

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 747, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

ADULTERATION OF A DESICCATED EGG PRODUCT.

On or about March 1, 1910, the St. Louis Crystals Egg Company, a corporation, St. Louis, Mo., shipped from the State of Missouri into the State of Massachusetts a quantity of a food product labeled: "Guaranteed by the St. Louis Crystals Egg Company, Serial No. 26588, Loose Wiles Biscuit Company, Wab. & Lac. Desp. B. & M. R. R." An examination made by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, of samples taken from the above shipment, disclosed the presence of 252,000,000 organisms per gram, of which number 10,000,000 were of the *B. coli* type, indicating a filthy decomposed animal substance. As the findings of the analyst and report made showed that the product was adulterated within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, the Secretary of Agriculture afforded the said St. Louis Crystals Egg Company, Incorporated, and the party from whom the samples were procured opportunities for hearings. As it appeared after hearings held that the shipment was made in violation of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the Attorney-General with a statement of the evidence upon which to base a prosecution.

In due course a criminal information was filed in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Missouri against the said St. Louis Crystals Egg Company, Incorporated, charging the above shipment and alleging that the product so shipped was adulterated in that the contents of said barrel consisted of dried eggs in which were also dirt, eggshells, pieces of flies, and an excessive number of micro-organisms, by reason of which the said product was filthy, putrid, and partly decomposed; that said product, in the manufacture thereof, had been mixed and packed with dirt, eggshells, and pieces of flies so as to injuriously affect its quality, and said product consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

On November 21, 1910, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the above information and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs.

This notice is given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906.

W. M. HAYS,

Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C.; *January 31, 1911.*

