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It was alleged to be misbranded in that representations in the labeling that it consisted of tincture of digitalis which complied with the requirements of the United States Pharmacopoeia, eleventh edition; that it had been standardized biologically by the pharmacopoeial method to a potency of 1 U. S. P. unit in 1 cc., within the official limits of variance; that its strength had been unchanged since 1931, when the producer had adopted the International Unit, identical with the U. S. P. unit; and that it might be dispensed on prescriptions calling for tincture digitalis U. S. P., were false and misleading as applied to the article which possessed a potency materially less than that specified by the pharmacopoeia.

On January 2, 1940, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was destroyed.

89. Adulteration of tincture of digitalis. U. S. v. 3 Bottles of Tincture Digitalis. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 1110. Sample No. 78816-D.)

The potency of this product was approximately one-half of that specified by the United States Pharmacopoeia for tincture of digitalis.

On November 29, 1939, the United States attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania filed a libel against 3 bottles of tincture of digitalis, alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about August 23, 1939, by R. J. Strassenburgh Co. from Rochester, N. Y.; and charging that it was adulterated. It was labeled in part: "Tincture Digitalis U. S. P."

It was alleged to be adulterated in that it purported to be and was represented as a drug, the name of which is recognized in the United States Pharmacopoeia, namely, tincture of digitalis, and its strength differed from the standard set forth in said compendium in that its potency was only one-half of that specified by the United States Pharmacopoeia.

On December 28, 1939, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

90. Adulteration and misbranding of Black and White Ointment. U. S. v. 138 Packages of Black and White Ointment. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 424. Sample No. 45584-D.)

This product contained a smaller amount of red mercuric oxide than that declared on its label. Its label also bore false and misleading representations regarding its medicinal properties as shown hereinafter. Furthermore, its containers were deceptive in that the immediate container, a tin box, had a false bottom occupying about two-thirds of its total space and this box was placed in a carton of much larger size.

On August 17, 1939, the United States attorney for the Northern District of Georgia filed a libel against 138 packages of Black and White Ointment at Atlanta, Ga., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about July 20, 1939, by the Plough Sales Corporation from Memphis, Tenn.; and charging that it was adulterated and misbranded.

Analysis showed that it contained not more than 8.05 percent of red mercuric oxide.

Adulteration was alleged in that the strength of the article differed from that which it purported and was represented to possess, namely, that it contained 10 percent red mercuric oxide.

It was alleged to be misbranded in that its container was so made, formed, and filled as to be misleading. It was alleged to be misbranded further in that statements in the labeling represented that it was efficacious in relieving the discomfort of itching, soreness, and burning accompanying ringworm, psoriasis, and eczema (of external origin) and as a dressing in acne pimples of external origin; as a local palliative for dressing acne pimples and as an aid in relieving the discomfort of itching, burning, and soreness due to or associated with eczema and simple ringworm and efficacious to retard the growth and spread of bacteria, to stimulate cellular activity, and to promote healing; that its use should be governed by the thinness or sensitiveness of the skin; that it was a local antiseptic palliative; that it was an efficacious dressing to soften crusts and relieve discomfort; that it was efficacious as an aid in removing the scales and as a grateful relief for relieving the itching of

psoriasis, which representations were false and misleading since the article was not efficacious for the purposes recommended.

On October 14, 1939, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

91. Adulteration and misbranding of ether. U. S. v. 350 Cans of Ether. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 266. Sample No. 54567-D.)

This drug had been shipped in interstate commerce and was in interstate commerce when examined; and at that time 12 of the 20 cans examined were found to contain peroxide, aldehydes, and ketones.

On July 7, 1939, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan filed a libel against 350 cans of ether at Detroit, Mich., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about September 5, 1936, by Mallinckrodt Chemical Works from St. Louis, Mo.; and charging that it was adulterated and misbranded.

The article was alleged to be adulterated in that it was sold under a name recognized in an official compendium, the United States Pharmacopoeia, and its strength differed from or its quality fell below the standard set forth in such compendium in that it contained peroxide, aldehydes, and ketones.

It was alleged to be misbranded in that the representation on the label that it conformed to all requirements of the Eleventh Edition of the United States Pharmacopoeia was false and misleading.

On August 9, 1939, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered, and the product was ordered destroyed.

92. Adulteration and misbranding of Messina Effervescente Granulare. U. S. v. 23 Cases of Messina Effervescente Granulare. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 828. Sample No. 51950-D.)

It was represented in the labeling of this product that it had been "prepared with sugar, sodium bicarbonate, tartaric acid, citric acid, and oil of lemon." It contained, however, borax in addition to said substances.

On October 27, 1939, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania filed a libel against 23 cases of Messina Effervescente Granulare at Philadelphia, Pa., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about June 28 and August 21, 1939, by the Drew Corporation from Brooklyn, N. Y.; and charging that it was adulterated and misbranded.

The article was alleged to be adulterated under the provisions of the law applicable to drugs in that its strength differed from or its purity or quality fell below that which it purported or was represented to possess.

It was alleged to be misbranded in that the representations in the labeling that it had been prepared with sugar, sodium bicarbonate, tartaric acid, citric acid, and oil of lemon, were false and misleading as applied to an article that contained borax.

It also was alleged to be adulterated under the provisions of the law applicable to foods, reported in F. N. J. No. 153.

On November 18, 1939, no claimant having appeared, judgment of condemnation was entered and the product was ordered destroyed.

93. Misbranding of Ma-El-Ra-Tone Herb Compound. U. S. v. 8 Cases of Ma-El-Ra-Tone Herb Compound. Default decree of condemnation and destruction. (F. D. C. No. 1053. Sample Nos. 73043-D, 73044-D.)

This product was labeled to indicate that it consisted entirely of herbs and other vegetable substances; whereas it contained a material proportion of magnesium sulfate (Epsom salt), a mineral substance. Moreover, its containers were deceptive since their contents occupied only approximately one-third of the volume of the package.

On November 22, 1939, the United States attorney for the Northern District of California filed a libel against eight cases of Ma-El-Ra-Tone at San Francisco, Calif., alleging that the article had been shipped in interstate commerce on or about October 26, 27, and 31, 1939, by the General Products Laboratories from Columbus, Ohio; and charging that it was misbranded.

It was alleged to be misbranded in that its labeling bore representations that it consisted of herbs, was an herb compound, that it was a preparation of herbs, roots, barks, leaves, and blossoms—products of the vegetable kingdom—gathered in various parts of this country as well as foreign countries, gathered at the proper time of the year, properly aged, skillfully treated, and combined, which representations were false and misleading since the article contained