

there being chills of occasionally distinct rigors. These are followed by fever, and soon the joints or other structures are affected. When the disease is established the symptoms are usually very characteristic. The patient presents an aspect of pain and suffering, with restlessness and weariness, but is unable to move on account of the pain which is thus produced, and often there is complete helplessness. Usually copious perspiration exists, the patient being bathed in sweat, which has a peculiarly sour or acrid smell, and is usually very acid in reaction. Patients can not sleep on account of the pain they suffer, but there are no particular head symptoms, as a rule. Occasionally slight delirium exists. Pain and stiffness are generally complained of over the body, but the joints become especially affected. It is the middle-sized which are most commonly attacked; as the elbow, wrist, knees and ankles, but the others are by no means exempt. A joint may be attacked more than once in the course of the disease. The pain is often so severe as to make patients cry, but there is less suffering when there exists much swelling. It must be remembered that rheumatism may occur within any joint symptoms. The temperature in most cases ranges from 100 to 193 deg. The principal cause of rheumatism in its various forms, whether acute or chronic, is the well known germ known to medical science to-day as diplococci."

On November 5, 1931, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment was entered finding the product misbranded and ordering that it be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

**19027. Misbranding of the Magic Salve Heal-Al. U. S. v. 10 Dozen Packages of The Magic Salve Heal-Al. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 26880. I. S. No. 35842. S. No. 5064.)**

Examination of samples of the Magic Salve Heal-Al from the shipment herein described having shown that the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed for it on the labels of the cartons and boxes and in the circular, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

On August 17, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 10 dozen packages of the Magic Salve Heal-Al, remaining in the original unbroken packages at New Orleans, La., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Ericka Manufacturing Co. (Inc.), Springfield, Mass., on or about January 2, 1930, and had been transported from the State of Massachusetts into the State of Louisiana, 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 in which had been incorporated peppermint oil to the extent of 6 per cent.

It was alleged in the libel 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: (Label on tin) "Heal-Al \* \* \* For \* \* \* Sores, Ulcers, \* \* \* Piles \* \* \* Pimples, Chilblains, Corns, Warts, \* \* \* Salt-Rheum, Eczema, and all Skin Diseases;" (carton) "Heal-Al \* \* \* For \* \* \* Coughs \* \* \* For Skin Eruptions;" (circular) "Catarrh, Headache, Toothache, \* \* \* Congested Lungs, Pneumonia, Neuralgia, Rheumatic Pains, Stiff Joints, Swellings, \* \* \* Asthma, Hacking Cough \* \* \* Sores \* \* \* and Piles. For Catarrh: Snuff a small quantity up the nostrils. For Asthma, Hacking Cough and Sore Throat: Place a small quantity on teaspoon and swallow; repeat several times daily; if too sharp, add a little sugar; pure as honey, and gives instant relief. \* \* \* For Rheumatic and All other Pains: Rub briskly with 'Heal-Al.' For Headache: Rub small quantity on forehead; instant relief. For toothache: Place a small lump upon gum; relief is instant. For Neuralgia: Rub parts well which are painful."

On October 14, 1931, 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.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*