

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1262.

(Given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act.)

ADULTERATION OF PEACHES.

On October 10, 1911, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, acting upon a report of the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against A. B. Seeley & Son, alleging shipment by them, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about December 30, 1910, from the State of North Carolina into the State of Maryland of a quantity of peaches which were adulterated. The peaches were labeled: "Oro Brand Peaches Packed by California Fruit Cannery Association at San Jose, California." "Honey Suckle Brand Peaches Packed by California Fruit Cannery Association at San Jose, California."

Samples of said product numbered I. S. Nos. 9989-c and 9990-c, respectively, were examined by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture with the following results:

	Grams.	Per cent.
9989-c:		
Passable -----	74	10.9
Worms -----	38	5.6
Excreta and sugar mites -----	413	60.9
Excreta -----	153	22.5
	678	99.9

7 live worms; 7 beetles.

9990-c:		
Passable -----	106	17.5
Wormy -----	115	19.0
Sugar mites and excreta -----	157	25.9
Excreta -----	226	37.4
	604	99.8

13 live worms; 4 beetles.

Adulteration was alleged against the peaches for the reason that they consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On October 11, 1911, the defendants pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 and costs.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 19, 1911.