

17084. Misbranding of Flumonia salve. U. S. v. 171 Jars of Flumonia Salve. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released upon deposit of collateral. (F. & D. No. 23982. I. S. Nos. 020301, 020302. S. No. 2239.)

On September 7, 1929, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, 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 171 dozen jars of Flumonia salve, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Jackson, Miss., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Van Vleet-Ellis Corporation from Memphis, Tenn., in part on or about December 3, 1928, and in part on or about January 12, 1929, and transported from the State of Tennessee into the State of Mississippi, 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 petrolatum containing small amounts of volatile oils including camphor, menthol, and eucalyptus oil.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding the curative and therapeutic effects, borne on the display carton, retail carton, and jar label, were false and fraudulent, since the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: "Flumonia * * * First Aid for * * * Chest Congestions and Inflammation;" (jar label only) "Pneumonia. Apply hot cloth to throat, chest and upper part of back for at least 5 minutes, then apply this fuming salve and rub in well and cover with hot * * * flannel; place the covering so that the fumes arising can be inhaled freely, and repeat the application every 2 hours unless the patient is sleeping comfortably. Spasmodic Croup. Rub Flumonia over the throat and chest and induce the child to inhale the fumes which will arise after the salve is loosely covered with a piece of hot flannel. A little of the salve may be heated in a spoon and the fumes inhaled. Continue this treatment until the air passages are opened and breathing is relieved. Whooping Cough and Asthma. Use same treatment as above * * * Coughs and Sore Throat. Place a piece of the salve about the size of a pea on the tongue and allow to be slowly swallowed and apply externally to the throat, rubbing in well. * * * A splendid application for * * * external inflammation;" (carton) "Flumonia * * * Used for Catarrh * * * Sore Throat, Coughs, Spasmodic Croup, Influenza * * * The best results are obtained by rubbing freely over the chest;" (circular in some of the packages) "Flumonia * * * Beneficial for * * * coughs, chest congestion and inflammation, catarrh, and asthma;" (circular in other packages) "First Aid in the treatment of Coughs and * * * Inflammations * * * Sore Throat, Neuralgia, * * * Internally and Externally * * * It is valuable in the treatment of the various ailments of the lungs, respiratory organs and air passages. * * * Flumonia Fuming Salve. Upon application, the heat of the body releases the fumes, which are inhaled and thereby carried directly to the air passages and respiratory organs. * * * It acts by absorption through the skin, the effect of which is to promote circulation and stimulate the body to its normal functions. * * * Ordinary Coughs * * * Swallow one-fourth teaspoonful of Flumonia three or four times a day. Rub Flumonia well over the throat especially before retiring, * * * Catarrh, Sore Throat, Tonsillitis, Hoarseness * * * inhale the fumes of Flumonia melted in a spoon. At night massage the throat and chest with Flumonia, rubbing in well, and apply a thick layer of Flumonia, covering with warm flannel. * * * Bronchitis, Grippe, Pneumonia, Flu. Rub Flumonia over the spinal column from hips to shoulders to relieve the nerves. Then inhale the fumes of Flumonia which has been melted in a spoon. Rub Flumonia over the chest and throat and cover with warm flannel. Continue until relieved * * * Asthma, Whooping Cough, Spasmodic Croup. First give a good purgative, for best results Van Vleet's Aromatic Castor Oil is recommended, followed by a hot mustard foot-bath (one tablespoonful of dry mustard in a gallon of hot water). Open the pores of the skin by applying hot towels until the skin is red. As soon as one towel has been removed, immediately apply another. This may also be accomplished by the application of hot mustard plasters or a plaster made of equal parts of mustard and Flumonia. As soon as the pores are well opened, massage with Flumonia for several minutes, and spread a thick layer of Flumonia. Cover with a doubled flannel cloth. Leave the covers loose about the head of the patient, that the fumes may circulate freely and reach

the respiratory organs. Repeat this treatment as soon as the redness disappears from the skin. For Bronchitis * * * only the throat and chest need to be treated, but in pneumonia and flu, rub Flumonia on the back from the shoulder blade to the hips. Sinus Suffering. Flumonia is wonderfully soothing and alleviating for sinus pains. It is, of course, simply a first aid for troubles of this character until surgical relief can be obtained. * * * Muscular Rheumatism * * * When the inflammation has been reduced, spread Flumonia Liberally and cover with hot cloths. * * * Neuralgia * * * conditions have been relieved by rubbing Flumonia over the face and temples, and inhaling the fumes from Flumonia melted in a spoon."

On December 6, 1929, the Van Vleet-Ellis Corporation, Memphis, Tenn., having appeared as claimant for the property and having consented to the entry of a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be released to the said claimant upon payment of costs and deposit of collateral in the sum of \$200 as surety that it should not be sold or disposed of until relabeled to conform to the requirements of the Federal food and drugs act.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

17085. Misbranding of Tanna-Menthol. U. S. v. 117 Small Bottles, et al., of Tanna-Menthol. Product adjudged misbranded. Released under bond. (F. & D. No. 24512. I. S. No. 033657. S. No. 2796.)

On February 6, 1930, 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 a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 117 small bottles and 108 large bottles of Tanna-Menthol, remaining in the original unbroken packages at St. Louis, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Tanna-Menthol Co. (Inc.), from Enid, Okla., on or about December 30, 1929, and transported from the State of Oklahoma into the State of Missouri, 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 potassium iodide, menthol, iodine, tannic acid, glycerin, alcohol, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the package failed to bear a correct statement of the quantity or proportion of alcohol contained therein. Misbranding was alleged for the further reason that the following statements regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the article, borne on the label, were false and fraudulent, since the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Bottle) "For Sore Throat, Pyorrhoea, Nasal Catarrh, Hoarseness, * * * Trench Mouth, Preventive for Influenza. * * * Tanna-Menthol is an Efficient Trustworthy, Antiseptic * * * Tanna-Menthol kills germs * * * 1. Gargle for sore throat, tonsillitis, trench mouth * * * 7. As a Spray for * * * Preventing Contagious Diseases."

On February 18, 1930, the Tanna-Menthol Co. (Inc.), Enid, Okla., having appeared as claimant for the property, a decree was entered adjudging the product misbranded, and it was ordered by the court that the said product be released to the claimant upon the execution of a bond in the sum of \$100, conditioned in part that it be relabeled under the supervision of this department. It was further ordered by the court that the claimant pay costs.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

17086. Adulteration and misbranding of G. G. Germicide. U. S. v. 33 Bottles of G. G. Germicide. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 24396. I. S. Nos. 011647, 011579. S. No. 2397.)

On December 23, 1929, the United States attorney for the District of Massachusetts, 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 33 bottles of G. G. Germicide, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Boston, Mass., alleging that the article had been shipped by Rose Rockwood from Belgrade, Me., in two consignments, on or about October 2 and October 26, 1929, respectively, and transported from the State of Maine into the State of Massachusetts, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.