

4296. Adulteration of water. U. S. * * * v. 9 Cases * * * "Witter Springs Water." Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 6783. I. S. No. 4836-k. S. No. E-376.)

On August 3, 1915, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 9 cases, more or less, each containing about 3 dozen bottles of "Witter Springs Water," remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Philadelphia, Pa., alleging that the product had been shipped on or about February 20, 1915, and transported from the State of California into the State of Pennsylvania, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The shipping containers were labeled, in part: "3 Dozen Bottles Natural Witter Springs Water Serial No. 10206. Witter Medicinal Springs, Main Office, San Francisco, California."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in whole or in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal or vegetable substance.

On August 23, 1915, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*