

5829. Adulteration of strawberries. U. S. * * * v. 276 Dozen Cans of Strawberries. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 8341. I. S. No. 12267-m. S. No. C-702.)

On July 17, 1917, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, 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 276 dozen cans of strawberries, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at St. Louis, Mo., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about March 23, 1917, by the Wedoit Co., Columbus, Ohio, and transported from the State of Ohio into the State of Missouri, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part, "Crusoe Brand Strawberries in Syrup."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a decomposed vegetable substance and was unfit for use as food.

On September 7, 1917, 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 destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*