

7429. Misbranding of Rid-It. U. S. * * * v. 10 Dozen Packages of Rid-It. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 10529. I. S. No. 15009-r. S. No. E-1513.)

On June 6, 1919, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 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 10 dozen packages of Rid-It, consigned by the S. Pfeiffer Mfg. Co., St. Louis, Mo., remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Reading, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about June 19, 1918, and transported from the State of Missouri into the State of Pennsylvania, and charging misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, as amended. The article was labeled in part: (Carton) "Rid-It Caps to Rid Gonorrhœa & Gleet. The Modern Remedy. * * * Recommended for Catarrh of the Bladder and all other discharges * * *. For Pains in the Back, Loins and Side, cloudy or scalding urine, and all general kidney disorders * * *." (Bottle) "Rid-It Caps to Rid Gonorrhœa and Gleet a most valuable remedy for the Kidneys * * *." (Circular) "Rid-It Caps * * * A Most Effective and Trustworthy Diuretic particularly serviceable in the treatment of Gonorrhœa and Gleet, Rheumatic Pains when due to uric acid, Urinary Troubles, such as scanty urine or to frequent desire to urinate, Brick Dust or sediment, highly colored urine, burning sensation, irritation of the bladder, backache or weak back, constant thirst, restlessness, pain in the groin or back or general gleety conditions. Rid-It Caps invigorate the functional activity of the Kidneys and is invariably beneficial in chronic valvular affections * * *." (Carton) "Rid-It The Modern Remedy to rid general gleety and gonorrhœal conditions. (Combination treatment) * * *." (Bottle) "'Soothing in Effect' Rid It Injection * * *." (Circular) "Rid-It for the Treatment of Gonorrhœa. (Clap.) * * * There are comparatively harmless forms of urethral inflammation that are easily overcome, but only thorough and persistent treatment cures Gonorrhœa * * *."

Analyses of samples of the article made in the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed that Rid-It Caps consisted essentially of salol, oil of juniper, sassafras, and turpentine, a fixed oil, and red coloring matter, and that Rid-It Injection consisted essentially of an aqueous solution of zinc sulphate, thymol, alum, magnesium sulphate, glycerin, and yellow coloring matter.

Misbranding of the article was alleged in substance in the libel for the reason that the packages contained labels and circulars which bore statements, designs, and devices, regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the article and the ingredients or substances contained therein as above set forth, which were false and fraudulent in that the article would not produce the curative or therapeutic effects which purchasers were led to expect by the said statements, designs, and devices, and which were applied to the article with a knowledge of their falsity for the purpose of defrauding purchasers thereof.

On June 30, 1919, 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.

E. D. BALL, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

7430 Misbranding of Redsules. U. S. * * * v. 40 Boxes of Redsules. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 10247. I. S. No. 2091-r. S. No. W-336.)

On or about May 16, 1919, 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