

18679. Misbranding of Hinkley's bone liniment. U. S. v. 3½ Dozen Small-Sized Bottles, et al., of Hinkley's Bone Liniment. Default decrees of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. Nos. 26305, 26306. I. S. Nos. 15277, 26596. S. Nos. 4612, 4613.)

Examination of samples of the drug product Hinkley's bone liniment from the shipments herein described having shown that the carton and bottle labels and the accompanying circular contained statements representing that the article possessed curative and therapeutic properties which it did not possess, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

On April 30, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid libels praying seizure and condemnation of 6½ dozen small-sized bottles and 3½ dozen large-sized bottles of the said Hinkley's bone liniment, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Milwaukee, Wis., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Hinkley Bone Liniment Co., from Saginaw, Mich., in part on or about October 13, 1930, and in part on or about January 16, 1931, and had been transported from the State of Michigan into the State of Wisconsin, 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 alcohol (47 per cent by volume), camphor (1 gram per 100 milliliters), traces of other volatile oils, a small proportion of a salicylate, and water (approximately 52 per cent by volume).

It was alleged in the libels that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the said article, appearing in the labeling, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Carton) "Bone Liniment * * * Bone Liniment Co. * * * For Muscular Pains, Headache, Earache, Toothache, Inflamed Throat, * * * etc. Internal Pains, such as Stomachache, Cramps, Colic, Diarrhoea, Coughs. * * * Chills, etc. A quick relief for pain;" (bottle) "Bone Liniment * * * Hinkley Bone Liniment Co., Saginaw, Mich., * * * Uses for Muscular Pains, Headache, Earache, Toothache, Inflamed Throat, * * * Chilblains, etc. * * * Cramps, Colic, Stomachache, Diarrhoea, Coughs, Chills, etc.;" (circular) "Bone Liniment * * * Used Externally For Muscular Rheumatic Pains, Neuralgic Pains, Headache, Toothache, Earache, Sore Throat, * * * Chilblains, * * * Boils * * * Lameness, Numbness * * * Used Internally for * * * Coughs, Sore Throat, Bronchial Affections, Cramps, Stomachache, Chills, Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Etc. * * * Read and Follow the Directions Carefully * * * Sore Throat and 'Flu'—One good way to break up a cold and sore throat and to prevent the 'flu'; * * * Prompt results should be expected. Neglected colds or sore throat may develop into more serious and dangerous affections, then your physician should be consulted. Muscular Rheumatic Pains—Apply freely * * * Headache and Neuralgic Pains * * * Earache * * * If this does not afford quick relief, your physician should be consulted. Sore Throat * * * Neglected sore throat may develop into a serious affection and your physician should be consulted. Sore or Inflamed Lungs from Cold or Exposure * * * Repeat the dose every four hours. * * * Coughs * * * every hour until relieved, * * * Colic, Pains in the Stomach and Cramps—Formation of gas in the stomach and intestines is often the cause of these painful conditions. A teaspoonful in a glass of hot sweetened water frequently brings the greatest relief. Dyspepsia or Indigestion—When accompanied by gas on the stomach, it is often distressing. * * * will generally afford immediate relief. * * * Diarrhoea * * * For Boils * * * Headache."

On September 4, 1931, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

18680. Misbranding of Murrmann's compound. U. S. v. 9 Bottles of Murrmann's Compound. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. & D. No. 26325. I. S. No. 28304. S. No. 4614.)

Examination of the drug product, Murrmann's compound, from the shipment herein described having shown that the bottle and carton labels and the circular accompanying the article represented that it possessed curative and therapeutic properties which it did not possess, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania.