," which said statements, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed.

On February 20, 1928, 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.*

15574. Misbranding of Phospho-Lecithin. U. S. v. 30 Dozen Bottles of Phospho-Lecithin. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond. (F. & D. No. 22384. I. S. No. 17726-x. S. No. 453.)

On or about January 26, 1928, the United States attorney for the Southern District of California, 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 30 dozen bottles of Phospho-Lecithin, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Los Angeles, Calif., consigned by Henry K. Wampole & Co., Inc., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about October 24, 1927, from Philadelphia, Pa., into the State of California, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of sodium, potassium, calcium and strychnine glycerophosphates, lecithin, sugar, alcohol, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in violation of section 8, paragraph 3, of said act as amended, in that it was labeled in part as follows: (Circular) "Nerve-Food * * * Phospho-Lecithin contains the elements which form the base of all nerve-structure, the Glycerophosphates and Lecithin, and is therefore a nerve-food and tonic in all cases where the nervous structure has been weakened by anxiety, overwork or excess of any kind. It builds up the nerve-tissue, adds to its tone and proves of great value in supporting the system when exposed to severe and prolonged bodily or mental strain. Phospho-Lecithin contains phosphorus in organic combination as it exists in the nerve-tissues, and it has been fully demonstrated that phosphorus plays an important part in modifying the wasteful changes which always accompany diseases of the nervous system. The Glycerophosphates and Lecithin are not merely nerve-stimulants, but are actual organic food for nerve-tissue, giving to the system just those elements, in a readily assimilable form, needed to build up and restore the nervous organization to its normal condition. Phospho-Lecithin is indicated in nervous prostration, nerve-exhaustion, nervous debility, nervous excitement, hysteria, insomnia, and in all depressed conditions of the nervous system. It checks sweating due to nervous debility and is of great value as a restorative after typhoid fever, typhoid pneumonia and during convalescence following injury or disease."

On February 13, 1928, Henry K. Wampole & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel and having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered,