

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2246.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

MISBRANDING OF SO-CALLED RED DRAGON SELTZER.

On November 11, 1912, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the Police Court of said District an information against George D. Asquith, Washington, D. C., alleging the sale by said defendant, at the District aforesaid, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on October 18, 1911, of a quantity of so-called Red Dragon seltzer which was misbranded. The product bore no label, but was sold as Red Dragon seltzer.

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: Caffein, 1.32 per cent, or 5.78 grains per avoirdupois ounce; acetanilid, 2.31 per cent, or 10.11 grains per avoirdupois ounce; sodium bromid, 2.23 per cent, or 9.76 grains per avoirdupois ounce; magnesium sulphate, absent. Misbranding of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it was an imitation of Red Dragon seltzer, and offered for sale under the distinctive name of another article, and for the further reason that it did not bear a statement on the label of the quantity or proportion of the acetanilid contained therein.

On November 11, 1912, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$10.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 24, 1913.*

