

5444. Adulteration and misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. * * * v. Cottonseed Products Co., a corporation (Roff Oil & Cotton Co.). Plea of guilty. Fine, \$55. (F. & D. No. 8062. I. S. Nos. 19957-1, 16065-1.)

On April 5, 1917, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Cottonseed Products Co., a corporation, Roff, Okla., alleging shipment by said company in the name and style of the Roff Oil & Cotton Co., on or about March 15, 1916, and March 9, 1916, from the State of Oklahoma into the State of Iowa, of quantities of an article labeled in part: "Dixie Brand Cotton Seed Meal," which was adulterated and misbranded in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Analyses of samples of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed, respectively, the following results:

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Crude fiber (per cent)-----	14.59	14.60
Protein (per cent)-----	35.63	33.44

The above analysis shows the product to be low in protein and high in fiber.

Adulteration of the article in each shipment was alleged in the information for the reason that a product, to wit, cottonseed meal containing less than 38.62 to 43 per cent of protein and more than 8 to 12 per cent of fiber, had been substituted in whole or in part for cottonseed meal containing 38.62 to 43 per cent of protein and 8 to 12 per cent of fiber, which the article purported to be.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the following statements regarding the article and the ingredients and substances contained therein appearing on the labels, to wit, "Guaranteed Analyses * * * Protein 38.62 to 43%, crude fibre 8 to 12%," were false and misleading in that they represented to purchasers that it contained not less than 38.62 per cent of protein and not more than 12 per cent of fiber; and for the further reason that it was labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead purchasers into the belief that it contained not less than 38.62 per cent of protein and not more than 12 per cent of fiber, whereas, in truth and in fact, it contained less than 38.62 per cent of protein and more than 12 per cent of fiber.

On May 14, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$55.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*