

# United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

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## NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 1216.

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

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### ADULTERATION AND MISBRANDING OF VANILLA FLAVOR.

On August 18, 1911, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed information in the District Court of the United States for said district against S. D. Conwell & Co., alleging shipment by them, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about February 8, 1911, from the State of Pennsylvania into the State of New Jersey of a quantity of vanilla flavor which was adulterated and misbranded. The product was labeled: "Paragon Vanilla Flavor, S. D. Conwell & Company, Philadelphia."

Analysis of a sample of said product made by the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States Department of Agriculture showed the following results: Specific gravity at 15.6° C., 1.03868; alcohol, by volume, 7.64 per cent; methyl alcohol, none; total solids, by evaporation on asbestos, 13.38 per cent; vanillin 0.695 per cent; coumarin 0.086 per cent; resins, by precipitation, from vanilla beans, only traces, if any; normal Winton lead number, 0.0396; coal-tar color, negative; color, caramel, Woodman's paraldehyde method, brown flocculent precipitate, indicating probable presence of caramel; amyl alcohol test for vanilla bean extractives, only traces, if any; ether test for vanilla bean extractives, only traces, if any; lead acetate and subacetate tests for caramel, indefinite; normal vanilla color, very little, if any. Adulteration was alleged for the reason that an imitation extract containing vanillin and coumarin had been mixed and packed with the product in such a manner as to reduce, lower, and injuriously affect its quality and strength and had been substituted in part therefor, and for the further reason that said

product was colored in a manner whereby its inferiority was concealed. Misbranding was alleged for the reason that said product was represented as vanilla flavor when in fact it was not vanilla flavor but an artificial color imitation thereof, and that the statement on the label was therefore false and misleading.

On September 20, 1911, the defendant entered a plea of guilty and a fine of \$10 was imposed.

JAMES WILSON,  
*Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 5, 1911.*

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