

field, Md., alleging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the food and drugs act, on or about Feb. 16, 1927, from the State of Maryland into the State of New Jersey, of a quantity of oysters which were adulterated.

It was alleged in the information that the article was adulterated, in that a substance, to wit, water, had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength, and had been substituted in part for oysters, which the said article purported solely to be, and in that valuable constituents, oyster solids, had been, in part, abstracted from the said article.

On June 21, 1927, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendants, and the court imposed a fine of \$25 and costs.

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

15273. Adulteration of canned cherries. U. S. v. 41 Cases of Canned Cherries. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 20247. I. S. No. 17250-v. S. No. E-5427.)

On July 16, 1925, the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Supreme Court of the district aforesaid, holding a District Court, a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 41 cases of canned cherries, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Washington, D. C., alleging that the article was being offered for sale and sold in the District of Columbia, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: (can) "Pride of Egypt Brand * * * Red Sour Pitted Cherries Guaranteed and Distributed by Egypt Canning Co., Inc. Egypt, N. Y."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated, in that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On October 27, 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.*

15274. Adulteration of canned string beans. U. S. v. 99 Cases of String Beans. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 20630. I. S. No. 4237-x. S. No. C-4873.)

On November 19, 1925, the United States attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, 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 99 cases of string beans, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Lawton, Okla., consigned by the Litteral Canning Co., Fayetteville, Ark., alleging that the article had been shipped from Fayetteville, Ark., on or about September 5, 1925, and transported from the State of Arkansas into the State of Oklahoma, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: "Our Favorite Brand Cut Stringless Beans * * * Packed by Litteral Canning Co., Fayetteville, Ark."

It was alleged in the libel that the article was adulterated, in that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On October 18, 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.*

15275. Adulteration of grapefruit. U. S. v. 360 Boxes of Grapefruit. Decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction entered. (F. & D. No. 21854. I. S. No. 2577-x. S. No. C-5447.)

On March 31, 1927, the United States attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, 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 360 boxes of grapefruit, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Oklahoma City, Okla., alleging that the article had been shipped by W. E. Lee & Co., Inc., from Thonotosassa, Fla., on or about March 21, 1927, and transported from the State of Florida into the State of Oklahoma, and charging adulteration in violation of the food and drugs act. The article was labeled in part: "Good Nature Oranges-Grapefruit-Tangerines, Marshseedless Grade Run—W. E. Lee & Co., Inc., Carlot Distributors * * * Plant City, Fla."