

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 2351.

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

ADULTERATION OF CATSUP.

On November 4, 1912, the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, 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 S. J. Van Lill Co., a corporation, Baltimore, Md., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on December 5, 1910, from the State of Maryland into the District of Columbia of a quantity of catsup which was adulterated. The product was labeled: (On barrel head) "47 Wilson Brand Catsup Tomato Pulp Trimmings. Spice, Grain Vinegar, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% Benzoate of Sodium. S. J. Van Lill Co., Baltimore, Md. H. B. Terrett, Washington, D. C."

Analysis of a sample of the product by the Bureau of Chemistry of this Department showed it to be sterile and that it contained yeasts and spores 104 per one-sixtieth cmm, bacteria 117,000,000 per cc, mold filaments in 84 per cent of the fields. Adulteration of the product was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance, to wit, tomatoes.

On November 30, 1912, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$15.

W. M. HAYS,
Acting Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March 21, 1913.*

