

21236. Misbranding of Mineralcrystals. U. S. v. 30 Packages of Mineral Crystals. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. no. 29969. Sample no. 26986-A.)

Examination of the drug preparation Mineralcrystals disclosed that it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed in the circular shipped with the article.

On March 21, 1933, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 30 packages of Mineralcrystals at Cleveland, Ohio, alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce, on or about November 14, 1932, by the Mineral Wells Crystal & Water Co., from Mineral Wells, Tex., 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 essentially of anhydrous sodium sulphate (98.7 percent), with small proportions of other salts such as sodium chloride, calcium carbonate, magnesium carbonate, and sodium carbonate.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements appearing in the circular, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the article, were false and fraudulent: "Recommended for Stomach Trouble, Kidney and Bladder Trouble, * * * Rheumatism, Arthritis, Neuritis, High Blood Pressure, Auto-Intoxication, Bad Complexion, and many other diseases. * * * The curative properties of these health giving waters * * * Those of you who are unable to come to Mineral Wells are thus afforded the opportunity of making mineral water in your own home with 'Mineral crystals.' Approximately one pound makes 15 gallons of mineral water. Mineral Wells mineral water has been very successful especially in the treatment of ailments caused by poor elimination. These ailments are more commonly known as * * * Kidney Troubles, Diabetes, Bright's Disease, Liver and Bladder Trouble, Rheumatism, Excess Acidity, Arthritis, Neuritis, Gout, High and Low Blood Pressure, Stomach Disorders, Nervous Ailments, and Poor Complexion. * * * and to thoroughly react on the kidneys. * * * until the proper elimination is obtained. * * * This treatment keeps the system clear of impurities, * * * Treatment of rheumatism has been successful * * * will counteract acidity in the system and prove of great benefit in the treatment of High Blood Pressure and various Nervous Ailments."

On July 11, 1933, 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.

M. L. WILSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

21237. Misbranding of Wonder Crystals. U. S. v. 27 Packages of Wonder Crystals. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. no. 30707. Sample no. 40542-A.)

Examination of the drug product Wonder Crystals, disclosed that the article contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing certain curative and therapeutic effects claimed in the labeling.

On July 17, 1933, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the district court a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 27 packages of Wonder Crystals at Milwaukee, Wis., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce, on or about March 16, 1933, by the Wonder Crystals Product Co., from Holdrege, Nebr., 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 essentially of crystallized sodium sulphate.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements appearing in the labeling, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the article, were false and fraudulent: (Circular) "Drink Your Way to Health * * * restoring their bodily functions to normal and promptly bringing themselves to health. * * * in relieving many common ailments. * * * It wi (sic) cleanse the intestines promptly, clear the blood stream of poisons and neutralize acidity; it will promote eliminative processes and assist the liver and kidneys to resume their normal functions, thus keeping the system in a healthy condition and defeating many of the most common ills of life. Especially is it recommended to those suffer-