

**3998. Adulteration and misbranding of vinegar. U. S. \* \* \* v. 12 Barrels of Vinegar. Default decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered sold.** (F. & D. No. 6326. I. S. No. 18805-k. S. No. W-34.)

On March 2, 1915, the United States attorney for the District of Colorado, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 12 barrels of vinegar, more or less, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Denver, Colo., alleging that the product had been shipped and transported from the State of Arkansas into the State of Colorado and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The product was labeled: "Jones Bros & Co. Pure Apple Cider Vinegar Rogers, Ark."

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the libel for the reason that acetic acid or distilled vinegar and a substance high in solids had been substituted in whole or in part for pure apple cider vinegar, so as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect the quality of said article. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the brands and labels on the barrels contained statements regarding the article which were false and misleading—that is to say, while each of the barrels by said brands and labels thereon purported to contain pure apple cider vinegar, in truth and in fact each of said barrels contained in whole or in part acetic acid or distilled vinegar and a substance high in solids.

On April 24, 1915, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be sold by the United States marshal after the brands and labels on the barrels had been changed so as to make the same read "Imitation cider vinegar."

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

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