

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2099.

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

ADULTERATION OF CANDY.

On April 9, 1912, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the George Ziegler Co., a corporation, Milwaukee, Wis., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about March 9, 1911, from the State of Wisconsin into the State of Colorado, of a quantity of candy which was adulterated. The product was labeled: "100 Peerless Cigars, Guaranteed by the George Ziegler Company, under the Food and Drugs Act, of June 30, 1906, Serial No. 2662."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed the following results: That the product as a whole contained arsenic in amount slightly in excess of two parts per million, estimated as arsenous oxide. The candy segars were coated with shellac, present in amount approximately 1.29 per cent. Examination of the shellac coating showed that the coating itself contained but traces of arsenic. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it contained as one of its ingredients a certain mineral and poisonous substance, to wit, two parts per million of arsenic, and that said mineral and poisonous substance formed a constituent part of the product, and rendered and made it deleterious and detrimental to health.

On August 6, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 12, 1912.*

