

tively, of strontium salicylate and 2.114 grains of acetanilid. Each of the acetanilid and sodium compound tablets was represented to contain $3\frac{1}{2}$ grains of acetanilid and $\frac{1}{10}$ grain of sodium bromide, whereas the said tablets each contained less than so represented, namely, not more than 2.842 grains of acetanilid and not more than 0.0766 grain of sodium bromide. Each quinine sulphate tablet was represented to contain 2 grains of quinine sulphate, whereas the said tablets each contained less than so represented, namely, not more than 1.73 grains of quinine sulphate. Each acid acetylsalicylic capsule was represented to contain 5 grains of acid acetylsalicylic, whereas the said capsules each contained not more than 4.157 grains of said acetylsalicylate. Each of the gastric ulcer (Sippy) tablets was represented to contain 5 grains of magnesium calcined and 5 grains of soda bicarbonate, whereas the said tablets each contained less of the said drugs than so represented, namely, not more than 3.997 grains of calcined magnesium, and not more than 3.514 grains of soda bicarbonate. And each fluid ounce of the elixir rheumatico was represented to contain 38 grains of sodium salicylate, whereas each fluid ounce of the article contained more than so represented, namely, not less than 41.26 grains of sodium salicylate.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the following statements borne on the labels of the articles, "Phenolphthalein 1 grain," "Tablets * * * Sodium Salicylate $1\frac{1}{2}$ grs.," "Tablets * * * Potass. Bromide 5 grs., Ammo. Bromide 5 grs., Soda Bromide, 5 grs.," "Stron. Salicylate, $2\frac{1}{2}$ grs., Acetanilide $2\frac{1}{2}$ grs.," "Acetanilide, $3\frac{1}{2}$ grs. * * * Sodium Bromide $\frac{1}{10}$ gr." "Quinine Sulphate * * * 2 grs.," "Capsules Acid Acetyl Salicylic 5 grains," "Magnesium Calcined 5 gr., Soda Bicarb. 5 gr.," and "Each ounce contains Sodium Salicylate 38 grs." (with respect to the elixir rheumatico) were false and misleading, since the articles in certain instances contained less of the said drugs than declared in the label, and in certain instances contained more of the drugs than so declared. Misbranding was alleged with respect to three of the said drug preparations for the further reason that certain statements, designs, and devices appearing on the labels were false and fraudulent, the labeling of the so-called neuralgia grippe tablets representing that the article was effective as a treatment, remedy, and cure for la grippe, grippe, and rheumatism, the labeling of the magnesium and soda bicarbonate tablets representing that the article was effective as a treatment, remedy, and cure for gastric ulcer, and the labeling of the said elixir rheumatico representing that the article was effective as a treatment, remedy, and cure for rheumatism, sciatica, and la grippe; whereas the said articles contained no ingredients or medicinal agents effective to produce the effects claimed, i. e., the so-called neuralgia grippe tablets would not be effective as a treatment, remedy, and cure for la grippe, grippe, or rheumatism; the said magnesium soda bicarbonate tablets would not be effective as a treatment, remedy, and cure for gastric ulcer; and the said elixir rheumatico would not be effective as a treatment, remedy, and cure for rheumatism, sciatica, and la grippe.

On June 14, 1932, a plea of guilty to the information was entered on behalf of the defendant company, and the court imposed a fine of \$500.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

19393. Misbranding of Dr. MacDonald's Atlas compound. U. S. v. 48 Dozen Boxes of Dr. MacDonald's Atlas Compound. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. & D. No. 27309. I. S. No. 47084. S. No. 5445.)

Examination of a drug product, known as Dr. MacDonald's Atlas compound, from the shipment herein described having shown that the box label and the wrapper, leaflet, and circular shipped with the article, bore statements representing that it possessed curative and therapeutic properties which in fact it did not possess, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi.

On or about December 7, 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 48 dozen boxes of Dr. MacDonald's Atlas compound, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Vicksburg, Miss., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Royal Drug Co., from Chicago, Ill., on or about December 27, 1930, and had been transported from the State of Illinois 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 of tablets containing essentially sodium bicarbonate and material derived from plant drugs including ipecac, aloe, and ginger.

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, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Box label) "A Tonic, Digestive * * * For use when indicated in Stomach, Liver or Kidney Trouble;" (wrapper label) "A Tonic, Digestive * * * For use when indicated in Stomach, Liver Or Kidney Trouble;" (small white leaflet) "This remedy acts by loosening up the mucus, slimy, catarrhal coatings of the internal organs so that they have a chance to act naturally, and unless the bowels are kept open this slime and poisonous matter can not pass off;" (pink circular) "Atlas Compound is the greatest of all correctives * * * if you feel bad, one or two Tablets may be taken at any time, day or night. * * * Atlas Compound acts locally on the lining membranes of the stomach and intestines, loosens the mucus and slime formation and corrects fermentation, thus cleansing the walls and leaving them in an absorbative condition, promoting the secretion of nature's digestive fluids. Where there is a disturbance of the stomach and intestines of long standing, it may not be corrected in a short time, but Atlas Compound aids nature to remove the cause and correct the trouble. * * * To eradicate disease, purify the blood and tone up the system is what Atlas Compound does if given time. * * * Take Atlas Compound three times daily with an abiding faith that it may make you well * * * bowels move too freely it indicates that the medicine is taking hold and removing the slime and mucus from the stomach and intestines too fast. This poisonous slime cannot be absorbed into the system without very detrimental effects * * * various disturbances, such as imperfect digestion in the stomach or bowels, * * * and inactivity of the liver or spleen and certain nervous disturbances which lead to the existence of Rheumatic Conditions. Atlas Compound As A Corrective * * * The Blood is Life and Atlas Compound aids nature to carry off the waste material in the body and remove from the blood and system all impurities. When the slime and mucous are removed from the stomach and intestines, the food will be digested and properly assimilated, the nerves become strong and active and the physical balance restored and the vigor of health and strength what nature intended and what you desire. Keep physically fit for work if you want to succeed. Good blood, strong nerves and elastic muscles are the secret of old age because they regulate and control every part of the body. When the life blood is polluted or poisoned with fermented matter or corruption it loses its nutritive health sustaining powers. Atlas Compound is an excellent blood purifier, * * * It gently and thoroughly cleanses the blood of all impurities and stimulates the debilitated organs, acting as a corrective in all depleted conditions. It acts * * * and the digestion becomes normal. * * * Sick, puny children as well as elderly people become fat as the result of taking Atlas Compound. * * * Nervousness in many people is due to poor digestion * * * There are certain disturbances of the human organs which irritate and torture men and women, which sometimes estrange them from friends in a social way and Indigestion and Dyspepsia is such an affliction. This often may cause a grouch, yet the heart may love humanity. There are many kinds of Dyspepsia but they all produce the same effect, and the greatest of all correctives is Atlas Compound."

On May 17, 1932, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation 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.*

19394. Adulteration and misbranding of fluidextract of ginger. U. S. v. Frank E. Linet (Land Drug Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$50. (F. & D. No. 25709. I. S. No. 035402.)

The product involved in this action was represented to be fluidextract of ginger which conformed to the requirements of the United States Pharmacopoeia. Analysis of a sample showed that the article contained a phenolic compound which is not prescribed by the pharmacopoeia as a constituent of fluidextract of ginger. Examination also showed that the labeling of the article contained unwarranted curative and therapeutic claims.